

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

January 5th, 2026

1:04 p.m. – 1:56 P.M.

301 Centennial Mall South, 1st Floor – Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Hearing Room

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission landing page on the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's website on December 15, 2025, as well as on the Nebraska.gov Public Meeting Calendar.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Open Meetings Act Notification.

The meeting was called to order by the Commissioner, Lorelle Mueting, on January 5th, 2026, at 1:04 p.m. Present were Commission members, Lorelle Mueting, J. Michael Coffey, Robert Synhorst, and James Elworth establishing a quorum. A copy of the Open meetings Act was available for review at the back of the room.

2. Roll Call

Lorelle Mueting – present
J. Michael Coffey – present
Robert Synhorst – present
James Elworth- present

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2025.

Commissioner Mueting states that the next order of business is the approval of minutes from meeting held on December 3rd, 2025. Mueting asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the December 3rd, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Mueting requested that the minutes be amended on Page 5, Paragraph 1, and on Page 6, Paragraphs 1 and 3, to remove references to Oldenburg, as she was not in attendance.

Motion to approve the minutes from December 3rd, 2025, with corrections, motion was made by Commissioner Synhorst and seconded by Commissioner Coffey. The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

4. Public Comment Period

Commissioner Mueting noted that there will be an opportunity for the public to comment. She stated that the public comment portion of this Commission meeting was not a question-and-answer session and that defamatory remarks and hostile commentary would not be tolerated. Each speaker is allowed three minutes to speak. The public comment period will be limited to one hour or less if there are not sufficient speakers. She asked each speaker to state and spell their name for the record and asked for a show of hands from the member of the public who wished to comment.

Public Comments were made by the following individuals:

a. Lia Post

Lia stated that she lives in Springfield, Nebraska and is a medical cannabis patient. She spoke about President Trump's executive order and how it stated that Cannabis can be a legitimate treatment for medical use and how Cannabis assists people with pain and problems. Lia spoke about how it is now easier for research and helps patients live a better life without the uses of opioids. She stated some people are dying and Medical Cannabis is the way. Lia stated that it is harder for her to live in Nebraska and is waiting for the Supreme Court to make their decision. The patients are suffering, and she will choose medical cannabis to manage her illness. Whether she gets arrested or not She stated that she is a patient not a criminal.

b. Georganna Schroeder Stanley

Georganna spoke about how President Trump's executive order was a relief. She has suffered from chronic tooth pain, and she feels that powerful politicians are determined to take away her treatments. Georganna stated that Hilgers pays no attention and she is pro medical marijuana. She spoke of the benefits of marijuana. Georganna stated that prohibition does not work out. She stated that the Cannabis industry is a billion-dollar business with high demand. She also stated that other states do not have a budget deficit because of cannabis.

c. Angelica Marsaglia

Angelica stated that she is a patient and a parent. She mentioned she had just come from the courthouse and was squeezed on their braced arm by a Lancaster County sheriff at the entrance of the courthouse. She spoke of the book "Don't Let Them Bury My Story" by Viola Fletcher and World History texts documents to show how cannabis is and has been used as a form of control through our governments. Angelica spoke about how medical cannabis is a cure and how the Commission exists to regulate and make sure they have access to cannabis. She does not want them overstepping legislation. She stated that Cannabis has been used as medicine before. She ended with justice for Greenwood.

d. Melanie Knight

Melanie stated that she is speaking not as a patient but someone who cares. She spoke about being a canvasser for the petition in Clay Center and the number of people who she did not have to convince to sign the petition was numerous. She met neighbors that had medical conditions that could use Cannabis for their medical conditions. Melanie stated that cannabis would be the best thing for them. She spoke of a person who has seizures and cannot work cause of seizures and when they use cannabis the seizures stop. Melanie stated that the Commission should listen to doctors, represent the people and follow the constitution or not.

e. Josh Egle

Josh stated he owns hemp farms in Nebraska and Wyoming and has comments to for the Commission to consider. He stated that Cultivators, do not need to spend millions of dollars to get up and running and he has 1500 CBD plants per year, and it costs experimentally \$4000 dollars per year to run. Josh wants the Commission to consider small budget applications.

f. John Reagan

John is from the city of Greta. He stated that he had called state police on him and he was happy about that. He stated that he feels that the Commission is not listening to us and the decisions being made are not what we voted for. He stated that he is not going to stop coming because the Commission will not have a conversation. John stated that Pillen tells them what to do. He spoke about how he thinks, it is hilarious that the Omaha Tribe is running circles around the Commission, and it is hilarious. John also stated to let the AG know that the Omaha Tribe is opening medical cannabis and he is going to buy it. He stated that all five Commissioners should be removed and people that know what they are doing. He supports Krista Eggers, and her crusade.

g. Marcie Reed

Marcie spoke about how her child takes Focalin and has been taking it for several years. She stated that insurance wants to cover only one dose per day, not two, insurance and it is not working for him to take it once per day and she would like options for her son. She wants the Commission to consider the number of dispensaries that are being proposed. She is also concerned with the number of plants that can be grown and if there would be enough supply for the demand. Marcie would like cannabis oil for her child since he is only twelve and brought her son with her so he knows I am fighting for natural remedies. She wants this to work.

h. Krista Eggers

Krista stated that she represents Nebraskans for Medical Cannabis. She welcomed the new Commissioners. Krista stated that she has spent almost a decade on this cause and it is very important. She is encouraging and wants to have helpful conversations. Krista stated that she is glad that the Commission attended a conference, for the education and to hear the stories. She also spoke about having conversations about the current and pending rules and regulations with patients. She would like to see access to obtain her son's medicine. Krista spoke about a patient that called and asked about oil for his stage 4 cancer and with the current rules his dose would not be available. Furthermore, she shared a story about another patient with stage 4 cancer who is being treated in Texas, and she cannot get a recommendation from outside the state of Nebraska. Krista then talked about her son having epilepsy and how she went out of state for his treatment because no one could treat him here in Nebraska. She wants patient's voices heard and hopes that important things aren't being missed due to lack of education.

i. Troy Burgess

Troy stated that he is a grower in Oklahoma from seed to sale and is a licensed hemp grower in Nebraska. He stated that part of what he sees is that they are taking too much time in getting medicine to the patients and the Cultivator selection process is taking too long. Troy stated that licensed Hemp growers could already be growing cannabis. He would like to see people getting help people today and wants to move the ball forward. He stated that people will die before they get medicine. He wants to see the Commission forward and reevaluate what they are doing.

5. Approval of reimbursements for the CANNRA Conference in December

The Commission joined CANNRA, an organization comprised of cannabis regulators from states across the country. We had the opportunity to send individuals to attend the annual CANNRA conference, which was held in December. The cost of attending the conference was \$ 7, 856. 69.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coffey and Seconded by Commissioner Elworth to approve reimbursements for the CANNRA Conference in December.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Muetting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

6. Approval to create a standalone website for the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission.

Commissioner Muetting stated that currently, the Commission maintains a limited section within the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (“NLCC”) website; however, a separate website would better support the Commission's mission and enhance public engagement. There is no initial cost to build, however the annual cost to maintain the website is \$1,650, which will be billed at a later date, one year from the completion of the website.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elworth and Seconded by Commissioner Synhorst for approval to create a standalone website for the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Muetting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

7. Review of regulations hearing summary and discuss and approve responses.

Commissioner Muetting moved to the next order of business to discuss the public comment hearing summary from October 15th, 2025, meeting. At the November 3rd, 2025, Commission meeting, the Commissioners discussed the comments received and whether the Commission wanted to make any changes to the regulations as a result of those comments. The Commission now needs to vote on whether to approve the Commission’s formal responses to the comments received. Those responses are captured in the hearing summary.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Elworth to approve the hearing summary.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Muetting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

8. Review of regulation changes

Commissioner Muetting stated that the next order of business is for the Commission to review regulation changes. The Commission has proposed its own changes to the regulations for promulgation. The Commissioners each have a copy of the Commission’s proposed changes. If the Commission decides to make any changes to the regulations and those changes are substantive in nature a subsequent public hearing will be required, and the hearing summary process will need to be repeated. These proposed changes would be substantive in nature, and therefore, would require another public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Elworth to adopt all the proposed regulation changes and proceed with a second public hearing.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

9. Emergency Regulations

Commissioner Mueting discussed the next order of business was to approve new emergency regulations. The current emergency regulations expire on March 3, 2026. The Commission may either wait for the proposed changes to complete the formal promulgation process or approve new emergency regulations to operate under the updated provisions while formal promulgation continues.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elworth and seconded by Commissioner Coffey to approve the new emergency regulations and operate under the updated provisions while formal promulgation continues.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

10. New cultivator application evaluations: approval of offers/denials of licenses.

Commissioner Mueting discussed that the next order of business was to discuss the cultivator license applications. During the December 2nd, 2025, meeting, the Commission denied the following applications: Lumen River LLC and Monarch Edge LLC. There is no request for reconsideration for their applications, so the Commission will move forward to consider applications 7 and 8.

One application had an average score of more than 70 points and is deemed complete with no other disqualifying factors identified. The evaluation team has reviewed and evaluated the application and based on the scoring results, the following application is eligible to receive an offer of licensure: KRL MED LLC.

Motion made by Commissioner Synhorst and seconded by Commissioner Coffey to approve KRL MED LLC's cultivator license and to send an offer letter for a cultivator's license.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

The evaluation team also scored one application at 70 or below, making this applicant ineligible to receive an offer of licensure. The applicant is Silver Ghost Solutions LLC.

Motion made by Commissioner Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Synhorst to issue a denial letter to Silver Ghost Solutions LLC.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

Commissioner Mueting stated for the next order of business that, if an applicant does not request reconsideration, the Commission will need to review an additional application in the order drawn. To prevent further delay in issuing all cultivator licenses, the Commission could move

forward with evaluating the next application during the appeal period.

Motion was made by Commissioner Synhorst and seconded by Commissioner Coffey to move forward with conducting the evaluations of the next two applications.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueeting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

Commissioner Mueeting stated the next order of business would be to designate evaluators.

Motion was made by Commissioner Synhorst and seconded by Commissioner Synhorst to designate Commissioner Coffey, Commissioner Mueeting, and Chairman Oldenburg to be evaluators.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueeting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

11. Discuss application timeframes for manufactures, dispensaries, and transporters.

Commissioner Mueeting stated that the next order of business would be to discuss timeframes for manufacturers, distributors, and transporters. The Commission needs to consider whether to set application time periods for the remaining three types of register cannabis establishments.

Motion made by Commissioner Coffey and Seconded by Commissioner Synhorst to place the manufactures, dispensaries, and transporters on the February Agenda.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueeting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth voting in favor.

12. Reminder of next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting

Commissioner Mueeting announces that the next public meeting will be held on February 2nd, 2026, at 1:00 P.M This public meeting will be held in the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Hearing room located on the first floor of Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall S.

13. Closed Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation regarding regulations or licensing, if necessary

Commissioner Mueeting stated there was no need for a Closed Executive Session.

14. Adjournment

With no further business to be carried out, Commissioner Mueeting asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Synhorst. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at approximately
1: 56 p.m.

The motion was adopted with Commissioners Mueeting, Coffey, Synhorst, and Elworth

voting in favor.