

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON STATE AGENCIES AND**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**1:30 PM**

**Room A, MAC**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Ronald Caldwell, Chair; Trent Garner, Vice-Chair; Bob Ballinger, Breanne Davis, Jimmy Hickey, and Bill Sample; Representatives Justin Gonzales, Vice-Chair; Nicole Clowney, Andrew Collins, Andy Davis, Jim Dotson, Jon Eubanks, Megan Godfrey, Douglas House, Lane Jean, Gayla McKenzie, Clint Penzo, Jamie Scott and Les Warren

Other members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield, Alan Clark, Jonathan Dismang, Kim Hammer, Jim Hendren and Mark Johnson; Representatives: Fred Allen, Stan Berry, Jan Della Rosa, Denise Ennett, Kenneth Ferguson, Lanny Fite, Vivian Flowers, Lane Jean, Fredrick Love, Tippi McCullough, Richard McGrew, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, Keith Slape, Joy Springer, and Danny Watson

Senator Garner called the meeting to order.

**Approval of the May 21, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

Senator Sample made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Ballinger, and the motion carried.

**Discussion of the Medical Marijuana Grower Application Process**

Bradley Phillips, Representative, River Valley Relief; Storm Nolan, Representative, River Valley Relief; Charles Singleton, Representative, New Day Cultivation; Nick Landers, Representative, New Day Cultivation; discussed their experience of the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission and the current application process.

Don Parker, President, Delta Medical Cannabis Company, LLC, provided an overview of his experience of current cannabis supply and demand as a cultivator.

Doralee Chandler, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control; Mary Robin Casteel, Former Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control; Butch Reeves, Deputy Attorney General for State Agencies, Office of the Attorney General; provided an overview of current regulations and standards in regards to the medical marijuana grower application process.

Senator Sample made a motion to recommend to the Medical Marijuana Commission to issue the two remaining cultivation licenses before the July cutoff date, seconded by Senator Hickey, the motion carried. Senator Ballinger made a motion for roll call, seconded by Representative Dotson, the motion carried. After roll call, the motion to recommend to the Medical Marijuana Commission to issue the two remaining cultivation licenses before the July cutoff date, failed 3-1-4.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.