

Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission

February 1, 2017

On the 1st day of February, 2017, the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission (AMMC) convened at Little Rock, Arkansas. In attendance were the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commissioners: Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson, Dr. Stephen J. Carroll, Travis W. Story, Esq., James Miller, and Dr. J. Carlos Roman.

Commissioner Tillman called the meeting to order.

The Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting of the AMMC. Commissioner Story moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and by a vote of 3-0, the minutes were approved. (Commissioners Carroll and Roman were not present for the vote.)

Elizabeth Mentgen of the Office of State Procurement addressed the Commission. Ms. Mentgen explained the scoring procedure for the procurement process in the State of Arkansas.

Joel DiPippa, Senior Counsel for the Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Legal Counsel, provided the Commission with an overview of pending legislation related to the implementation of medical marijuana in Arkansas.

Commissioners reviewed the changes to the draft rules from the January 26, 2017 meeting.

Commissioners discussed choosing a strict merit selection for cultivation facilities, as opposed to the merit, followed by lottery selection, discussed in earlier meetings. Commissioner Miller made a motion to award cultivation facility licenses based on a merit-only selection process. Commissioner Roman seconded the motion. By a vote of a 5-0, the motion passed.

Commissioners also discussed using a strict merit selection for dispensaries that intend to cultivate medical marijuana, as well as, dispensaries that do not intend to cultivate medical marijuana. Commissioners previously discussed awarding all dispensary licenses based on a lottery selection, followed by a hearing. Commissioner Roman made a motion to leave dispensary license selection as previously discussed with selection determined by a lottery. Commissioner Tillman seconded the motion. By a vote of 4-1 (Commissioner Story voted against the motion), the motion passed.

Commissioners discussed adding bond requirements for dispensary applicants. Commissioner Story made a motion to require applicants for cultivating dispensaries to provide proof of assets or a surety bond in the amount of \$200,000.00, and provide proof of at least \$100,000.00 in liquid assets. Commissioner Roman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Story made a motion to require successful applicants for cultivating dispensaries to post a \$100,000.00 performance bond. Commissioner Roman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

The commission set their next meeting for Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson