## Meeting Minutes Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission

Thursday, June 13, 2024 1515 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room Streamed Via www.myarkansaspbs.org/arcan

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 Commissioner Case appeared in person; Commissioner Thomas, Pool, and Ketner were absent. The first item of business was an announcement from Deputy Attorney General Doralee Chandler from the Attorney General's Office, notifying the commission that Sarah Debusk would now be the primary attorney for the MMC.

Next was the first agenda item which was the approval of the minutes. After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Case made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Ketner and approved by vote of 5-0.

The next agenda items were the renewals of dispensaries, cultivators, and processors. Moving through each item, Director, Christy Bjornson, and counsel from the Attorney General's Office stated whether issues were found, and the Commission made motions to approve each:

- 1. 330. Pure Pharma
  - a. ABC Director Bjornson notified the commission that Pure Pharma has outstanding fines owed to ABC. Chairman Miller asked if they needed to be paid prior to renewal, where ABC Director Bjornson notified them that it was not a requirement but asked for a strong suggestion to pay the fines.
  - b. Chairman Miller asked if anyone was present to speak on behalf of Pure Pharma, where Attorney Abtin Mehdizadegan notified the commission that he would make sure the fines were paid.

- i. Chairman Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Case seconded, and the motion was passed with a 5-0 vote.
- 2. 331. Mink & Kimball
  - a. Commissioner Pool made a motion to approve, Commissioner Case seconded, and the motion was passed with a 5-0 vote.
- 3. Happy Turtle Processing
  - a. Chairman Miller questioned why Happy Turtle Processing does not have a permit number assigned to the facility, and ABC staff attorney Chip Leibovich provided an explanation.
    - i. Commissioner Case made a motion to approve, Chairman Miller seconded, and the motion was passed with a 5-0 vote.
- 4. 332. New Day Laboratories
  - a. Deputy Attorney General Chandler notified the commissions of a pending change of ownership, but approval could still be made if it was added to the agenda for the July meeting. The commission and ABC Director Bjornson agreed.
  - b. Commissioner Case made a motion to approve, Commissioner Pool seconded, and the motion was passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Commission moved to the next agenda items, which was the transfers of ownership for License 281. Good Day Hensley, where ABC notified the commission that a request to table the matter to the July meeting was made. Chairman Miller made a motion to table, Commissioner Pool seconded, and the motion was passed with a 5-0 vote.

Next, was the Renewal of License 21. Green Springs Medical. Deputy Attorney General Chandler notified the commission that a decision to renew could not be made until a ruling from the Garland County Circuit Court was provided for the stay from Mr. Dragan Vicentic's appeal of ABC's revocation decision. She stated that given the revocation, there was not an existing license to renew at the time, but an emergency meeting would need to be held following the appeal, but prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> to act on the renewal application

of license 21. The commission set the following date to review the renewal application following the decision of the appeal on the following date:

• June 25, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

The next item of business was Administrative Matters with ABC Director Bjornson providing the Commission with an update about processor rules.

Lastly, the Commission and ABC Director Bjornson discussed setting the upcoming meeting dates. The Commission approved the following dates:

- July 11, 2024, at 3:30
- August 20, 2024, at 3:30

The meeting was then adjourned.