

## **Medical Cannabis Study Commission**

### **Minutes August 13, 2019**

Having been duly called and noticed, a meeting of the Medical Cannabis Study Commission was held in Room 825 of the Alabama State House on September 9, 2019.

Senator Tim Melson convened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. He introduced Dr. Mary McIntyre as proxy for Dr. Scott Harris of the Department of Public Health. Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Martina Bebin, Foster Cook, Thomas Eden, Ms. Virginia Guy, Dr. Scott Harris, Mr. Dexter Hearn, Ms. Jill Lee, Mr. Angelo Della Manna, Mr. Hunter McBrayer, Dr. Tony McGrath, Sen. Tim Melson, Dr. Steven Stokes, Dr. Jerzy Szaflarski, and Mr. Rex Vaughn.

On a motion duly made and seconded, commission members appointed Senator Tim Melson as chair and Dr. Steve Stokes as vice-chair.

Several members made brief comments. Steve Stokes provided three documents from the State of Florida relating to patient consent and the role of the certifying physician in Florida. Tommy Eden provided a document listing resources and potential information for the commission to consider. Both of these documents were to be circulated to all commission members.

Paula Greene, Legislative Services Agency, presented a review of SB236 (2019 Reg. Session) as the bill passed out of the Senate – which would have established a medical cannabis program in Alabama – and an overview of other states' medical marijuana and medical cannabis laws. A brief discussion ensued.

Senator Melson suggested the next meeting and first public hearing be tentatively scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, with a final date, time, and place to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.