

Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission December 12, 2016

On the 12th day of December, 2016 the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission (AMMC) convened at Little Rock, Arkansas for its first scheduled meeting. In attendance were Senator Jonathan Dismang, President Pro Tempore of the Arkansas Senate, Justice Robin F. Wynne; Supreme Court of Arkansas, and all five appointed Commissioners to the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission: Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Dr. Stephen J. Carroll, Travis W. Story, Esq., James Miller, and Dr. J. Carlos Roman.

Senator Jonathan Dismang called meeting to order.

Justice Robin F. Wynne, Supreme Court of Arkansas, administered the Oath of Commissioners, swearing in of all members of the AMMC.

Senator Dismang reported that Commissioners Story and Carroll, appointees of Speaker Gillam, had previously drawn lots to determine the lengths of their terms on the Commission as required by the Medical Marijuana Amendment. Commissioner Story drew the four (4) year term, and Commissioner Carroll drew the two (2) year term. Senator Dismang conducted the drawing for his appointees. Commissioner Roman drew a two (2) year term, and Commissioner Miller drew a four (4) year term. Commissioner Tillman, Governor Hutchinson's appointee, will serve a four (4) year term.

Senator Dismang opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the AMMC. Commissioner Roman nominated Commissioner Tillman. The nomination received a second. No other nominations were received, and Commissioner Tillman was elected to serve as Chairperson of the AMMC.

Joel DiPippa, Senior Counsel for the Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Legal Counsel provided an overview Issue 6 – The Medical Marijuana Amendment, including a breakdown of the regulatory authority granted by the amendment to the Arkansas Department of Health, the Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, and the AMMC. Mr. DiPippa also explained the timeline for promulgation of rules required under the Amendment.

Meredith Rebsamen, Deputy Attorney General, discussed the Freedom of Information Act as it relates to meetings and activities of the AMMC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Story and seconded by Commissioner Miller to authorize a stipend for AMMC commissioners of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per day for each meeting attended or for any day while performing any proper business of the AMMC.

The AMMC set their next meeting for Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson