Meeting Minutes Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission

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James Miller, Chairman Amber Pool Tyler Ketner Kevin Case Reggie Thomas

The Medical Marijuana Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman James Miller. Chairman Miller and Commissioners Pool, Ketner, and Case appeared in person; Commissioners Thomas appeared via the Go-To link. The first item of business was approval of the minutes. After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Case and approved by vote of 5-0.

The next agenda items were notices of floor plan and mailing address changes. ABC Director, Christy Bjornson notified the Commission of a change of Floorplan for license 70, Leafology, and both a change of Floorplan and mailing address for license 29, NEA Full Spectrum; Each notice item was recognized by the Chairman and Commissioners.

The Commission moved to the next agenda item, which was the transfer of ownership for license 290, BaM. Attorneys Baxter Drennon and Abtin Mehdizadegan were present to speak on behalf of BaM; where Attorney Drennon provided the Commission with documents for their consideration and partially read through the documents. Chairman Miller and Commissioner Case did not feel that there was not ample time provided to the Commission to review and consider the contents of the supplemental documentation; Commissioner Case made a motion to table the transfer of ownership to the next meeting, Chairman Miller seconded, and the motion was approved by vote of 5-0.

Following this was the transfer of location for license 145, Green Light, L.R.. ABC Director Bjornson notified the Commission that no issues were found, and there were both letters of support and opposition from the public. Commissioner Case made a motion to table all transfers of location until after the June renewal, making all transfers of location requests postponed until the July MMC meeting. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion, and it was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the new processor application for The Collective Cannabis Brands, LLC. ABC Director Bjornson notified the Commission that no issues were found. Attorney, Michael Goswami was present to speak on behalf of The Collective Cannabis Brands, LLC on this matter. Chairman Miller made a motion to approve the new processor application, which was seconded by Commissioner Pool, and approved by a vote 5-0.

Following this, Chairman Miller suggested that new rules could be in the works before the next renewal season to cap the number at 15 and how new licenses are issued following renewal. ABC Director Bjornson notified the Commission that ABC could have something in the works to discuss in the April MMC meeting. Commissioner Case also added that the "daisy chains" process would need to be considered after rule changes as well, and ABC Director Bjornson notified the Commission that all new rule changes could be considered in the April MMC meeting.

The Commission then moved to the final agenda items which were the approval of the renewal process and setting the dates for the upcoming meetings. ABC staff attorney, Chip Leibovich notified the Commission of what the renewal process will look like, which was previously approved by the Commission. Attorney Leibovich notified the Commission that the online portal for renewals would be open April 1st. ABC Director Bjornson then suggested that the May MMC meeting be moved to allow time for the renewal process to complete; The Commission approved the following meeting dates:

- May 16, 2024, at 3:00
- June 13, 2024, at 3:30

The meeting was then adjourned.