

**Cannabis Control Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES**

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August 17, 2022

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Commissioner's Conference Room (Basement)

Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

333 E. Franklin St.

Richmond, VA 23219

Richmond, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Keohane, Chair
Michael Jerome Massie
Bette Brand
Rasheeda N. Creighton

LEGAL COUNSEL: James M. Flaherty, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

PRESENTERS: Jeremy Preiss, Cannabis Control Authority

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Keohane called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Keohane determined that with four members present in person, the Board had a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Ms. Brand, and duly seconded, the members unanimously voted to approve the meeting's agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ms. Creighton, and duly seconded, the members unanimously voted to approve the draft minutes from the July 6, 2022, board meeting.

5. INTRODUCTIONS – MR. KEOHANE, CHAIR, CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Keohane introduced himself as the Chair of the CCA Board of Directors.

6. HIRING UPDATES

Mr. Preiss gave an update on upcoming hires for the CCA. Manuel (Manny) Liban was hired as the CCA's Senior Manager of Public Affairs and will start August 29, 2022. He noted the CCA hopes to complete interviews for a Chief Administrative Officer by the end of the week.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At 11:11 AM, Mr. Keohane invited comments from the public and apologized to anyone that wanted to call in, as technical issues prevented the meeting from being streamed. Mark Topazio, King William resident, introduced himself and expressed interest in a licensing process and attending future Board meetings.

8. CLOSED SESSION

At 11:13 AM, Mr. Keohane moved that the Board enter closed session under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss a matter lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the discussion of prospective candidates for employment exemption contained in Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion was duly seconded, and the members unanimously voted to enter closed session. Attending the closed session were the four Board Members present and Mr. Preiss from CCA Staff.

Upon the Board's return from closed session at 4:55pm, the Chair moved to certify that to the best of his knowledge only matters falling under 2.2-3711(A)(1) were discussed in the closed session. Ms. Creighton seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 4:57pm.