

Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting Minutes November 4, 2016

10:00 am

Conducted by Conference Call

Commissioners Present Via Telephone:

Dario Broccolino
William (Chris) Charles
Paul Davies (Chairman)
John Gontrum
Michael Horberg
Robert Lavin
Jeanie Marshall
Shannon Moore
Tina Paul
Harry (Buddy) Robshaw (Vice-Chairman)
Nancy Rosen-Cohen
Allison Taylor
Eric Sterling
Sandy Washington

Commissioners Absent

Jon Traunfeld

Staff Present Via Telephone:

Patrick Jameson, Executive Director
Vanessa Lyon, Director of Communications
Mary-jo Mather, Director of Administration
Heather Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
David Kloos Director, Bureau of Enforcement and Compliance

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Robshaw called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and welcomed the Commissioners and members of the public listening in. Public comments were not accepted at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Robshaw asked Mary-jo Mather to take a roll call. A quorum of Commissioners was present.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Robshaw Commissioner stated that in addition to serving as the Vice Chair of the Commission, he was also the Chair of the Dispensary Task Group, whose purpose was to discuss and formulate a number of draft proposals for guidance to be provided to the Dispensary Selection Subcommittee, chaired by Commissioner Shannon Moore. A copy of the Dispensary Application Evaluation Guidance was distributed to each member of the Commission prior to this meeting for review and comment. After much discussion and deliberation, the Dispensary Task Group is recommending that the Guidance be accepted as presented, and noted that the Dispensary Evaluation Guidance followed the format previously adopted by the Grower and Processor Evaluation Subcommittees, including encouraging Commissioners to consider recommending modifications in ranking structure if Commissioners find a substantial reason to do so that is legally authorized and based upon objective evidence.

In the format which the Dispensary Evaluation Subcommittee recommended be used, selection begins upon consideration of application ranking order within a Senatorial District, and with consideration of the ranked preferences provided by each applicant. The Gale Shipley algorithm would be applied to this data, and the applicants preawarded in this manner in each Senatorial District.

Vice Chairman Robshaw asked if any Commissioners had any questions or comments which might also be answered by members of the Dispensary Evaluation Subcommittee. Hearing none, he asked for a Motion to Accept the Dispensary Application Evaluation Guidance as written. A Motion to Accept was offered by Commissioner Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The vote to accept the Dispensary Application Guidance was unanimous.

Next Meeting Date

Vice Chairman announced that the next Commission meeting was tentatively set for November 21, 2016 at the University of Maryland Medical School in the Taylor Lecture Hall.

New Business

Vice Chairman Robshaw asked those attending if they had any new business to discuss. Hearing none, he asked for a Motion to Adjourn.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rosen-Cohen offered a Motion to Adjourn, which was appropriately seconded by Commissioner Moore. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.