

Meeting Minutes
Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission

Thursday, October 7, 2021; 4:30 p.m.
1515 W. 7th Street, 5th Floor Conference Room

James Miller, Chairman
J.P. Mobley
Kevin Russell

Kevin Case
Reggie Thomas

The Medical Marijuana Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller. Chairman Miller and Commissioner Case appeared in person with Commissioners Mobley, Russell, and Thomas appearing virtual. Commissioner Russell made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and passed 5-0. Director Chandler presented the notice items which included change of floor plans for Permit 83 Osage Creek Cultivation and Permit 329 Dark Horse Medicinal. The next agenda item was the change of ownerships. The first request for change of ownership was by Permit 88 Natural State Medicinals. NSM was represented by Robbin Rahman and the corporate representative was Robert DeBin. NSM was seeking to remove two members from their ownership group. Attorney Danny Crabtree appeared representing the two members NSM was seeking to remove, Dr. and Mrs. Scott Schlesinger. After listening to arguments from both parties or their representative regarding whether this was a notice item or a change of ownership approval request along with details related to the civil litigation involved, Chairman Miller made a motion to table the matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russell and passed 5-0. The next change of ownership request was by Permit 113 Natural Root Wellness of Fayetteville which included a notice of name change to Osage Creek Dispensary. After hearing the request for change of ownership Commissioner Thomas made a motion to grant the request. It was seconded by Commissioner Russell and passed 5-0. The last change of ownership to be heard was Permit 198 CROP. After hearing the request for change of ownership, Chairman Miller made a motion to grant the request. It was seconded by Commissioner Case and passed 5-0.

The next agenda item was the request for a change of location by Permit 258 3J Investments, Inc. Attorney Alex Gray presented the request to transfer from Lamar, Arkansas to Van Buren, Arkansas. Chairman Miller recused from the request and did not participate in the discussion or subsequent vote. After hearing the request and reviewing the objection letter to the request Commissioner Thomas made a motion to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russell. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Case dissenting and Chairman Case recusing. On the agenda next were the MMC rule modifications to allow for the reward of the remaining two licenses using the existing reserve pool. The Commission was presented with two options for rule modifications that were very similar in nature. After reviewing the drafts and hearing a limited objection by Green Springs owner Dragon Vicentic, Commissioner Case made a motion to accept the rules recommended by ABC staff. The motion was seconded by Chairman Miller and passed 5-0. It was determined that the lottery rules would be reviewed at a later date. Sara Farris, Assistant Attorney General, provided a brief litigation update. The meeting was adjourned.