

**Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation**  
**Cannabis Control Board Meeting**  
Meeting Date: Monday, June 06, 2022 | Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Zoom Video Conference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106863482>

BOARD MEMBERS	POSITION TITLE	SIGNATURE
Marie Lizama	Deputy Director, DRT	ZOOM
Ursula Herrera	Secretary	ZOOM
Will Parkinson	Member	ZOOM
Theresa Arriola	Member – Director, GBHWC	ZOOM
Nico Fujikawa	Member – GVB	ZOOM
Vanessa Williams	Chairwoman	ZOOM
Stephen Ignacio	Member – Chief, GPD	ZOOM

This is to certify that the above information is true and correct:



Board Secretary

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## Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members/Quorum
- III. Secretary's Report
  - A. Meeting Minutes
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Seed to Sale System Implementation
  - B. Cannabis Banking Related Issues
- V. New Business
  - A. Seed to Sale Systems Cost Sharing
  - B. Review of CCB Rules and Regulations
- VI. Next CC Board Meeting
- VII. Open Forum/Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

# Cannabis Control Board

## Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022

### Opening

Chairperson Williams called the regular meeting of the Cannabis Control Board to order at 1:09 p.m. on June 6, 2022.

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#### Attendees Present:

Vanessa Williams (*Appointee*), Chair  
Ursula Herrera (*Appointee*), Secretary  
Theresa Arriola (GBHWC)  
Nico Fujikawa (GVB)  
William Parkinson (*Appointee*)  
Marie Lizama (DRT), Deputy Director  
Chief Steven Ignacio (GPD)

#### Apologies:

Dafne Shimizu (DRT), Vice-Chair  
Cid Mostales (DPHSS)

Quorum present? Yes

### III. Secretary's Report

#### A. Meeting Minutes

*Member Fujikawa made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2022 (CCB 38) meeting. Deputy Director Lizama seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

## IV. Old Business

### A. Seed to Sale System Implementation

Chairperson Williams advised that the proposed rules and regulations were transmitted in accordance with §9303(c) of the administrative adjudication law on February 28 and that over 90 calendar days have elapsed which means that the rules are now effective. In accordance with that section, Chairperson Williams reported that she wrote to the Compiler of Laws to notify her of this and to confirm that she will be ascertaining the approval of the rules as required by law and placing it with the published rules and regulations. She conveyed the response of the Compiler of Laws which stated that by operation of law, the rules came into effect on May 29 and that she would be reformatting the rules and regulations for publication in anticipation of receiving default approval from the Speaker of Legislature.

Chairperson Williams further reported that she wrote to Legislative Secretary to receive an update on the publication and that the Speaker requested on June 2 the baseline study showing the use and impact of cannabis on public health and safety in Guam. The latter of which had been provided to the Speaker.

Director Arriola recommended that a press release be issued by the Board to announce the rules and regulations came into effect on May 29. Discussion on the content of the press release was deferred to later in the meeting after all updates were provided.

The update on the seed to sale system implementation was deferred to the next meeting as Member Mostales was not present at the meeting.

### B. Cannabis Banking Related Issues

Chairperson Williams advised that there has been no update from the Department of Administration as to whether they would accept application fees.

Deputy Director Lizama also indicated that there were no updates as the Banking and Insurance group have not met recently to discuss the banking related issues.

The Board discussed whether agencies may start accepting application forms or whether that would be contingent on the banking issues being resolved first. The Board also discussed when and how agencies would start accepting applications. It was noted that additional time would be required for regulatory agency staff to be trained on the proper policies and procedures to process applications.

Deputy Director Lizama noted that the Guam Cannabis Industry Act, 11GCA §8111(b) states that the CCB shall begin accepting and processing no later than 90 days after the regulations prescribed become effective. Chairperson Williams confirmed that the Board has 90 days from May 29 to begin accepting and processing applications.

The Board agreed that all regulatory agencies should meet to develop an action plan and timeline for training and implementation so that it may be presented to the Board at its next meeting. Once there is an action plan, the Board indicated it would develop a diagram/workflow/guidance to explain the application process to the public.

Secretary Herrera exited the meeting in the midst of discussions.

*Director Arriola made a motion to request member agencies to submit a proposed action, training and implementation plan for accepting applications for cannabis establishments within 30 days. Member Parkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Review Testimony before the Legislature submitted by the public on CCB Rules and Regulations**

The Board discussed the public's concerns regarding public health, the stringent cultivation standards, and lack of vertical integration and revisited the rationale for those sections.

As key Board members from DPHSS and DOAG were not present at the meeting, no action was taken.

Director Parkinson reiterated his position that the existing cultivation standards were too stringent compared to other jurisdictions and that there was no

evidence of cannabis being a danger to human health and catastrophic to the environment.

Chief Steven Ignacio joined the meeting in the midst of discussions.

The Board indicated it would be open to revisiting vertical integration.

Chairperson Williams indicated she would obtain a written transcription of the Testimony so that the full Board may review in advance of the next meeting.

#### A. Seed to Sale Systems Cost Sharing

This item was not discussed.

#### B. Review of CCB Rules and Regulations

This item was not discussed.

### VI. Next CCB Meeting

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

### VII. Open Forum/Public Comment

The Board discussed the content that should be included in its press release and agreed to include the following:

- announcement regarding the rules and regulations coming to effect;
- summary of next steps, including the requirement for applications to be accepted and processed no later than 90 days from the effective date of the rules and regulations; and
- notice of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting.

The Board agreed to an agenda item to discuss potential revisions to the rules and regulations, such as vertical integration, cultivation standards, and preservation of manufactured cannabis products.

There were no comments raised from the public.

## VII. Adjournment

*Member (Inaudible) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Fujikawa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Cannabis Control Board meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. on June 6, 2022.

Prepared by:



Ursula Herrera

Secretary

Noted by:



for Vanessa Williams

Chairperson