



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
560 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02886

## **Cannabis Control Commission**

### **Open Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026  
**TIME:** 11:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Cannabis Control Commission – Main Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
560 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02886

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Robert B. Jacquard, Esq.  
Commissioner Olayiwola Oduyingbo, Esq.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michelle Reddish, Administrator, Cannabis Office  
Mariana Ormonde, Chief of Legal Services, Cannabis Control  
Commission  
Carla Aveledo, Esq., Chief of Policy, Cannabis  
Control Commission  
Katelyn Garside, Project Coordinator, Cannabis Control  
Commission  
Charon Rose, Chief of Public Affairs, Cannabis Control  
Commission

Commissioner Jacquard called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

- Commissioner Jacquard thanked staff for their prompt coordination of the meeting. He noted that ongoing litigation is routinely discussed in executive session during regular monthly meetings, but explained that, in light of a recent court decision issued last week, it was prudent to convene promptly to revisit the matter given its significance to many stakeholders.

The first item of business was:

**Executive Session**

At 11:33 a.m., upon motion made by Commissioner Oduyingbo and duly seconded by Commissioner Jacquard it was unanimously voted:

**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 March 13, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).
- b. Update and discussion on pending litigation in *John Kenney v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 25-1173, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).
- c. Update and discussion on pending litigation in *Justyna Jensen v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 25-1132, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).
- d. Update and discussion on pending litigation in *Justin Palmore v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 25-00622, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).

The next item of business was:

**Motion to return to Open Session.**

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

VOTED: To return to Open Session at 12:30 p.m.

The next item of business was:

**Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session on April 14, 2026.**

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

VOTED: To seal the minutes of the Executive Session on April 14, 2026.

The next item of business was:

**Report on actions and votes taken in Executive Session, which included:**

Commissioner Oduyingbo reported the following Commission action(s):

- a. Vote to approve minutes of the Executive Session held on March 13, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).

The next item of business was:

**Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2026**

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m.