



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**560 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

## **Cannabis Control Commission**

### **Open Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Thursday January 2, 2025  
**TIME:** 2:30 PM  
**PLACE:** 560 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02886

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Kimberly R. Ahern, Esq.  
Commissioner Robert B. Jacquard, Esq.  
Commissioner Olayiwola Oduyingbo, Esq.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michelle Reddish, MS, MPH, Administrator, Cannabis Office  
Mariana Ormonde, Esq., Chief of Legal Services, Cannabis  
Control Commission  
Kelsey McQueeney, Chief Implementation Aide, Cannabis  
Control Commission

Chairperson Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

The first item of business was:

#### **Motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on October 15, 2024.**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Jacquard and duly seconded by Commissioner Oduyingbo, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the open session meeting held on October 15, 2024.

The next item of business was:

### **Executive Session**

At 2:33 P.M., upon motion made by Commissioner Jacquard and duly seconded by Commissioner Oduyingbo it was unanimously voted:

#### **Motion to go into Executive Session, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1), for the purpose of:**

- a. Vote to approve minutes of the Executive Session held on August 27, 2024, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).
- b. Review, discussion, and potential vote on the Commission's hiring of a Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).

The next item of business was:

#### **Motion to return to Open Session.**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Jacquard and duly seconded by Commissioner Oduyingbo, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To return to Open Session at 2:54 P.M.

The next item of business was:

#### **Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 2, 2025.**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Jacquard and duly seconded by Commissioner Oduyingbo, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 2, 2025, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-46-5(a)(1).

The next item of business was:

#### **Report out on actions and votes taken in Executive Session.**

Chair Ahern reported the following Commission action(s):

1. Reviewed and discussed the interview and hiring processes for the Chief Public Affairs Officer position. A unanimous vote was cast to recommend that Administrator Reddish extend an offer to hire the recommended candidate.

#### **Adjournment:**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Jacquard and duly seconded by Commissioner Oduyingbo, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 2:55 P.M.

**Next Meeting Date:** January 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.