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## **MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY**

### **December 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Marijuana Regulatory Agency met on December 9, 2019, at the Flint City Hall, 1101 Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48502.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Brisbo thanked the public for attending the December 9, 2019 quarterly MRA meeting. He cited the Agency's mission of establishing Michigan as the national model for a regulatory program that stimulates business growth while preserving safe consumer access to marijuana. Brisbo then reminded the public that all Agency meetings are livestreamed for those that are unable to attend the meeting. Streaming service for the meetings is available through the MRA website at [www.michigan.gov/MRA](http://www.michigan.gov/MRA). Brisbo proceeded to provide an update on high level topics pertaining to marijuana: including recent legislative changes relating to health labels on marijuana products, as well as testing requirements. Brisbo then provided an update on the caregiver registry program. He encouraged physicians to use the online system. Brisbo concluded his report by reminding the public to visit the MRA website to view updates/announcements regarding the social equity program, advisory bulletins, METRC, and technical information provided by the agency.

#### **LICENSING REPORT**

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

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## **ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael White – Discussed the definition of “marihuana” and its effect on the legalities of growing hemp in the State of Michigan. Feels the industry has caused financial and criminal distress for Michigan farmers. Discussed the differences between marihuana and hemp, laws regarding driving while under the influence of marihuana, and measurements of THC levels.

Ida Lee – Discussed the recent increase in wholesale prices. Expressed concerns regarding flower shortages and patient access.

Stephen Linder – Representing Michigan Cannabis Manufacturers Association. Discussed labor peace agreements. Does not support third-party entry or the State of Michigan’s legal authority to require the agreements.

Bartok Kupczyk – Representing Greenstone Provisions. Discussed issues regarding transfer of product from the medical to adult-use market. Expressed concern over patient access and wasted product.

Robin Schneider – Representing Michigan Cannabis Industry Association. Discussed supply shortages, transparency, testing, and union peace agreements.

John Sholor – Representing Dosist. Discussed the use of botanical terpenes, testing, and the definition of “active” vs. “inactive” ingredients.

Lorraine Thompson – Discussed marihuana related convictions within the State of Michigan as well as active security requirements. Interested in the social equity program provided by the agency.

Regina Momgaudas – Representing Bacco Farms Provisioning. Expressed concerns regarding the increase in wholesale prices. Licensed provisioning centers are unable to compete. Feels that the adult-use market has negatively affected licensed medical facilities.

Chris Delmorone – Discussed general and local municipal zoning/ordinances. Suggested that the agency provide an online resource for available real estate.

Allison Ireton – Representing Licensed Vertically Integrated Cannabis Companies.

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Discussed remediation of product, testing requirements, and product transfer. Voiced concerns regarding statewide delivery systems. Feels that a monopoly delivery system comparable to Eaze, would negatively affect the industry.

Michael Byron – Registered caregiver, interested in starting a microbusiness. Feels that the licensing process is too complex. Discussed farming and product surplus.

Mitzi Raddock – Representing Black Cannabis Access and Advancement Alliance. Interested in the social equity program. Expressed frustration regarding the entry process. Would like the agency to provide additional social equity educational sessions.

Bodo Schneider – Representing Pied Pfeifer Compassionate Care Clinic. Requested that the agency provide educational services for physician certification.

Lendra Brown – Discussed the benefits of worm casting.

Eric Mays – Discussed problems regarding inventory and cost of entry. Suggested that the agency consider implementing a distribution center approach.

Jeff Piontkowski – Representing AFA Secured Transport. Expressed concern regarding adult-use transfers and their affect on secure transport. Interested in applying for adult use licensure.

Reggie Davidson – Representing Legal Research One. Discussed non-regulation for private-use social clubs, municipal authorization, and legalities regarding “gifting” marihuana.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

### **Next Meeting: March 26, 2020**

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: Hoyt Public Library

Address: 505 Janes Ave, Saginaw MI 48607

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