

## **Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission February 7, 2017**

On the 7th day of February, 2017, the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission (AMMC) convened at Little Rock, Arkansas. In attendance were the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commissioners: Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson, Dr. Stephen J. Carroll, Travis W. Story, Esq., James Miller, and Dr. J. Carlos Roman.

Commissioner Tillman called the meeting to order.

The Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting of the AMMC. Commissioner Story moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion, and by a vote of 5-0, the minutes were approved.

Attorney Lauren Ballard, Department of Revenue Legal Counsel – Department of Finance and Administration Commissioners discussed legal challenges in states that have legalized marijuana.

Commissioners discussed the following items related to Cultivation Facilities:

- Merit selection will be based on a summation of scores by the Commissioners, as opposed to an average of scores.
- Adding application denial language to the portion of the rules concerning performance bonds for failure to timely post the bond.
- Requiring a cultivation facility to maintain the initial performance bond until the facility makes its first taxable sale of usable marijuana.

Commissioners discussed the following items related to Dispensaries:

- Adding a provision for dispensaries going from “no grow” to “grow”. Licensees will need to present certain application criteria to the Commission and receive authorization prior to cultivating marijuana on the premises of the dispensary. The application shall be made at the time of renewal for the license.
- A dispensary authorized to cultivate marijuana shall maintain a performance bond until the dispensary files its first application for renewal of the license.

The commission set their next meeting for Tuesday February 21, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson