

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

February 2nd, 2026

1:02 p.m. – 1:45 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 January 6, 2026, 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 February 2nd, 2026, at 1:02 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. Commission Member update

Commissioner Mueting stated that the next order of business is to provide an update on the Commission's membership. Dr. Monica Oldenburg has resigned today, February 2nd, 2026, from the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission. By statute, the Medical Cannabis Commission shall consist of the three Liquor Control Commissioners, and the Governor may appoint two additional members. Due to the resignation of Chairperson Dr. Monica Oldenburg, there is no longer a chair.

Commissioner Coffey made a motion to appoint Commissioner Mueting as interim Chairperson. Second, by Commissioner Synhorst

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

Commissioner Mueting then invited Micah Chaffee to provide a program update.

Micah Chaffee discussed an error in a letterhead that was sent to the Governor's office about Legislation.

3. Roll Call

Lorelle Mueting – present

J. Michael Coffey – present

Robert Synhorst – present

James Elworth- present

4. Open Meeting Act Overview

The Attorney's General Office spoke about the opening meetings act. Ryan Baker spoke about how the Commission is subject to the open meetings act. He defined the definition of what a meeting is and the importance of a quorum. No formal business or votes should be taken without a meeting. He stated that the Commission should be careful at chance gatherings to avoid shop talk. Ryan discussed what is meant by reasonable notice for hearings. This would be a week beforehand for notice or at the very least three or four days could be considered efficient. He stated that the agenda requirements should be kept current and cannot be modified 24 hours before the meeting. Next, he discussed that minutes must be kept and should include a general idea of what the meeting was about. Ryan then talked about virtual meetings. He stated that they can only hold half of its meetings virtually, and a physical site with one Commissioner present should still occur. Additionally, the meeting must be recorded, and all votes must be recorded. Finally, he discussed closed or executive sessions. Ryan stated that the reason for executive session must be clearly stated and recorded in the minutes and only the subject matter announced should be discussed in the closed session.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 4th, 2026.

Commissioner Mueting states that the next order of business is the approval of minutes from meeting held on January 5th, 2026. Mueting asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the January 5th, 2026, meeting,

Motion to approve the minutes from January 5th, 2026, motion was made by Commissioner Coffey and second by Commissioner Synhorst.

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

6. 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 is a legal medical cannabis patient. She can now use cannabis and is standing. She spoke about the hearing at the capital in fifteen minutes and is against the proposed bill. Lia wants patients' rights and what the legislation is proposed to do is to tear down the petition process. Lia stated that she is going to keep fighting.

b. Marcie Reed

Marcie stated that she has spoken for the last year; and she has nothing more to say to the people who are against cannabis. Marcie stated how her twelve-year-old son needs cannabis. Marcie said that out-of-state practitioners being banned is not a good thing. Marcie stated that she firmly believes that this is a decision between a doctor and patient. She wants a healthy child that can use a natural plant.

c. Sherry Lawler

She stated that she has a daughter that has epilepsy and she feels that she takes one step

forward and three steps back. Sherry discussed that treatments for her daughter have nothing with modern medicine and she has consulted with Colorado doctors about her daughter's condition. Sherry discussed a rescue medicine for emergency measures that contain THC oils and its benefits. She discussed how it is made with flower in pill forms and has no high effects.

d. John Reagan

John stated that he has a question for the Attorney General's Office. Why are they now coming in. He stated that it is because people are calling the office and complaining. John spoke about how he watched a video where the son has seizures and how the father administrator's son's medicine and medical marijuana stopped the seizure. Cannabis can help but we need to stand up to Hilgers and Pillen. He feels that people are worried about their children and Cannabis can assist with stopping seizures.

e. Angelica Marsaglia

Angelica spoke about illegal regulations that are not helping patients. She spoke about how the governor has gone against the will of the people and wants the Commission to take a stand. Angelica wants the will of the people needs to take effect. She feels that patients have been harmed and hurt by restrictive regulations. Angelica has had ten surgeries and may have to have more surgeries. Angelica stated that today is her birthday and she wants the Commission to please listen to the patients.

7. 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 January 5th meeting the Commission denied the following application: Silver Ghost Solutions LLC. There is no request for reconsideration for their applications, so the Commission will move forward to consider applications 9 and 10.

The evaluation team scored one application at 70 or below, making this applicant ineligible to receive an offer of licensure. The applicant is: Blue Embers Ventures LLC.

Let's take up Monty Weber on behalf of Blue Embers Ventures LLC application. Is there a motion and a second for the Commission to approve the scores submitted by the Commissioners who graded the application, and, based on the final score being below 70, deny the application and issue a denial letter to the applicant?

A motion was made by Commissioner Coffey and a second from Synhorst to deny the application and issue a denial letter.

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

Commissioner Mueting then stated applicants that receive a denial letter have ten business days to request a reconsideration on their denial. The denial letters will be dated February 2nd and the reconsideration period will extend to February 17th, 2026. The Commission will not be able to award a license to the next applicant until the reconsideration time period expires. If an applicant request reconsideration, the reconsideration will need to be scheduled and decided upon prior to decisions being made on the next application. For example, if the denied applicant files for a reconsideration a hearing will need to be heard prior to voting on the next application. If no reconsideration is requested, we will vote on the next application in order drawn.

Commissioner Mueting stated that the next order of business was to consider the next application who had an average score of more than 70 points and is deemed complete with no other disqualifying factors identified.

Commissioner Mueting then stated that the following application is eligible to receive an offer of licensure: Meadowlark Medicinals LLC.

Let's take up Dustin Krajewski on behalf of Meadowlark Medicinals. Commissioner Meting asked if there was motion and a second for the Commission to approve the scores submitted by the Commissioners who graded the application, and, based on the final score being above 70, to offer licensure to the applicant after the reconsideration period for application 9, Blue Embers Ventures LLC, has ended?

Motion was made by Commissioner Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Elworth to approve the scores submitted by the Commissioners and approve the application for Meadowlark Medicinals.

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

Commissioner Mueting further stated that since the Commission voted to approve one application, an offer letter will be sent to this applicant after the reconsideration period has ended for application #9. If no reconsideration is requested from application #9, application #10, Meadowlark Medicinals, will be awarded at the next meeting.

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

Commissioner Mueting 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 Synhorst and Seconded by Commissioner Coffey to table the issue of manufactures, dispensaries, and transporters to March hearings to wait for an update on pending legislation.

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

9. Reminder of upcoming regulations hearing and the next regularly scheduled

Commissioner Mueting reminded the public that the public hearing for the formal regulation has been set for February 26th, 2026 @ 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.

Commissioner Mueting announced that the next public meeting will be held on March 16, 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.

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

At 1:41 P.M. Commissioner Synhorst made the motion to go into closed executive session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Coffey seconded the motion.

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

At 2:22 P.M. Commissioner Synhorst made the motion to close executive session. Commissioner Coffey seconded the motion.

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

11. Adjournment

With no further business to be carried out, Commissioner Mueting asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Synhorst and seconded by Commissioner Coffey. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:24 p.m.

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