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# **Meeting Minutes**

Title:	New York State Cannabis Advisory Board		
Date & Time:	December 1, 2022; 11 a.m.		
Location:	Empire State Plaza Concourse, Meeting Room 3, Albany, NY 12242 and Virtual via Webcast		

# **Attendance**

Board Chair:	N/A
Board Members Present:	Voting Members: Alejandro Alvarez, Joe Belluck, Junella Chin, Ebro Darden, Allan Gandelman, Nikki Kateman, Marc Ramirez, Sarah Ravenhall, Chandra Redfern, Armando Rosado, Pete Shafer
	Ex Officio: Allan Clear, Mary Brewster (designee of Chinazo Cunningham), Kathleen DeCataldo (virtual), Dereth Glance, Suzanne Miles-Gustave (virtual), Russell Oliver, Scott Wyner
Board Members Absent:	TheArthur A. Duncan, Garry Johnson, Ruth Hassell- Thompson
Others Present:	Chris Alexander, John Kagia, Damian Fagon, Erin Lynch, Lyla Hunt

### **Agenda**

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Public Hearing on Remote Board Member Meeting Participation Under Extenuating Circumstances
- III. Office of Cannabis Management Updates
- IV. Cannabis Regulation Updates



- V. Next Steps Elections
- VI. Adjourn

### **Action Items**

Resolution No. 2021-01	Resolution in Relation to Authorizing Cannabis Advisory Board Members to Attend Meetings By Videoconference in Private Locations Under Extraordinary Circumstances	Passed, Unanimous Vote
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#### **Notes & Comments**

- CAB Voting Member Dr. Junella Chin facilitated the discussion and vote on Resolution No. 2021-01 regarding virtual meeting attendance under extraordinary circumstances.
- Dr. Chin reviewed the content of the resolution, opened the floor for any questions/discussions and then called for a vote.
- CAB Voting Members present voted and unanimously passed the resolution.
- OCM Executive Director Chris Alexander welcomed CAB Members (including both Voting and Ex Officio) and allowed members the opportunity to provide a brief introduction before the meeting began.
- OCM Ethics Counsel, Erin Lynch presented information on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest as it relates to the Advisory Board and CAB member roles.
- OCM Executive Director Chris Alexander presented updates from the Office of Cannabis Management including information on:
  - Seeding Opportunity Initiatives including Conditional Cultivator, Processor, and Dispensary applications and licenses
  - Updates on the Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) licenses including the qualifying business and nonprofit organizations and the respective geographic locations in which each is located
  - CAURD Delivery Authorization
  - Social & Economic Equity Update
- Proposed Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation Update & Information
  - OCM Policy Director John Kagia provided an overview of the recently released proposed regulations outlining the Adult-Use Cannabis Market.
  - This included a description of proposed regulations on:
    - Municipal Provisions
    - Application & Licensure Process
    - Social & Economic Equity
    - Two-Tier Market
    - True Parties of Interest
    - Public Health & Safety



- Environmental Sustainability
- The regulatory comment period is open until February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM. All comments must be submitted in writing via mail to OCM and/or via email to: regulations@ocm.ny.gov
- OCM Deputy Director of Public Health Lyla Hunt shared updates to Proposed Packaging and Labeling & Marketing and Advertising (PLMA) Regulations. These updates reflect changes based on public comment received and have been filed for an additional 45 day comment period.
- OCM Executive Director Chris Alexander provided a short update on next steps for the CAB including the upcoming election of CAB Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Mr. Alexander explained the upcoming nomination process which will be shared with CAB members via email.
- The Advisory Board adjourned the meeting.