



**Cannabis Advisory Committee
APPROVED Minutes
Remote Participation via Zoom
January 16, 2025 @ 1:00pm**

Board Members: Barry Rector (Chair), Abby DeMolina, Dawn Hill Holdgate,
Joe Plandowski, Jacques Zimicki

I. Call to Order

Chair Rector called the meeting to order at approximately 1:07pm.

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Barry Rector *Aye*
Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*

Quorum was established.

Public:

Dan Berger

II. Approval of Agenda

Joe Plandowski made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Abby DeMolina.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Barry Rector *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*

III. Approval of Draft Minutes

- a. August 15, 2024
- b. November 21, 2024

Joe Plandowski made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2024, and table the minutes of November 21, 2024, seconded by Abby DeMolina.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Barry Rector *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*

IV. Public Comment

None

V. New Business

None

VII. Election of Officers

- a. Chair
- b. Vice chair
- c. Secretary

Tabled by consent until full board present.

VIII. Updates from Cannabis Control Commission (CCC)

- a. Massachusetts CCC Seeks Public Input on Social Consumption Proposal – deadline Thursday 1/23/25.

Chair Rector introduced the topic and noted that the CCC has opened an informal public-comment period (closing Thursday, November 23, 2025) on proposed social-consumption regulations. Three license types were outlined in materials previously distributed:

- 1. Supplemental license (attached to existing marijuana establishment)
- 2. Hospitality license (attached to pre-existing non-cannabis business)
- 3. Event license

The members raised concerns raised about indoor combustion, ventilation/odor control, potential impact on adjacent residential or commercial tenants, and comparison to tobacco regulations. Additionally noted that modern cultivation/retail facilities on Nantucket already demonstrate effective odor-control technology. Chair Rector stated that the Board of Health and Planning Board would have significant oversight via special-permit process; robust HVAC requirements and separation from residential uses were identified as likely conditions. Dan Berger provided context: the proposed framework mirrors alcohol licensing models; Chapter 180 removed the previous prohibition on indoor combustion; scientific evidence does not show cannabis second-hand smoke to be as harmful as tobacco smoke.

Chair Rector mentioned that the CCC will hold a public meeting to review and red-line regulations at the end of November 2025, followed by a second formal two-week public-comment period (expected mid-February 2026). Chair Rector polled the Board members who recommended to defer any formal Board comment until the second public-comment period so the Board can review the CCC's revised draft. The Chair will monitor developments and, if necessary, call a special meeting before the next regular meeting (February 20, 2026) to consider submitting comments. By consent, the Board agreed that no formal comment is warranted at this time and that the matter be continued.

IX. Committee Comments/Reports

- a. Mr. Plandowski had a brief discussion of market maturation, price declines, product diversity, and emerging infused products (beverages, edibles, etc.). Mr. Berger agreed with Mr. Plandowski's comments. Chair Rector noted that there is a new Acting Executive Director of the CCC; no immediate impact anticipated.

XII. Next meeting

- a. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00pm
- b. Next tentatively scheduled meeting February 20, 2025

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Abby DeMolina and seconded by Jacques Zimicki at approximately 1:45pm

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*

Joe Plandowski *Aye*

Barry Rector *Aye*

Jacques Zimicki *Aye*