



CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS
BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ADVISORS

MEETING OF THE MAY 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

- I. The regular meeting of the Board of Physicians and Advisors was called to order by Cannon Armstrong, Incoming Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, on May 5, 2025 at approximately 1:37 P.M. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Board Members Present:

Frederick Stein, D.O.
Courtney Turner, M.D.
Ryan Grell, M.D.
Thomas Colley, APRN
Matt Carrico, PharmD
Kristin Dawson, M.D. (arrived at approximately 1:44 P.M.)

Board Members Not Present:

Linda McClain, M.D.
AnYu Chen, M.D.
Charles Roberts, M.D.
Jodi Wojcik, APRN

Additional Attendees:

Cannon Armstrong, Incoming Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis
Shelby Lewis, Executive Policy Advisor of the Office of Medical Cannabis
Kaysha Stoner, Program Coordinator of the Office of Medical Cannabis
Members of the Public

II. OLD BUSINESS

The Board did not have a quorum until approximately 1:44 P.M. Once a quorum was established, a motion was made by Dr. Stine to approve January 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes, and Dr. Carrico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS



a. Report from the Executive Director

Mr. Armstrong introduced himself as the incoming Executive Director of the Office of Medical Cannabis, effective June 1, 2025. Mr. Armstrong provided a brief summary of his professional experience, including being the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming, serving as an Executive Director in the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage, and running several small businesses in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. Armstrong then provided a brief update on the Office, including noting that the Office itself moving to a new location in Frankfort, Kentucky.

b. Presentation on Office Updates

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation with various updates from the Office, first providing information on medical cannabis practitioners and cardholder licensing. As of May 5, 2025, there are 424 authorized practitioners in the state. Over 14,000 written certifications have been issued by medical cannabis practitioners as of April 28, 2025. As of May 5, 2025, over 10,000 patient applications have been received, with 9,103 approved, resulting in 9,103 patients with medical cannabis cards in the state.

Ms. Lewis provided an update on information about business licenses and where business licensees can be found on the Office's website, kymedcan.ky.gov.

Ms. Lewis provided a brief update on webinars that are being hosted by the Office for patients and for members of law enforcement.

c. Presentation on Biennial Accreditation Process for Cannabis Business Licensees

Ms. Lewis gave a presentation about the biennial accreditation process of cannabis business licenses, which is required to be reviewed by the Board. Ms. Lewis further explained that 915 KAR 1.010, initial and renewal applications for cannabis business licenses, section 6, provides minimal standards for license renewal, which include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining effective controls against diversion of medical cannabis;
- Not making any false or misleading statements;
- Documented history with compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Effectively addressing identified compliance issues;
- Completing reporting requirements; and
- Participating in surveys distributed by the Office.



Ms. Lewis explained that 915 KAR 1:020, cannabis business licenses provide the minimal performance standards for biennial accreditation, which are provided in 915 KAR 1:010, Section 6. Businesses must meet standards for a minimum of two years for accreditation, and accreditation expires after two years and can be renewed if standards are continued to be met.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

V. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Stine asked about billboard advertisements that he has seen regarding medical cannabis cards. Mr. Armstrong provided information about other organizations advertising medical cannabis cards and how those are scams, and that the only medical cannabis cards that are valid in the state are issued by the Office.

Additionally, Mr. Armstrong explained that the Office is conducting quarterly reviews of written certifications to determine if the number of written certification being provided by medical cannabis practitioners are realistic based on patient interactions. Any concerns from these meetings are elevated to the appropriate licensing board, either the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure or Kentucky Board of Nursing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Stine moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Dawson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously (approximately 2:00 P.M.).

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Cannon Armstrong
Incoming Executive Director
Office of Medical Cannabis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Stine" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Frederick Stine
Board Chair