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Meeting Minutes

Title:	New York State Cannabis Advisory Board Meeting
Time & Date:	April 18, 2023
Location:	CUNY School of Law, 2 Court St. Queens, NY

Attendance

Board Chair:	Joe Belluck
Board Vice Chair:	Junella Chin
Board Members Present:	<p>Voting Members: Alejandro Alvarez, Joe Belluck, Junella Chin, Nikki Kateman, Sarah Ravenhall, Armando Rosado</p> <p>*Attending Virtually due to Extraordinary Circumstances: Chandra Redfern, Peter Shafer, Marc Ramirez, Ebro Darden, TheArthur A Duncan, Garry Johnson</p> <p>Ex Officio Members: Allan Clear, Brendan Woodruff (designee of DEC) (virtual), Dana Politis (designee of DOL), Scott Wyner (virtual), Suzanne Miles-Gustav (virtual)</p>
Board Members Absent:	Kathleen DeCataldo, Mary Brewster (designee of OASOS), Ruth Hassell-Thompson
Others Present:	Chris Alexander, Tabatha Robinson

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2023 Advisory Board Meeting
- III. Office of Cannabis Management Updates
- IV. Social Equity Update – Damian Fagon, Chief Equity Officer
- V. Advisory Board Subcommittee Structure & Participation
- VI. Member Discussion
- VII. Adjourn



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Action Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded by Sarah Ravenhall o All vote in favor 	Meeting Minutes Approved
Approval of CAB Subcommittee Structure & Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Marc Ramirez & Garry Johnson second o All vote in favor 	CAB Subcommittee Structure & Membership Approved

Notes & Comments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive Director Chris Alexander provided his Executive Director’s Report. - The Cannabis Control Board (CCB) and OCM have expanded the scope of the CAURD program by planning to approve an additional 150 CAURD licenses across the state making the new total 300 CAURD licenses. - At the most recent CCB meeting on April 3, 2023 an additional 99 provisional CAURD licenses were approved. This included 13 licenses in four of the five regions previously enjoined by litigation. Currently the CCB/OCM are able to recommend and issue licenses in all regions of NYS except the Finger Lakes. - OCM is continuing to compile and analyze the over 3,500 individual public comments received on the proposed Adult-Use Regulations. These comments will be compiled in an “Assessment of Public Comment” document which will be published on the OCM website. Following that analysis OCM will submit revised Adult-Use Regulations to the CCB for consideration. If approved, the revised regulations will be published in the NYS Register and sent out for a second public comment period. OCM anticipates sharing revised regulations with the CCB at the upcoming May 11th Board meeting. - Following the CAB meeting, OCM will be launching a public information campaign entitled, “Why Buy Legal New York.” Aimed at increasing public awareness of the benefits of purchasing regulated cannabis products from licensed dispensaries this campaign includes licensees from across the state. Including digital and print content, this campaign will be released across the State with OCM Community Affairs staff conducting in person educational/informational sessions in support of this message.



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- Tabatha Robinson, Deputy Director of Economic Development, Policy & Research provided an update on the development of the Social & Economic Equity (SEE) Plan
 - o MRTA requires the development of the SEE Plan
 - o OCM staff has been conducting a series of roundtables across the state to get feedback and input from individuals representative of the social equity populations outline in the MRTA.
 - o Today – OCM is asking CAB member for feedback on the following questions:
 - How can we determine if someone is from a community disproportionately impacted?
 - What types of public education campaigns are needed to encourage the participation of equity businesses in the cannabis market?
 - o CAB members discussed both questions and provided suggestions to better engage community members, collaborate with existing CBOs, and other strategies which will be shared with OCM staff members.

- CAB members then discussed and voted on a resolution outlining the structure and membership of subcommittees. This included the following subcommittees: Community Grant Reinvestment; Social & Economic Equity; Health, Safety & Research; Cannabis Industry & Market. Following a brief discussion, the resolution was voted on and approved by all members.

- The CAB adjourned.