

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

December 28, 2022

10:00 AM

Via Remote Participation via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- N/A

In Attendance:

- Chair Shannon O'Brien
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

- The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.

2) Commission Discussion and Votes – 01:23

1. Telehealth Extension

- The Executive Director gave an update and overview of the three topics for Commission discussion and votes.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question regarding the percentage of people and licensees who utilized the Virtual Community Outreach Meeting Extension.
 - The Executive Director noted that forty-eight percent of applications received by the Commission in the last six months utilized the Virtual Community Outreach Meeting extension.
- Commissioner Roy asked about the percentage of people that used the Telehealth Extension for the initial visit.



- The Executive Director noted that he did not have that information, but that twenty-two waivers were granted in the last year and noted some intricacies related to capturing that data.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question about the number of providers filing for waivers.
 - The Executive Director noted that twenty-two waivers were granted in the last year but clarified that previously granted waivers were automatically renewed and described a couple of compliance questions that the Commissioners question raised.
- Commissioner Roy asked the Executive Director to explain the mindset of the previous Commissioners.
 - The Executive Director noted the migration of the Medical-Use program from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to the Commission and the statutory requirement related to the need for a bonafide relationship between patient and provider.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted a letter received from the Massachusetts Patient Advocacy Alliance. He also noted that thirty percent of Medical Treatment Centers (MTC) still utilize curbside pickup. He also asked whether the Commission could pinpoint where the MTCs are in the Commonwealth.
 - The Executive Director noted that it was something the Commission could and intends to do. He also stated that he was not presenting complete information but information that the staff had compiled since the December 8, 2022, Commission public meeting, and explained his intention to provide complete information at a subsequent meeting.
 - The Chair echoed the Executive Director's comments and noted the need to allow for staff to compile the information so the Commission could have a substantive discussion at a later meeting.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked if it would be appropriate to extend the policies through the end of February to allow staff to compile the information.
 - The Chair noted that she hoped to extend the deadlines to the Commission's February public meeting to allow staff to compile the data but stated that Commissioners would be allowed to raise questions at the Commission's January public meeting.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked a clarifying question as to whether the Commission would be extending the deadline to the February meeting.
 - The Chair confirmed and gave her reasoning behind the extension to the February meeting.
- Commissioner Roy moved to extend the current December 31, 2022, expiration of the Commission's Covid-19 order for allowing Telehealth Consultation for Patients, dated June 17, 2022 through the February 9, 2023 public meeting date.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes



- Commissioner Roy – Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
- Chair O’Brien– Yes
- The Commission unanimously voted to extend the current December 31st, 2022, expiration of the Commission’s Covid-19 order for allowing Telehealth Consultation for Patients, dated June 17, 2022, through the February 9, 2023, public meeting date.

2. Curbside Pickup Extension

- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to extend the current December 31st, 2022 expiration of the Commission’s Covid-19 order for allowing Curbside Operations for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, effective July 1st, 2022 through the February 9, 2023 public meeting date.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien– Yes
- The Commission unanimously voted to extend the current December 31st, 2022, expiration of the Commission’s Covid-19 order for allowing Curbside Operations for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, effective July 1st, 2022, through the February 9, 2023, public meeting date.

3. Virtual Community Outreach Meeting Extension

- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to extend the current December 31st, 2022, expiration of the Commission’s Covid-19 order for allowing Virtual Web-Based Community Outreach Meetings, effective July 15, 2022, through the February 9, 2023, public meeting date.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien– Yes
- The Commission unanimously voted to extend the current December 31st, 2022, expiration of the Commission’s Covid-19 order for allowing Virtual Web-Based Community Outreach Meetings, effective July 15, 2022, through the February 9, 2023 public meeting date.



3) Adjournment – 18:27

- Commissioner Roy moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- The Chair noted that the next meeting would be on January 12th, 2023.

