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MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

August 29, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Marijuana Regulatory Agency met on August 29, 2019, at the Cadillac Place, 1st Floor, Conference Room L-150, 3044 W Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48202.

CALL TO ORDER

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Staff Present: Andrew Brisbo, Executive Director
Desmond Mitchell, Licensing Director
Kavita Kale, Enforcement Director
Kelly Kronner, Departmental Analyst

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Brisbo thanked the public for their attendance. He stated that the Marijuana Regulatory Agency is committed to holding four public meetings each calendar year to receive feedback on any statutory changes/initiatives relating to the Agency. Brisbo then provided an update on recent outreach/collaboration programs involving the Agency. He gave a statistical update on quarterly reports and product totals, as well as recent legislative changes. Brisbo announced the new Michigan Medical Marijuana Review Panel appointments. MRA would like to remind the public that the Agency will be holding public meetings - in Traverse City on October 28, 2019 and in Flint on December 9, 2019. The meetings will coincide with workgroup activities that will allow the Agency to gather feedback. The mission is to establish Michigan as the national model for a regulatory program that stimulates business growth while ensuring safe consumer access to marijuana.

LICENSING REPORT

Licensing Director, Desmond Mitchell gave a report on the licensing division.

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ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Enforcement Director, Kavita Kale gave a report on the enforcement division.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Pavlak – Representing Stash Stock. Discussed cultivation and social equity. Specified issues regarding Metrc.

Patricia Bosch – Representing Nortown CBD. Expressed concerns regarding environmental hazards, commercial property/contamination, as well as public safety.

Joe Lucas – Discussed permitting and expiration of prequalification status.

Jacob Abraham – Representing Indica, LLC. Discussed over regulation, product shortage, and black-market sales.

Deborah Omokehinde – Representing Metro Detroit Community Action Coalition. Expressed concerns pertaining to advertising and marketing.

Thomas Lavigne – Representing Cannabis Counsel Law Firm. Discussed the MRTMA and the ability to sell plants to adults 21 years and older. Suggested rule changes/clarification for the term “clone.”

Sean Myers – Representing Cannabis Counsel Law Firm. Discussed rule changes regarding timeframes to respond to deficiencies. Concerned pertaining to the limitations and potential violations. Not enough time for legal review or request for court records.

Matthew Abel – Representing Michigan Normal, MI Legalize, and Cannabis Counsel Law Firm. Discussed rule changes pertaining to the term “adverse reaction.” Suggested changes be made to rule 58 and rule 33.

Mitzi Ruddock – Representing Disenfranchised Cannabis Access and Advancement (DCAA). Discussed social equity.

ADJOURNMENT

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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Next Meeting: October 28, 2019

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: Park Place Hotel and Conference Center

Address: 300 E State St. Traverse City, MI 49684

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