


**Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation**  
**Cannabis Control Board Regular Meeting #34**  
**Meeting Date: January 24, 2022 | Time: 1:00pm**  
**Zoom Video Conference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83346723024>**

	Board Members	Position Title	Signature
1	Adrian Cruz	Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture	ZOOM
2	Cid S. Mostales	Director, Department of Public Health & Social Services	ZOOM
3	Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu	Director, Department of Revenue & Taxation (Vice Chairperson)	
	Marie P. Lizama	Deputy Director, Department of Revenue & Taxation	ZOOM
4	Theresa Arriola	Director, Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center	ZOOM
5	Chief Stephen Ignacio	Guam Police Department	ZOOM
6	Nico Fujikawa	Director of Tourism Research, GVB	ZOOM
7	Ursula Herrera	Board Secretary	ZOOM
8	Atty. Vanessa Williams	Board Chairperson	ZOOM
9	William M. Parkinson	Member	ZOOM
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Board Secretary

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## Agenda

- I. Call to Order
  - II. Roll Call of Members/Quorum
  - III. Secretary's Report
    - A. Meeting Minutes - CCB #33 (January 10-11, 2022)
  - IV. New Business
    - A. Seed-to-Sale System Implementation Progress
  - V. Next CC Board Meeting
  - VI. Open Forum/Public Comment
  - VII. Adjournment
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Cannabis Control Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2022

**Opening**

Chairperson Williams called the regular meeting of the Cannabis Control Board to order at 1:05 p.m. on January 24, 2022.

Location: Zoom Video Conference

Meeting ID: 839 0519 6494

**Attendees Present:**

Vanessa Williams (*Appointee*), Chair  
Adrian Cruz (DOAG), Deputy Director  
Theresa Arriola (GBHWC)  
Nico Fujikawa (GVB)  
Ursula Herrera (*Appointee*), Secretary  
Stephen Ignacio (GPD)  
Marie Lizama (DRT), Deputy Director  
Cid Mostales (DPHSS)  
William Parkinson (*Appointee*)

**Apologies:**

Dafne Shimizu (DRT), Vice-Chair

**Quorum present?** Yes

**III. Secretary's Report**

*Director Cruz made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 10-11, 2022 (CCB 33) meeting, subject to correction. Director Arriola seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Seed-to-Sale System**

There were no updates to report. Mr. Cid Mostales advised that the vendor, Metrc, is in training in Las Vegas, and DPHSS will not be meeting with them until the first or second week of February.

Chairperson Williams advised that the Seed-to-Sale System would remain a standing agenda item until complete.

Regarding gaps in the system, Director Cruz added that DRT, DOAG, the Banking and Insurance Board, and others received a presentation tailored for the regulatory agencies on the issue of tracking money and how it would be disbursed and collected as it still federally illegal to move proceeds from the sale of marijuana through the banking system. He commented that the presentation was interesting and suggested it be included as an agenda item so that the Board may receive the same presentation and discuss. It was noted that while there would be no action from the Board as it is more of a regulatory issue, it would be helpful for the Board to understand the issues and challenges. Chairperson Williams agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Director Cruz suggested that DRT reach out to similar agencies in other US jurisdictions to understand how this issue is handled.

## **V. Next CCB Board Meeting**

The Board discussed next steps. Chairperson Williams advised that the minutes from CCB33 and the proposed Rules and Regulations would be transmitted as a package to the Attorney General's Office. It was noted that the revisions approved at the last meeting were made at the request of the Attorney General's Office; therefore, there should be no further issues with the proposed Rules and Regulations as submitted.

*Director Cruz made a motion to authorize Chairperson Williams to transmit the Record to the Legislature, upon receipt of approval from the Attorney General's Office. Director Parkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting on February 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

## **VI. Open Forum/Public Comment**

Chairperson Williams advised that she received a request from Attorney, Brad Huesman, to make a comment at this meeting.

### Mr. Brad Huesman, Attorney

Mr. Huesman requested clarification on the proposed Rules in terms of cannabis plants and how they are acquired for the purposes of advising current and future clients. He noted that §9407 appears to permit locally sourced cannabis products, such as seeds, tissue culture, or cloned plants, for commercial use.

Director Cruz explained that the intent of the proposed Rules is to bring people currently engaged in the black market into compliance with the law. He responded that a retailer and manufacturer cannot acquire or be gifted plants that have not been tracked or bought from a grower, and stated that it is illegal to transport seeds, plants, or clones from outside the island of Guam. A grower may currently have plants or seeds locally. Once the proposed Rules and Regulations come into force, the grower must declare their existing plants/seeds on the island in order to conduct their business and enable the regulatory agencies to track the plant.

Director Cruz further added that private individuals who grow cannabis for personal reasons may gift a plant or a seed to a grower, but gifted plants or seeds cannot be exchanged for money.

Chairperson Williams cautioned Mr. Huesman that there is no guarantee that the proposed Rules and Regulations as submitted by the Board will be adopted by the Legislature as promulgated. She shared that once the Rules and Regulations have been adopted by Legislature, the Board intends to periodically issue guidelines regarding the interpretation of certain sections of the Rules to help businesses, but it is currently premature to do so.

## VII. Adjournment

*Secretary Herrera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Parkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Cannabis Control Board meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m. on January 24, 2022. The next meeting shall be held on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Prepared by:



Ursula Herrera  
Secretary

Noted by:

Vanessa Williams  
Chairperson