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CANNABIS COMMISSION

A meeting of the CNMI Cannabis Commission will be held on **Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 10:30 A.M.** at the office of the Commonwealth Casino Commission Conference Room at the Springs Plaza on Middle Road.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. Consideration and adoption of Agenda
- IV. Consideration and adoption of Minutes of prior meetings
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Old Business
  1. Discussion on current law relevant to excise tax law provisions
  2. Review of Homegrown & Commercial Applications
  3. Adoption of emergency commercial regulations
- VII. New Business
  1. Executive Session
- VIII. Special Advisor's Report
- IX. Managing Director's Report
- X. Adjournment

Copies of this notice and agenda have been posted at the Administration Building Entrance Hall, House of Representative Entrance Hall, Senate Entrance Hall and the Casino Commission Office in Springs Plaza, Middle Road.

Written comments on the agenda may be submitted to the CNMI Cannabis Commission, through the Office of the Governor, on or before the meeting date. Oral testimony may be presented during the meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

**CNMI Cannabis Commission**  
**Regular Session Meeting Minutes**  
**March 5, 2020**

**I. A**

The CNMI Cannabis Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Nadine Deleon Guerrero at 10:50 a.m. on March 5, 2020, in the Commonwealth Casino Commission Conference Room, Saipan.

**II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

Nadine Deleon Guerrero, Commissioner representing Saipan  
Matthew Deleon Guerrero, Commissioner representing Saipan  
Valentino Taisakan Jr., Commissioner representing Northern Islands (off-island and excused)  
Journie Hofschneider, Commissioner representing Tinian  
Thomas Songsong, Commissioner representing Rota (off-island and excused)

Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Special Advisor (SA) on Cannabis Industry for the Office of the Governor  
Monique B. Sablan, Managing Director

**III. Consideration and Adoption of Agenda**

- Chairwoman made a motion to approve the agenda as is; Secretary seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

**IV. Consideration and Adoption of Minutes of Prior Meeting**

- Secretary made a motion to table January 30th, February 6th, and February 27<sup>th</sup> minutes to the following meeting. Vice Chairman seconded it. No discussion. All Members voted in favor of the motion.

**V. Public Comment**

- MD verified that there were no members of the public present; therefore, no public comments were made to the Commission.

**VI. Old Business**

**1. Discussion on current law relevant to excise tax provisions**

- Chairwoman made a motion to table this topic to next meeting (until John Cool can attend our meeting); Secretary seconded it; no discussion; motion carries.

**2. Review of Homegrown and Commercial applications**

- MD scheduled a meeting with ABTC for MD and Secretary to attend and review their process.
- Members discussed the process for implementation of Homegrown, including how to generate and store the license information. Secretary suggested after the 120 days we should implement the homegrown registry. Members agreed to hold another meeting to vote on submitting the regulations for promulgation along with the emergency commercial regulations. SA clarified that after the

30-day comment period, if no comments are received, Homegrown can be implemented if we are ready.

- Members discussed the issue of not having an office available in Saipan for applicants to submit their application and how the card should be developed. Eg. Card stock, pdf paper etc.

**RECESS** Chairwoman called recess at 11:17 am

**IN SESSION** Chairwoman called the meeting back to order at 11:20 am

### **3. Adoption of emergency commercial regulations**

- Vice Chairman made a motion to table this topic to the following Commission meeting; Secretary seconded. No discussion: motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Executive Session – nothing to discuss**

Chairwoman made a motion to table the Special Advisor's and Managing Director's report to the following Commission meeting. Secretary seconded; no discussion: motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am; Secretary seconded, no discussion; all members agreed with the motion.