

Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee

The Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee statutes were revised in 2023, SB134 and HB1132. Applications for membership were due by May 8, 2023 and are based on the revised language effective July 1, 2023.

The membership of the Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee is set forth in:

SDCL 34-20G-92. [Effective July 1, 2023] Oversight committee - membership:

The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall appoint an oversight committee consisting of:

- (1) Two members of the Senate;*
- (2) Two members of the House of Representatives;*
- (3) One physician licensed in accordance with chapter 36-4;*
- (4) One physician assistant licensed in accordance with chapter 36-4A;*
- (5) One certified nurse practitioner licensed in accordance with chapter 36-9A;*
- (6) One chief of police for a municipality having a population in excess of fifty thousand, or a representative of the police department designated by the chief;*
- (7) One sheriff of a county or a representative of the sheriff's office designated by the sheriff;*
- (8) One professional counselor licensed in accordance with chapter 36-32 or one addiction counselor licensed in accordance with chapter 36-34; and*
- (9) One qualifying patient.*

Each appointee shall serve for a term of two years and may be reappointed.

2021 – 2023 Members

Current members are eligible for reappointment if they meet the new criteria.

Adam, Joan	Representative of the Department of Health (Joan is now retired)
Corey, Cam	Representative of the Office of the Attorney General
Dietrich, Christopher	Experienced practitioner in medical cannabis
Doherty, Brian	Qualifying patient
Grocott, Eric	Experienced in policy development in the field of medical cannabis
Madison, Shawn	Law Enforcement Representative
Mentele, Melissa	Qualifying patient
Otten, Ernie	State Representative
Rehfeldt, Taylor	Nurse
Tiger, Elizabeth	Qualifying patient
Tobin, Erin	State Senator
Van Hulzen, Shon	Cannabis testing facility manager
Walz, Bryan	Law Enforcement Representative
Zeeb, Brian	Representative of DCI

Member Appointments – effective July 1, 2023

Members of the Senate (2).

New appointment: _____

New appointment: _____

Members of the House (2).

New appointment: _____

New appointment: _____

Physician (1).

New appointment: _____

Physician Assistant (1).

New appointment: _____

Certified Nurse Practitioner (1).

New appointment: _____

Chief of Police (1).

New appointment: _____

County Sheriff (1).

New appointment: _____

Professional Counselor OR Addiction Counselor (1).

New appointment: _____

Qualifying Patient (1).

New appointment: _____

Revised Statutory Authority effective July 1, 2023 (SB134 and HB1132)

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34-20G-92.1. Oversight committee--Leadership.

Beginning in 2023, and every two years thereafter, the oversight committee shall select from among itself one legislator to serve as the chair and one legislator, from the opposite chamber, to serve as the vice chair.

Beginning in 2025, the legislators selected to serve as the chair and vice chair may not be from the same chamber as their immediate predecessors.

34-20G-93. Oversight committee--Duties--Input.

The oversight committee shall meet at least two times per year for the purpose of evaluating and making recommendations to the Legislature and the department regarding:

- (1) The ability of qualifying patients in all areas of the state to obtain timely access to high-quality medical cannabis;
- (2) The effectiveness of the dispensaries and cultivation facilities, individually and together, in serving the needs of qualifying patients, including the provision of educational and support services by dispensaries, the reasonableness of their prices, whether they are generating any complaints or security problems, and the sufficiency of the number operating to serve the state's registered qualifying patients;
- (3) The effectiveness of the cannabis testing facilities, including whether a sufficient number are operating;
- (4) The sufficiency of the regulatory and security safeguards contained in this chapter and adopted by the department to ensure that access to and use of cannabis cultivated is provided only to cardholders;
- (5) Any recommended additions or revisions to the department regulations or this chapter, including recommendations relating to security, safe handling, labeling, and nomenclature;
- (6) Any research studies regarding health effects of medical cannabis for patients; and
- (7) Any medical and clinical aspects of the medical cannabis program.

The oversight committee shall ensure that it seeks relevant input from qualifying patients; designated caregivers; pharmacists; school boards and administrators; parents; municipal representatives; state agencies, including the Department of Health, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Department of Public Safety; and medical cannabis establishments.
