



Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

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MEETING SUMMARY SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(f), the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission (“Commission” or “GMCC”) conducted a duly noticed special called meeting on April 26, 2023 via teleconference. As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(A), the following is a summary of the subjects acted on and the Commission Members present at this special called meeting:

Call to Order

Chair Sid Johnson called the Commission meeting to order at approximately 4:03 p.m. ET. Chair Johnson conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum with the following Commission members present:

Sidney “Sid” Johnson, III, M.G.A., Chair
Danielle Benson, Vice Chair
William “Bill” Prather, RPh
Judith Rochon, MD
Charles “Chuck” Welch, Jr. M.B.A.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

The Commission voted to approve the proposed meeting agenda for the April 26, 2023 Commission meeting.

Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Andrew Turnage provided the Commission Members with information related to the receipt of three dispensing license applications from Trulieve GA, Inc. for dispensaries in Pooler, Marietta, and Macon, and two dispensing license applications from Botanical Sciences LLC for dispensaries in Marietta and Pooler. Director Turnage reported that all five dispensing license applications were received, accepted, and reviewed and are recommended for approval by the Commission for licensure.

Approval of Dispensing License Applications

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the five respective dispensing licenses as discussed in the Executive Director’s Report and to issue the respective dispensing licenses to Botanical Sciences LLC, and Trulieve GA, Inc.

Additional Remarks from the Executive Director

Executive Director Turnage reminded the Commission and the public that the dispensing licenses issued today are the first set and each production licensee can apply for up to six dispensary licenses (minus the ones already applied for and issued). He also mentioned that dispensaries have 120 days to become fully operational. He stated patients and the public can check license and registration status on the GMCC website. He also

mentioned that the Commission plans to post an interactive dispensary location map on the Commission website.

Director Turnage announced that SJ Labs and Analytics, LLC was approved on April 14, 2023 to be added to the Commission's approved list of registered independent laboratories for testing low-THC oil and products for production facilities prior to their distribution to dispensaries.

Director Turnage reported on GMCC's outreach efforts including a POST certified course offered by Director of Investigations, Pam Jones, for law enforcement agencies across the state and a presentation for CLE credit at Georgia Municipal Association's Annual Convention planned for this summer by General Counsel, Jansen Head, for city attorneys across the state.

Closing Remarks from the Chair

Chair Johnson expressed gratitude for the progress GMCC has made and specifically the timeframe in which goals were accomplished. He thanked government officials for their support. The Chair also thanked fellow Commission Members and GMCC staff for their work and efforts to reach our goals. He emphasized that we will continue to work with our partners and that the mission of regulating the industry is just beginning.

Adjournment

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:16 p.m. ET.