

Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission

March 25, 2014

Minutes

Commission Members Attending

Dario Broccolino

William Charles

Kevin Chen (by phone)

Michael Horberg (by phone)

Robert Lavin (by phone)

Shawn McNamara

Deborah Miran

Harry Robshaw (acting chair)

Nancy Rosen-Cohen (by phone)

Eric Sterling

Staff

Paula Hollinger

Brett Felter

Staff and commissioners absent

Sharon Bloom

Paul Davies

Public

See list

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Buddy Robshaw, acting as chair in Paul Davies absence. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Eric Sterling and seconded by Chris Charles.

Reports

As Paul Davies was absent, there was no report from the chair.

Governance- Buddy reported that the governance sub-committee has not met since the full February meeting and thus there was nothing new to report.

Policy- Eric Sterling reported that a large number of written comments have been received from many public and private sectors. The sub-committee has already met and discussed comments for over 3 hours last week, and plan another long session this Thursday, March, 27th. The review of all comments will be completed before final regulations are proposed.

Finance- Nancy reported that since the finance sub-committee has not met since the last full commission meeting, there is nothing new to report.

Education- Debby reported that an important conference sponsored by the University of San Francisco school of medicine will be held in Portland, Oregon on May 8-10, 2014.

Old Business- none

New Business- Dario Broccolino raised two questions to the commission and the public at large about the state of business and the number of growers and dispensaries in the District of Columbia. Corey Barnette, from District Growers asked and was recognized by the acting chair to make a response. Buddy recognized him and he proceeded to respond that the growth in patient numbers has been slow, but increasing in the last two months. To date, more than 200 patients in the District have been enrolled. Mr. Barnette further remarked that the District regulations were under going some revision to make changes that would potentially strengthen the physician patient relationship. To the question of ownership of cultivation sites and dispensaries, Mr. Barnette responded that in the District, the two are separate legal entities.

Public introductions were made, but no public testimony was heard. A move was made by Eric to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Chris. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.