

## Meeting Minutes: Cannabis Advisory Council Quarter 4

Date: 9/04/2025  
Minutes prepared by: Yingya Vang  
Location: Saint Paul

### Attendance

**Quorum: 30 named members, 24 is quorum**

#### Present

Archbold, Nicole	Jones, Bryant	Puechner, Nic
Bauer, Nico	Knutson, Catherine	Ratner, Nathan
Brunner, Lisa	Lee, Samantha	Schroeder, Maren
Burton, Martha	Marinkovich, Kyle	Solomon, Dan
Cornish, Gabe	Moran, Rachel	Tastad-Damer, Diana
Dawson, Angela	Moss, Carol	Taubel, Eric
Drucker, Jeremy	Philbrick, Ann	Thompson, Dana
Gloppen, Kari	Podulke-Smith, Laurel	Wilken-Simon, Josh
Hotz, Anna	Polley, Sara	Wolf, Jill
Johnson, Denise	Prescott, Tyler	Zylla, Dylan

#### Absent

Chaplin, Damon	Knight, Jamal	Watso, Sophie
Childs, Selena	Makinen, Kate	Wind, Virgil
Ennis, Donna	Needham, Austin	Zech, Jaren
Hanson, Michael	Prenevost, Pia	
Johnson, Melanie	Sather, Jen	
King, Eric	Savage, Bruce	
Kjeseth, Peder	Sly, Michael	

### Action Items

- Approved minutes from Cannabis Advisory Council meeting on February 20, 2025. Voice vote was conducted.

- Testing facilities recommendation

Councilmember Marinkovich moved to recommend:

- OCM seek legislative approval of LPHE products to be tested by accredited labs outside of state boundaries
- OCM promptly work with out-of-state labs to determine if they can become licensed in MN and
- OCM promptly create a variance for LPHE products to stay in compliance after Jan. 1 2026

There was a second and a roll call was conducted.

Ayes

Brunner, Lisa  
Dawson, Angela  
Johnson, Denise  
Jones, Bryant  
Marinkovich, Kyle

Moss, Carol  
Philbrick, Ann  
Podulke-Smith, Laurel  
Polley, Sara  
Schroeder, Maren

Tastad-Damer, Diana  
Thompson, Dana  
Wilken-Simon, Josh  
Wolf, Jill  
Zylla, Dyla

Nays

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Abstain

Bauer, Nico  
Burton, Martha  
Cornish, Gabe  
Drucker, Jeremy  
Gloppen, Kari

Hotz, Anna  
Knutson, Catherine  
Lee, Samantha  
Prescott, Tyler  
Puechner, Nic

Ratner, Nathan  
Solomon, Dan  
Taubel, Eric

Absent

Archbold, Nicole  
Chaplin, Damon  
Childs, Selena  
Ennis, Donna  
Hanson, Michael  
Johnson, Melanie  
King, Eric

Kjeseth, Peder  
Knight, Jamal  
Makinen, Kate  
Moran, Rachel  
Needham, Austin  
Prenevost, Pia  
Sather, Jen

Savage, Bruce  
Sly, Michael  
Watso, Sophie  
Wind, Virgil  
Zech, Jaren

With 15 Ayes and no nays, the testing facility recommendations passed.

- Labeling requirement recommendations

Councilmember Jones moved to recommend OCM revisit label requirements and remove license numbers on labels and allow QR Codes to contain more required information.

There was a second and a roll call was conducted.

Ayes

Archbold, Nicole  
Jones, Bryant  
Lee, Samantha  
Marinkovich, Kyle

Moss, Carol  
Philbrick, Ann  
Podulke-Smith, Laurel  
Schroeder, Maren

Tastad-Damer, Diana  
Thompson, Dana  
Wilken-Simon, Josh  
Wolf, Jill

Nays

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Abstain

Bauer, Nico  
Burton, Martha  
Cornish, Gabe  
Drucker, Jeremy  
Gloppen, Kari

Hotz, Anna  
Knutson, Catherine  
Polley, Sara  
Puechner, Nic  
Ratner, Nathan

Solomon, Dan  
Taubel, Eric  
Zylla, Dyla

Absent

Brunner, Lisa  
Chaplin, Damon  
Childs, Selena  
Dawson, Angela  
Ennis, Donna  
Hanson, Michael  
Johnson, Denise  
Johnson, Melanie

King, Eric  
Kjeseth, Peder  
Knight, Jamal  
Makinen, Kate  
Moran, Rachel  
Needham, Austin  
Prenevost, Pia  
Prescott, Tyler

Sather, Jen  
Savage, Bruce  
Sly, Michael  
Watso, Sophie  
Wind, Virgil  
Zech, Jaren

With 12 Ayes and no Nays, the labeling requirement recommendation passed.

- Supply chain recommendation

Councilmember Schroeder moved to OCM seek legislative approval to unify the cannabis supply chain.

There was a second and a voice vote was conducted.

The supply chain recommendation passed.

- Medical combination license recommendation

Councilmember Schroeder moved to recommend OCM seek legislative approval to end and phase out medical combination license type and conditions to be determined by OCM.

There was a second and a roll call was conducted.

Ayes

Jones, Bryant  
Marinkovich, Kyle  
Philbrick, Ann

Podulke-Smith, Laurel  
Schroeder, Maren  
Thompson, Dana

Wilken-Simon, Josh  
Wolf, Jill

Nays

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Abstain

Bauer, Nico  
Burton, Martha  
Cornish, Gabe  
Drucker, Jeremy  
Gloppen, Kari  
Hotz, Anna

Knutson, Catherine  
Lee, Samantha  
Moss, Carol  
Polley, Sara  
Prescott, Tyler  
Puechner, Nic

Ratner, Nathan  
Solomon, Dan  
Tastad-Damer, Diana  
Taubel, Eric  
Zylla, Dyla

Absent

Archbold, Nicole  
Brunner, Lisa  
Chaplin, Damon  
Childs, Selena  
Dawson, Angela  
Ennis, Donna  
Hanson, Michael  
Johnson, Denise

Johnson, Melanie  
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Watso, Sophie  
Wind, Virgil  
Zech, Jaren

With 8 Ayes and no Nays, the medical combination license recommendation passed.

- Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Wholesaler license recommendation

Councilmember Thompson moved to recommend OCM seek legislative approval of the Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Wholesaler initial and annual license fee to change from \$10,000 to \$1,000.

There was a second and a voice vote was conducted.

The LPHE Wholesaler license recommendation was passed.

- Cannabis tax recommendation

Councilmember Wilken-Simon” moved a resolution to support a cannabis retail tax of 10% with 2% going to local governments and recommend OCM advocate this change in the next legislative session.

There was a second and a voice vote was conducted.

The cannabis tax recommendation passed.

- Medical patient records recommendation

Councilmember Schroeder moved to require medical cannabis patient consultations to be recorded to the registry notes, including product, dosage, and delivery method.

There was a second and a voice vote was conducted.

The medical patient record recommendation passed.

- Medical Cannabis Independent Pharmacist

Councilmember Schroeder moved to recommend OCM to seek legislative approval to staff an independent pharmacist or pharmacists to consult medical cannabis patients in the next legislative session in 2026.

There was a second and a voice vote was conducted.

The medical cannabis independent pharmacist recommendation passed.

## Agenda

1. Opening

- a. Call to order
- b. Attendance roll call
- c. Approve meeting minutes
- d. Chair Eric Taubel remarks

2. Office of Cannabis Management

- a. Streamlining Proposal by Sophie Leininger, OCM Chief of Staff
- b. Market Assessment Discussion by Sophie Leininger, OCM Chief of Staff

### 3. Workgroup Updates and Proposals

#### a. Industry Health

- i. Testing facilities
- ii. Labeling requirements
- iii. Supply chain unification & medical combination license type
- iv. Lower-potency Hemp Edible Wholesaler license fee

#### b. Intergovernmental

- i. Cannabis tax

#### c. Medical

- i. Patient record
- ii. Independent pharmacist

### 4. Closing