

NEBRASKA MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION MEETING

June 26, 2025

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level – Otoe Room
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Notice of this meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on June 20, 2025, and Omaha World Herald on June 24, 2025, as well as the Nebraska.gov Public Meetings Calendar on June 18, 2025.

REVISED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order / Open Meetings Act Notification.** The meeting was called to order by the Commission Chair, Dr. Monica Oldenburg, on June 26, 2025, at 10:06 a.m. Present were Commission members Bruce Bailey, Dr. Monica Oldenburg, Lorelle Muetting and J. Michael Coffey, establishing a quorum. Commission member Kim Lowe was not present. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the north wall of the hearing room above the sign-in table.
2. **Oaths of Office.** Oaths of Office were executed by Lorelle Muetting and newly appointed member, J. Michael Coffey.
3. **Record Roll.**
 - Lorelle Muetting – present
 - Monica Oldenburg – present
 - Bruce Bailey – present
 - Mike Coffey – present
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 9.** A Motion for approval of the to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2025, meeting was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Coffey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.
5. **Discuss and Note on Memorandum of Agreement between Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission, Department of Health and Human Services and Governor's Policy Research Office.**

Brief discussion followed. Motion for Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Oldenburg. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed.

Closed Session - Motion for an executive session to get legal advice on the new emergency regulations made by Commissioner Muetting and seconded by Commissioner Coffey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Commission went into Closed Session at approximately 10:10 AM.

The Commission returned to Open Session at approximately 11:30 AM. Motion to come back from (closed) executive session made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Coffey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

6. **Review of Commission Operating Budget.** Jake Leaver, Deputy Budget Administrator was called. Mr. Leaver shared that a cash fund has been created to collect any revenue that might come in. Discussion followed concerning the potential use of general funds for Medical Cannabis Commission operations if approved by the Liquor Control Commission.
7. **Discuss Formal and Emergency Rulemaking Process.** ~~Ryan Baker~~ Ben Swanson, Assistant Attorney General, spoke on the statutory process of establishing emergency rules which would be valid immediately upon approval of the Governor, upon submitting in writing the request and the reason why they are necessary. They remain in effect for 90 days but can be renewed for a second 90-day period. The Commission can then work on final rules and regulations. Discussion followed regarding website requirements.
8. **Discussion of or Approval of Draft Regulations.** Motion to approve emergency regulations as submit to meet the statutory deadline and give an email address where the public can provide comments until July 15th made by Commissioner Muetting, seconded by Commissioner Bailey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Email Address for public comment until July 15: lcc.frontdesk@nebraska.gov

Emergency Regulations were signed by the Commissioners.

9. **Public Comment Period.** Public comments were heard over the next 45 minutes.

Closed Session - Motion for an executive session to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel made by Commissioner Oldenburg. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Commission went into Closed Session at approximately 12:20 PM.

The Commission returned to Open Session at approximately 1:10 PM. Motion to come back from (closed) executive session made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Oldenburg. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

A Motion to adopt tentative future meeting dates with the understanding that they could be changed or amended was made by Commissioner Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

A Motion to have a point of contact for special litigation representatives to be Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Coffey made by Commissioner Oldenburg and seconded by Commissioner Muetting. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Closed Session – A motion for an executive session to discuss potential litigation on the emergency regulations with legal counsel made by Commissioner Oldenburg and seconded by Commissioner Muetting. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Commission went into Closed Session at approximately 1:15 PM.

The Commission returned to Open Session at approximately 2:30 PM. A motion to come out of executive session was made by Commissioner Oldenburg and seconded by Commissioner Muetting and Commissioner Bailey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

A motion for a subcommittee to work on regulations consisting of Commissioner Oldenburg and Commissioner Muetting made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Coffey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Next meeting scheduled for August 4, 2025, at 1:00 PM.

10. **Adjournment.** With no further business to be taken, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Muetting. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.