

**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES  
KENTUCKY MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM  
BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ADVISORS**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2023 MEETING**

1. The first regular meeting of the Board of Physicians and Advisors was called to order by Sam Flynn, Executive Director of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, on October 4, 2023 at approximately 3:45 PM. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Board Members Present:

Anthony Carney, APRN  
Jodi Wojcik, APRN  
Ryan Grell, M.D.  
Linda McClain, M.D.  
Kristen Dawson, M.D.  
Courtney Turner, M.D.  
Fredrick Stine, D.O.  
AnYu Chen, M.D.  
Charles Roberts, M.D.

Additional Attendees:

Eric Friedlander, Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Wesley Duke, General Counsel for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Sam Flynn, Executive Director of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program  
Scotty McFarlan, Deputy Executive Director of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program  
Shelby Lewis, Executive Advisor to the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Board members and attendees introduced themselves and spoke of their respective backgrounds and professional experience.

3. **DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL 47**

Mr. Flynn provided Board members with an overview of Senate Bill (“SB”) 47, which legalizes medical cannabis in Kentucky effective January 1, 2025. This overview included information regarding qualifying conditions, program implementation, necessary electronic monitoring systems (e.g., patient and caregiver registry, practitioner registry, track and trace cannabis system, and reporting requirements). Mr. Flynn also discussed the Board’s responsibilities as specified in KRS 218B.020(5).

Mr. Flynn answered questions from the Board regarding the status of cannabis business licensing and the practitioner certification process, the role of the Kentucky Center for

Cannabis with respect to cannabis research, cannabis cultivation requirements, establishing a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship, and Executive Order 2022-798.

**3. DISCUSSION OF OPEN MEETINGS AND OPEN RECORDS REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Duke provided the Board members with information regarding the requirements of Kentucky's Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act and the applicability of those laws to Board meetings and written communications.

**4. SELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr. Flynn noted the need for the Board to select a Chair and called for any volunteers. Dr. Stine volunteered to serve as Board Chair. Dr. McClain moved to appoint Dr. Stine as Board Chair, and Mr. Carney seconded. The motion carried 9-0.

**5. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF BYLAWS**

Prior to the meeting, Board members received a draft of Bylaws for consideration. Following a request for any comment and questions, Dr. Turner moved to adopt the Bylaws as drafted and Dr. McClain seconded. The motion carried 9-0.

**6. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**


In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the Board discussed establishing a schedule of regular meetings. Following discussion, it was determined that Wednesday afternoons are generally best for the members, and the Board unanimously agreed that the regular quarterly meetings would occur on the third Wednesday of the first month of the respective quarter. Dr. Grell moved to adopt this schedule of regular meetings, and Dr. McClain seconded. The motion carried 9-0.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for January 17, 2024 at 3:30 PM.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Chen moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Grell seconded, and the motion carried 9-0 (approximately 5 PM).

  
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Sam Flynn  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program

  
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Dr. Fredrick Stine  
Board Chair