



**Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission
Policy Committee Meeting
July 30, 2020-2:00 pm
Conducted Online**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Brian Lopez, Commission Chairman
Megan Dingus
Charles LoDico
Tiffany Randolph, Policy Committee Chair
Scott Welsh

Commissioners Absent

Ehsan Abdeshahian
Jinlene Chan
Liz Hines
Scott Welsh

MMCC Staff Present

Will Tilburg, Executive Director
Lori Dodson, Deputy Director
Taylor Kasky, Director of Policy and Government Affairs
Rebecca Jackson, Education and Research Analyst
Heather Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Matt McCarthy, Assistant Attorney General
Christi Megna, Policy Analyst
Kathryn Callahan, Policy Analyst
Marla Rosado Diaz, Policy Analyst
Tony Grover, Director of Enforcement and Compliance
Mary-jo Mather, Director of Administration

Call to Order and Welcome

Chairwoman Randolph called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. A verbal roll call was conducted, which verified that a quorum was achieved. The meeting was attended by more than 160 members of the public. The Policy Committee received extensive written and oral public comment on four discussion topics.

Approval of the May 27, 2020 Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes, and after the appropriate motions were offered, Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes.

**Discussion: Continuation of COVID-19 Measures: Taylor Kasky, Esquire,
Director of Policy and Government Affairs**

Continuation of COVID-19 temporary measures.

Since the state of emergency was declared in March, the Commission has issued a series of bulletins addressing various temporary measures put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including on-site delivery and the suspension of patient signature and attestation requirements.

The Committee received significant comment regarding the continuation of these temporary measures, and after reviewing the comments and hearing the testimony provided, the Commission authorized staff to begin developing regulatory proposals to make certain measures permanent.

This discussion was followed by public comment by individuals who had registered in advance of the meeting.

**Discussion: Diversity in the Medical Cannabis Industry: Executive Director
William Tilburg**

Diversity within the medical cannabis industry in Maryland

Mr. Tilburg noted that the Commission remains committed to promoting diversity and the participation of diverse groups within the medical cannabis industry. In furtherance of this commitment, the MMCC solicited public comment and input for proposals to continue increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the medical cannabis industry. A wide range of stakeholders provided excellent comment and feedback, and the Committee is looking to schedule a diversity, equity, and inclusion workshop in the coming weeks to continue this important and on-going conversation.

Discussion: Fine Schedule: Taylor Kasky, Director of Policy and Government Affairs

Fine schedule

On December 16, 2019, the MMCC voted to approve a regulatory amendment that authorized issuance of monetary fines according to a fine schedule. A draft of this fine schedule was presented for public comment, and as a result of feedback received, Commission staff are making necessary revisions.

Discussion: Operation of a Medical Cannabis Grower at More Than One Premises: Executive Director, William Tilburg

Grower request to operate at more than one facility

The Committee received a request from a licensed grower to operate at more than one location. As a result of this request, the Committee considered whether to recommend a policy change to the full Commission at its next meeting, which would authorize medical cannabis licensees to operate more than one facility under a single license.

After receiving substantial public comment on the matter, and the presentation of the appropriate motions, the Policy Committee voted against making a recommendation to the full Commission to change the current policy, and affirmed that a licensee may only operate one facility per license.

At this time, there is no date set for the next Policy Committee meeting, but it will likely be scheduled some time in September, prior to the next full Commission meeting.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

After the appropriate Motions were offered, Chairwoman Randolph adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.