



SUMMARY MINUTES

**Medical Marijuana Advisory Board
Government Center East, Room 430
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 | 1:30 pm**

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Joshua Davis	Terrence Davis
Anthony Farbizio	Abby M. Freedman	Nicole H. Fried
Seth A. Hyman	Ed Rebholz	Jay Work

Board Members Absent

None

County Staff

Maite Azcoitia, CAO	Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD
Monique Davis, Admin Coordinator, PDMD	

Attendees

David Caits, Fort Lauderdale	Jeff Greene, Weston
Daniel Sparks, Oakland Park	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arby Barroso at 1:40 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Mr. Saiphoo. A quorum was met with eight (8) members present. Member Rebholz arrived at about 1:45 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2018 (Board) and September 27, 2018 (Sub-Committee)

There was some discussion regarding topics in the meeting minutes, but no changes were suggested.

4. Chair Report/Comments

None.

5. New Business

a. MOTION – Approving Recommendation of the MMAB Sub-Committee on the Date, Time, Location, and Format for the “Medical Marijuana Educational Summit”

Chair Barroso asked Mr. Jeff Greene to speak about the proposed layout of the Educational Summit. Ms. Azcoitia advised that accepting sponsorship monies is most likely outside of the function of the board and inappropriate. The County has already provided a venue,

and a request to cover expenses for food can be discussed with County Administration. Chair Barroso responded that the Board would follow the advisement of the County and not accept sponsorship monies. Mr. Greene also mentioned that all Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs) would be asked to provide information at tables, which attendees can visit during a break or at the end of the event. Mr. Greene has already contacted several MMTCs.

The County will be responsible for inviting elected officials. Member Freedman suggested inviting speakers from outside of Broward County who represent areas that have already accepted legalization of medical marijuana. Chair Barroso asked that Board members reach out to possible speakers.

Member Hyman requested that the County communicate with the list of possible speakers suggested by Board members, directing them to Mr. Jeff Greene as the contact person. He also asked whether volunteers would be allowed; Ms. Azcoitia responded that there should be no issue with using volunteers. Mr. Daniel Sparks suggested the following local governments who have already accepted medical marijuana: Deerfield Beach, Dania Beach, Lake Worth, and Miami-Dade County. He also offered his assistance with the event.

Member Fabrizio offered to be a speaker at the event. Member Freedman suggested using BECON TV for live streaming, and Member Work suggested using Broward College filming students. Ms. Azcoitia will look into whether the Board can provide live streaming or accept the donated service from BECON TV.

Mr. Saiphoo advised that the summit agenda should be finalized by end of November. Any suggestions for speakers should be emailed to Mr. Saiphoo.

MOTION: Chair Barroso moved to tentatively schedule a sub-committee meeting on November 7, 2018. Member Rebholz seconded. All in favor.

MOTION: Member Freedman moved to accept January 16, 2019 as the date of the Educational Summit, to be held at Anne Kolb Nature Center. Member Hyman seconded. All in favor.

6. Old Business

a. MOTION – Selection of MMAB Vice Chair

i. Nominations for Vice Chair

Chair Barroso requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting. No discussion.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. MMAB Member Reports/Comments

None.

9. Staff Coordinator Report/Comments

None.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Fried seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Medical Marijuana Advisory Board (MMAB):

- Advise and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for improving operations and services for growing, processing, and selling medical marijuana for qualified patients and users
- Obtain information concerning medical marijuana and related matters within Broward County
- Provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding regulations and fees related to medical marijuana treatment centers
- Develop programs to educate the citizens of Broward County as to the benefits and disadvantages of the use of medical marijuana

Disclosure: The above captioned minutes are transcribed in a summary format. To obtain a complete audio recording of the meeting, approved summary minutes, or any presentation or handout materials, submit a public records request through Planning and Development Management Division, 954-357-8695.