

Meeting Minutes
Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission

Tuesday, September 29, 2020; 4:30 p.m.
1515 West Seventh Street, Little Rock, Arkansas
Video Conference Meeting
Streamed Via www.myarkansaspbs.org/arcan

Ronda Henry-Tillman
Travis W. Story
J.P. Mobley

Justin Smith
Kevin Russell

Chairwoman Tillman called the meeting to Order. Commissioners Story, Russell, Smith and Mobley appeared by conference call and/or live stream. The minutes were previously provided to the Commission for review. Commissioner Story made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Russell and passed 5-0.

Notice items were presented to the Commission and consisted of a change of floor plans for Permit 113 Natural Root Wellness and Permit 154 Custom Cannabis. The next agenda item was change of ownership submissions. Permit 11 Delta Medical Cannabis Co. submitted a request to place certain existing ownership interests into trusts. Attorney Amy Depper appeared on behalf of the entity. Commissioner Story made a motion to approve the change of owners. It was seconded by Commissioner Mobley and passed 5-0. The next change of ownership heard was by Permit 121 Purspirit Cannabis Co and was another request to place existing ownership interests into trusts. Attorney Depper represented the entity and answered questions. Commissioner Story made a motion to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russell and passed 5-0. Permit 46 Arkansas Natural Products was the next to request a change of ownership. Attorney Jimmy Simpson was representing the entity for the request. Kristy Floyd was seeking to purchase 100% ownership interest from Ernehus, LLC, Soshrum, LLC and LCWig, LLC. The application was missing a copy of the death certificate for Mr. Stephen Shrum along with the marriage license and tax clearance for Ms. Kristy Floyd. Commissioner Russell made a motion to hold the request until the next meeting in order to allow the necessary documents to be provided. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried 5-0. The last change of ownership was Permit 290 Body and Mind (Comprehensive Care Group). Mr. Tripp Hoffman presented the request. This request consisted of seeking to reduce the ownership interests held by Donald Marshall, Garry Glaco, and Valecia Ootsey-Walker to allow DEP Nevada to obtain a 40% ownership interest. The owners of DEP Nevada were not disclosed and were not vetted by ABC Administration. Mr. Hoffman advised that the ownership of DEP Nevada was not disclosed because it is a publicly traded entity. All owners of a licensed facility must pass state and federal background checks. Commissioner Story made a motion to hold the request. It was seconded by Commissioner Mobley and carried 5-0.

Director Chandler next provided an update on the Transporter/Processor Applications and will be providing an instruction sheet at the October meeting. The MMC modifications of the rules and the applicability of the Model Rules were discussed and will be presented by Sarah Farris at the October meeting. Director Chandler provided a dispensary update to the Commission. Upon conclusion of the update Commissioner Smith made a motion to add a dispensary to Zone 6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tillman but failed 2-3 with Commissioners Russell, Mobley, and Story voting against it.

The last agenda item was the allowance of public comment by Megan Mirfield, Cannabis Activist. She expressed concern related to pediatric patient's difficulties in obtaining permits, out of state cards not having a patient purchase limit, and protections for workers that are patient card holders.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting was then adjourned.