

# Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

This meeting was held in person and virtually.

This meeting was recorded. An audio copy of this recording can be found on the Utah Public Notice Website (<https://www.utah.gov/pmnl/>).

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## Attendees

**Board members attending:** Kent Andersen, Nanette Berezhnyy, Cami Clark, CMHC, Desiree Hennessy, Jimmy Higgs, JD Lauritzen, Chris Morgan, APRN, Matthew Page, and Misty Smith, PhD.

**DHHS/UDAF staff attending:** Richard Oborn, Abigail Hodgson, Brittany Brown, Trevor Eckhoff, Jeremiah Sniffin, Shannon Thoman-Black, Dr. Brandon Forsyth, Aimee Isom, Ashley Moretz, Sara Lealos, Sarah Dash, and Cody James.

## Agenda

### 1. Welcome

Mr. Page acknowledged that there was a quorum so the meeting could proceed at approximately 2:02pm and read the [introduction script](#).

### 2. Board approval of February 2025 minutes

Mr. Page asked the board if there were any proposed changes to the [February 2025 minutes](#) by the board. There were no changes proposed. Mr. Lauritzen motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Berezhnyy seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

### 3. Board administrative business

Members discussed board administrative business.

#### **4. DHHS and UDAF update**

DHHS updates:

- Mr. Oborn of the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) updated the board on, and answered questions about, the following items:
  - current program statistics and program metrics;
  - the quarterly medical cannabis provider meeting being held on April 10, 2025. Information on these meetings can be found at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/providers/quarterly-medical-provider-meeting/>;
  - outreach and education efforts; and
  - Cannabis Research Review Board (CRRB) final meeting on April 8, 2025.

UDAF updates:

- Dr. Forsyth and Mr. James of the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food (UDAF) updated the board on, and answered questions about, the following items:
  - Inventory Control System (ICS) updates; and
  - Medical Cannabis Production and Pharmacy Licensing Board meeting that will be held on April 9, 2025. Information on these meetings can be found at <https://medicalcannabis.utah.gov/cannabis-production-establishment-licensing-advisory-board/>.

#### **5. Medical cannabis market analysis**

Ms. Brown from DHHS presented the [Medical Provider Summary Survey](#) to the board members. Mr. Oborn requested that any stakeholder provide feedback on the proposed survey by Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:00pm to [mcpab@utah.gov](mailto:mcpab@utah.gov). Board members also provided their input on the proposed survey.

Dr. Franks and Dr. Cochran with the University of Utah Center for Medical Cannabis Research (CMCR) shared a [presentation](#) on the [Patient Survey Summary](#). Ms. Franks requested that any stakeholder provide feedback on the proposed survey be emailed by Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:00pm to [mcpab@utah.gov](mailto:mcpab@utah.gov) or [lirit.franks@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:lirit.franks@hsc.utah.edu). Board members provided their input on the proposed survey.

The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Mindy Madeo with Beehive Farmacy.

## **6. Legislative update and bill outcomes**

Mr. Page facilitated a discussion on the [2025 Legislative Update and Bill Outcomes](#). Mr. Oborn addressed questions regarding statute changes that will be regulated by DHHS, while Dr. Forsyth responded to questions on statute changes that will be regulated by UDAF.

## **7. Work session**

The board discussed potential agenda items for future meetings. The following public members gave comments on this agenda item:

- Valerie Ahanonu with the CMCR;
- Mindy Madeo with Beehive Farmacy; and
- Narith Panh with Dragonfly Wellness.

## **8. Next meeting's agenda**

The board discussed agenda items for the April 15, 2025 meeting.

## **9. Adjourn**

Mr. Page motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hennessy seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to end the meeting, and the meeting ended at approximately 4:15pm.