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MARIHUANA ADVISORY PANEL

March 25, 2019 MEETING

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Marihuana Advisory Panel met on March 25, 2019, at the Ottawa Building Conference Room 4, Upper Level, 611 West Ottawa Street Lansing, MI 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Alan Helmkamp, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Alan Helmkamp, Chairman
Adam Sandoval (for Director Hawks)
Jevin Weyenberg
Steven Haddad
Paul Weisberger
Jennifer Fitzgerald
Sean Dunleavy
Dr. Saqib Nakadar
Lt. Col. Rick Arnold
Suzanne Schulz
Kimberly Cole (Cole joined the meeting 10:13 a.m.)
Randall Buchman (Buchman joined the meeting 10:16 a.m.)

Members Not Present:

James Berlin
Shaun Mansour
Beth Nagel
Catherine Kaufman
Lorri White

Staff Present:

Andrew Brisbo, State Bureau Administrator
Colleen Curtis, State Administrative Manager
Sydney Eisele, Departmental Analyst

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Kelly Kronner, Departmental Analyst
Samantha Welhusen, Departmental Analyst

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Weyenberg, seconded by Schulz, to approve the December 10, 2018 minutes, as presented. A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

PANEL MANDATE

The Marihuana Advisory Panel may make recommendations to the board concerning promulgation of rules and, as requested by the board or the department, the administration, implementation, and enforcement of this act and the marihuana tracking act. The panel should focus its recommendations to the MMFLA and marihuana tracking act. The business that the panel performs must be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

STAFF REPORT

Curtis thanked the panel for their attendance and willingness to serve on the Marihuana Advisory Panel. She then gave the panel an update on the JCAR membership for 2019-2020 as well as an overview of the rulemaking process. Curtis then provided information on the Executive Order No. 2019-7.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR

Helmkamp indicated that his letter to Governor Whitmer regarding the efforts of the Marihuana Advisory Panel was acknowledged in a telephone conversation with the Governor's Chief of Staff. He indicated that member Katherine Kaufman has been appointed to the new Work Group for recreational marijuana. Helmkamp discussed the ramifications of Executive Order No. 2019-7, and its elimination of the Marihuana Advisory Panel as of April 30, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. State Operating/Operations

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- a. Schulz (Subcommittee Chairperson) presented the recommendations from the State Operating/Operations subcommittee meetings.
2. Sale or Transfer/Employees/Home Delivery
 - a. Buchman (Subcommittee Chairperson) presented the recommendations to the panel from the Sale or Transfer/Employees/Home Delivery subcommittee meetings.
3. Testing/Marihuana Infused Products & Edible Marihuana Products
 - a. Nakadar (Subcommittee Chairperson) presented the recommendations from the Testing/Marihuana Infused Products & Edible Marihuana Products subcommittee meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Nakadar, seconded by Weyenberg to forward the Marihuana Advisory Panel recommendations to the department for further review. A Voice vote followed. There being no objection, except for an abstention by Fitzgerald, the motion passed.

MOTION PREVAILED

- B. Scheduling. Helmkamp indicated that given the transition to the new Marijuana Regulatory Agency, it is unlikely there will be an opportunity for feedback on the Panel's recommendations before April 30. Therefore this will be the last meeting of the Panel. He thanked Colleen Curtis, Sydney Eisele and Kelly Kronner for their assistance to the Panel, and to himself.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schulz, seconded by Nakadar, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.
A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

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