



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

560 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

Cannabis Control Commission

Open Meeting Minutes

DATE: Friday April 11, 2025

TIME: 12:00 PM

PLACE: Public Utilities Commission
89 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
Carla Aveledo, Esq., Policy and Legal Liaison, Cannabis Control Commission
Kelly Verte, Chief Financial Officer, Cannabis Control Commission
Charon Rose, Chief Public Affairs, Cannabis Control Commission
Suzannah Skolnik, Esq., Senior Legal Counsel, Cannabis Office

Chairperson Ahern called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

The first item of business was:

Introductory remarks by Chair Ahern, which included:

- Reviewed that the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the proposed final

regulations.

- Briefly explained that with this vote, the Office of Cannabis Regulation will become the Cannabis Office under the Cannabis Control Commission.
- Thanked the staff, the Cannabis Advisory Board, the industry, and the public who provided feedback and input on the regulations.
- Noted that next steps for the Commission will come soon.
- Administrator Reddish introduced Suzannah Skolnick, newly hired Senior Legal Counsel to the Cannabis Office.

The next item of business was:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on February 28, 2025.

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 January 8, 2025.

The next item of business was:

Review, discussion and potential vote to approve the proposed final regulation entitled “Administration, Procedures and Enforcement,” 560-RICR-10-05-1, and authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35 (“APA”).

- Chair Ahern introduced the agenda item and Chief of Legal Services provided an overview of notable changes between the proposed regulation and the final regulation following the public comment period.

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

VOTED: To authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation entitled “Administration, Procedures and Enforcement,” 560-RICR-10-05-1, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”), R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

The next item of business was:

Review, discussion and potential vote to approve the proposed final regulation entitled “Cannabis Establishment Applications, Licensing and Renewals,” 560-RICR-10-10-1, and authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the APA.

- Chair Ahern introduced the agenda item and Chief of Legal Services provided an overview of notable changes between the proposed regulation and the final regulation following the public comment period.

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

VOTED: To authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation entitled “Cannabis Establishment Applications, Licensing and Renewals,” 560-RICR-10-10-1, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”), R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

The next item of business was:

Review, discussion and potential vote to approve the proposed final regulation entitled “Operational Requirements for Cannabis Establishments,” 560-RICR-10-10-2, and authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the APA.

- Chair Ahern introduced the agenda item and Chief of Legal Services provided an overview of notable changes between the proposed regulation and the final regulation following the public comment period.

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

VOTED: To authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation entitled “Operational Requirements for Cannabis Establishments,” 560-RICR-10-10-2, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”), R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

The next item of business was:

Review, discussion and potential vote to approve the proposed final regulation entitled “Caregiver Registration, Medical Home Grows and Personal Cultivation,” 560-RICR-10-15-1, and authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the APA.

- Chair Ahern introduced the agenda item and Chief of Legal Services provided an overview of notable changes between the proposed regulation and the final regulation following the public comment period.

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

VOTED: To authorize Commission staff to file the final regulation entitled “Caregiver Registration, Medical Home Grows and Personal Cultivation,” 560-RICR-10-15-1, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”), R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

Adjournment:

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 12:21 PM

Next Meeting Date: April 25, 2025 at 1:00 P.M at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886.