



**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
**OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**  
**TEAM KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKGROUP**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING**

- I. The Local Government and Law Enforcement Subcommittee meeting of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup was called to order by Sam Flynn, Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, on December 19, 2024 at approximately 2:03 PM. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Workgroup Members Present:

Sam Flynn, designee for Eric Friedlander  
Phillip Burnett Jr  
Ashton McKenzie  
Michael Mueller

Workgroup Members not Present:

Ashely Smith

Additional Attendees:

Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Malaya Rivers, Executive Administrative Secretary, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Alyssa Erickson, Director of Education and Outreach, Office of Medical Cannabis  
David Gregory, Director of Law Enforcement Outreach, Office of Medical Cannabis  
Members of the Public

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

The Subcommittee voted on the approval of the April 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Flynn seconded. The motion carried 4-0.



### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Report from the Executive Director**

Mr. Flynn provided an update on the cannabis business licensing, noting that the Office received 4,998 cannabis business license applications. All initial licenses for cultivators and processors have been issued via a lottery on October 28, 2024, and dispensary licenses have been issued via lotteries held on November 25, 2024 and December 16, 2024, for a total of 78 cannabis business licensees.

Mr. Flynn provided a brief update on medical cannabis practitioners, with over 220 now being authorized and registered with the Office to provide written certifications for medical cannabis. As of today's date, these medical cannabis practitioners have issued over 2,000 written certifications.

#### **b. Presentation on Business Licensing, Local Government Ballot Results, and Law Enforcement Outreach**

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation on business licensing, local government ballot results, and law enforcement outreach, first providing a breakdown of business applications received by business type and of the lottery selectees.

Ms. Lewis then discussed local government ballot results, which can all be found on the "Local Government" tab on the Office's website.

#### **c. Discussion of the Law Enforcement Guide and Law Enforcement Visor Guide**

Ms. Lewis provided information about the Law Enforcement Guide and Law Enforcement Visor Guide and let the Workgroup know the Office will be providing a hotline for law enforcement to call and confirm if individuals are registered cardholders. The meeting was then opened up to the Workgroup for questions or discussion about the Guides.

#### **d. Approval of the Law Enforcement Guide**

Mr. Flynn informed the Subcommittee that if approved by them, the Guides would move to the entire Workgroup for their review and approval.

Mr. Mueller made a motion to approve the Law Enforcement Guide and Law Enforcement Visor Guide and move it to the entire Workgroup for review. Mr. Flynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.



**e. Other Business**

None.

**IV. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Flynn introduced the Office's director of Law Enforcement Outreach, David Gregory, who will be conducting webinar and setting up in person events to talk with law enforcement about medical cannabis across the Commonwealth. Mr. Gregory discussed his background in law enforcement and upcoming events that he is working on for the Office.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mueller moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Flynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0 (approximately 12:35 PM).

*Shelby Lewis*      1/21/2026  
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