



COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CNMI Cannabis Commission

Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2019

Opening

The second meeting of the CNMI Cannabis Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Nadine Deleon Guerrero at 2:15 p.m. on September 17, 2019 in the SAA Conference Room of the Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building.

Present

Nadine Deleon Guerrero, Commissioner representing Saipan
Matthew Deleon Guerrero, Commissioner representing Saipan
Valentino Taisacan Jr., Commissioner representing the Northern Islands
Journie Hofschneider, Commissioner representing Tinian (via videoconference)
Thomas Songsong, Commissioner representing Rota (via teleconference)
Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Special Advisor on Cannabis Industry for the Office of the Governor
Gilbert Birnbrich, Legal Counsel for the Office of the Governor
Janina Maratita, Policy Analyst for the Office of the Governor
Kevin Bautista, Press Secretary for the Office of the Governor (Reporter)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

All Cannabis Commissioners were present. A quorum was established.

Public Comment

No public comments were made to the Commission.

New Business

Bylaws – Discussion and Adoption

- Motion made by Chairwoman N. Deleon Guerrero to table discussion of bylaws and duties of commissioner to next meeting.
- Commission voted to table this item to next meeting.

Letter to Attorney General requesting legal counsel assistance

- Commission discussed status on letter to Attorney General requesting legal representation for the Commission and its work on the rules and regulations.
- Letter sent later that afternoon, September 17, 2019.

Status on job vacancy announcement (JVA) for Managing Director

- Press release and announcement released on September 18, 2019 for September 19, 2019 media cycle. Announcement stays on for 10 business days until October 1, 2019.
- Deadline for interested applicants to submit applications by October 1, 2019.

Status on opening of expense account for Commission

Special Assistant J. Deleon Guerrero discussed creation of budget and account for Commission.

Framework on homegrown regulations and rollout strategy

Commission voted to table this item for the next meeting.

Motion by Vice Chairman M. Deleon Guerrero to amend agenda to discuss election of officers and terms

- Motion passed by Commission.
- Commissioner M. Deleon Guerrero and Commissioner Taisacan to switch terms.
- Commissioner M. Deleon Guerrero to now serve four-year term, and Commissioner Taisacan to now serve two-year term.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m. by Chairwoman N. Deleon Guerrero. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 30, 2019.