

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

December 4, 2024

1:00 PM

Remote via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- [Meeting Packet](#)

In Attendance:

- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

- The Acting Chair (AC) recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- The AC gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- The AC gave an overview of the agenda.

2) Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:01:07

1. Open Meeting Law Complaint and Public Records Request

- General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (GC Chattopadhyay) introduced the topic and explained that this matter emanated from former Chair Shannon O'Brien's public records request for materials and recordings related to the April 24, 2023, Executive Session on the Governance Charter. A redacted version of the recording had been provided to the former Chair after which she filed a complaint with the Division of Open Government alleging that the redactions were not justified and that the Executive Sessions were held improperly. GC Chattopadhyay explained the requirement for the Commission to meet to discuss the complaint and noted that the complaint had not been timely filed and he would seek a motion to respond. He stated that the Legal department was continuing to review recordings of the meetings for redactions and the meeting minutes had been available since September which should remedy the allegations of the complaint. Commissioner Roy asked about the



beginning of the timeline of the alleged violation and GC Chattopadhyay explained that the 30-day window for filing the complaint would have started on April 24, 2023. He further clarified that his proposed motion would direct him to respond that the window for filing the complaint had passed and that the minutes would satisfy the request.

- Commissioner Concepcion moved to direct Legal staff to respond to the complaint filed by former Chair Shannon O'Brien in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – No
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission approved the motion by a vote of three in favor and one opposed.
- Before casting her vote, Commissioner Roy stated that she could not vote in favor of the motion on the principle of transparency.

2. Governance Charter Mediation Sessions Records Update

- GC Chattopadhyay stated that he had covered this topic under the previous discussion section.

3. Governance Charter Update

- The AC stated that work on the Governance Charter was continuing, and Commissioners were working on sections which had been assigned to them offline.

4. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 00:35:00

- The AC stated that there was no new business which was not anticipated at the time of posting.

5. Next Meeting Date – 00:35:10

- The AC stated that the next meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2024, to unveil the framework for social consumption.

3) Executive Session – 00:37:02

- Commissioner Concepcion moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation because the open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes



- Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to enter into Executive Session and each Commissioner confirmed that they were alone and that no one could hear the deliberations of the Executive Session.
- The AC stated that the Commissioners would adjourn from Executive Session.

