



SUMMARY MINUTES

**Medical Marijuana Advisory Board
Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Ave, Room 430, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 | 1:00 pm**

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Ed Rebholz, Vice Chair	Abby M. Freedman
Seth A. Hyman	Dustin Robinson, Esq.	Jay Work

Board Members Absent

David Hasenauer	Terrence Davis
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County Staff

Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD	Monique Davis, PDMD
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Attendees

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arby Barroso at 1:08 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Mr. Saiphoo. A quorum was met with six (6) members present.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2019 and October 16, 2019

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2019 and October 16, 2019 meetings. Seconded by Member Freedman. All in favor.

4. Chair Report/Comments

Chair Barroso mentioned an invitation from City of Tamarac to participate in an upcoming educational event on February 20th. Mr. Saiphoo further explained that some of the board members would participate as panelist, as the City recently passed an ordinance to allow dispensaries in Tamarac. There was discussion about who should be included in the panel, what questions to prepare for, etc.

5. New Business

a. Recommendation to Mayor and Broward County Commissioners to amend Ordinance to allow the appointment of a “Law Enforcement” representative on the MMAB

MOTION: Member Freedman moved to recommend to the Mayor and Commissioners to amend the ordinance to allow appointment of a Law Enforcement representative to the MMAB; seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor.

b. Accept the invite from the City of Tamarac to hold a MMAB Educational Summit No. 3

MOTION: Discussion on this item took place during Chair Report/Comments. Member Freedman moved to accept the invitation from City of Tamarac to hold a MMAB Educational Summit No. 3; seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor.

c. Setting meeting dates for the MMAB for 2020

Proposed MMAB meeting dates of February 20 (City of Tamarac event), April 8, July 8, September 9, and December 9 were reviewed by board members.

MOTION: Member Freedman moved accept the meeting dates for 2020 as proposed; seconded by Chair Barroso. All in favor.

The Chair requested that board members send in anticipated questions and answers relevant to the City of Tamarac event to prepare panelists. Further discussion continued regarding information that should be presented at the event.

d. Nomination and selection of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Member Freedman nominated Chair Barroso to continue as the Chair; seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor.

MOTION: Chair Barroso nominated Member Rebholz to continue as the Vice Chair; seconded by Member Freedman. All in favor.

6. Old Business

Mr. Saiphoo informed the board members that, as was passed in a motion at the last meeting, a letter was transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners recommending consideration of workplace policies surrounding medical marijuana use. The letter received support from the Director of Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, Director of Human Resources, and County Administrator Bertha Henry.

He also mentioned that the County Administrator is pleased with the MMAB's activities. A review of advisory boards, including the MMAB, is upcoming and will be attended by Chair Barroso and Mr. Saiphoo.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. MMAB Member Reports/Comments

Member Hyman informed the board members that state legislation has been clarified to disqualify pain alone as a condition.

Member Robinson announced that he has launched a non-profit organization to promote the benefits of psilocybin and asked for MMAB's interest and support in upcoming events.

9. Staff Coordinator Report/Comments

None.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 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

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