

SUMMARY MINUTES

Medical Marijuana Advisory Board

Webex Online Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 | 1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair
Seth A. Hyman
Scheril Murray Powell

Ed Rebholz, Vice Chair
Dustin Robinson, Esq.
Josh Davis

Terrence Davis
Jay Work

Board Members Absent

Abby M. Freedman

County Staff

Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD
Monique Davis, PDMD

Kristin Carter, CAO

Attendees

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arby Barroso at 1:35 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2020

MOTION: Chair Barroso moved to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor.

4. Chair Report/Comments

a. Introduction and welcome new members Josh Davis and Scheril Murray Powell Esq.

Chair Barroso introduced two new board members, Scheril Murray Powell and Josh Davis. Ms. Scheril Murray Powell, Esq. mentioned that she works within the medical marijuana industry in various roles. She mainly focuses on diversity in the industry. Mr. Josh Davis mentioned that although he isn't involved in the cannabis industry, he is a member of the business community.

b. Report on Tamarac Educational Summit February 20, 2020

Chair Barroso and Member Murray Powell commended City of Tamarac on hosting a great event, showing the need for the work of the MMAB.

5. New Business

a. Planned MMAB Activities for 2020

Member Hyman mentioned that there has been an increase of traffic into dispensaries, but there are challenges with getting products and delivery. Chair Barroso opened discussion about cities that still have moratoriums. Mr. Jeff Green offered to look into this topic and provide an update to the Chair for the purpose of focusing some board activities on those cities. Mr. Saiphoo suggested sending a letter to the commissioners of those cities to offer the board's assistance to change those moratoriums. In response to Member Rebholz's question about the different regulations in each city, Ms. Carter mentioned that the State has ruled that dispensaries must be operated as pharmacies or not at all.

Member Murray Powell suggested joining and participating in the Chamber of Commerce to help the cannabis industry be considered as on level with other businesses and employers in the county.

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved that the board will set a date for a 2020 virtual summit and planning meeting. Chair Barroso seconded. All in favor.

The EPGMD Webex account will be used to present the summit.

b. MMAB Member Scheril Murray Powell Esq. - MMAB Thank you Declarations

Member Murray Powell suggested that the County Commissioners make a proclamation recognizing the medical marijuana industry as an essential business. She also requested that the MMAB write an open letter and post to social media letting the public know that the MMAB exists and its goals. Lastly, she would like to host a virtual party for medical marijuana essential workers and send a perishable gift to all dispensaries in the County.

Ms. Carter confirmed that a request for a proclamation can be made to the County Commissioners if a commissioner is willing to sponsor it. The MMAB could also write an open letter to the Commissioners as well. There may be issues with expending funds for gifts, but the virtual party would be allowed.

MOTION: Member Murray Powell moved to request a proclamation by the County Commissioners recognizing the medical marijuana industry as essential business. Seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor.

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved to recognize the cannabis industry as essential during the COVID-19 pandemic by writing an open letter from MMAB to County Commissioners to be shared on social media and newspapers. Seconded by Member Murray Powell. All in favor.

MOTION: Member Murray Powell moved to host a virtual party for medical marijuana essential workers. Seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor.

MOTION: Member Murray Powell moved to send perishable gifts to all licensed medical marijuana dispensaries authorized in Broward County. Seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. MMAB MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chair Barroso thanked everyone for attending and staff for supporting today's meeting.

9. STAFF COORDINATOR REPORT/COMMENTS

None.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 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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