

MINUTES

Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee

Representative Josephine Garcia, Chair

Senator John Carley, Vice Chair



Second Meeting, 2025 Interim

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Room 413 – State Capitol

Pierre, South Dakota

The second interim meeting of the Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee was called to order by Representative Garcia at 10:00 a.m. (CT) on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in Room 413 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering roll call: Representatives Bobbi Andera, and Josephine Garcia, Chair; and Senators John Carley, Vice Chair, and Lauren Nelson; and Non-Legislators Francine Arneson (remote), Julie Bostic (remote), Kasey Entwisle, Kristi Palmer, Andrew Shock (remote), Jon Thum (remote), and Pat West (remote).

Staff members present included Matthew Server, Research Analyst; Bill Douglas, Fiscal Analyst; Dilyn Tramp, IT Support Specialist; and DeLaney Lewis, Administrative Assistant.

NOTE: For the purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. All referenced documents distributed at the meeting are hyperlinked to the document on the Legislative Research Council website. This meeting was live streamed. Each section contains a hyperlink to the time stamp pertaining to that item in the archived live stream available at sdlegislature.gov.

Medical Marijuana and the Therapeutic Index

Mr. Ed Moses, Retired Law Enforcement Officer, Missouri, shared a presentation on the potential health consequences of marijuana use ([Document 1](#)). ([13:04.080](#))

Mr. Moses answered questions from the committee. ([38:08.300](#))

The Effects of Medical Marijuana on South Dakota Schools

Dr. James Nold, Superintendent, Sioux Falls School District, shared concerns regarding youth access to, and usage of, medical marijuana and suggested restrictions to help protect youth ([Document 2](#)). ([50:43.160](#))

Dr. Nold answered questions from the committee. ([58:37.760](#))

Medical Marijuana from a Physician's Perspective

Dr. Karen Randall, Emergency Medicine Physician, Colorado, shared information on how children are getting access to marijuana and the potential health consequences of marijuana use. ([01:31:26.800](#))

Dr. Randall answered questions from the committee. ([01:52:53.400](#))

Medical Marijuana Effects on Behavior

Dr. John Duncan, Professor, Oklahoma, shared information on how medical marijuana affects behavior and answered questions from the committee. [\(02:20:03.100\)](#)

Dr. Duncan answered questions from the committee. [\(02:36:31.040\)](#)

The Psychological Effects of Medical Marijuana

Dr. Libby Stuyt, Psychiatrist, Colorado, shared about the psychological effects of marijuana that she sees in her practice. [\(03:02:51.900\)](#)

Dr. Stuyt answered questions from the committee. [\(03:32:15.720\)](#)

Inspections, Fines, and Violations of Medical Marijuana Laws

Ms. Amanda Johnson, Ms. Amy Johnson, and Mr. Mike Feimer, Owners, Happy Flower Healing, Yankton, shared their experience with the Department of Health's inspection process and fines. [\(03:48:20.700\)](#)

Ms. Amanda Johnson, Ms. Amy Johnson, and Mr. Feimer answered questions from the committee. [\(04:07:10.760\)](#)

Public Comments

Mr. Jim Kinyon, Protecting South Dakota Kids, Rapid City, shared his input on the dangers of children having access to marijuana. [\(04:26:52.700\)](#)

Mr. Emmett Reistroffer, Genesis Farms, Rapid City, shared his concern for protecting children from marijuana use and encouraged collaboration between the industry and the committee. [\(04:35:16.460\)](#)

Mr. Jeremiah Murphy, Cannabis Industry Association of South Dakota, Rapid City, praised the state's medical marijuana program and shared his thoughts on the regulation of the amount and potency of cannabis products. [\(04:48:18.860\)](#)

Mr. Kittrick Jeffries, Dakota Cannabis Consulting, Rapid City, spoke about qualifying medical conditions and cannabis potency in South Dakota. [\(05:03:23.000\)](#)

Ms. Cassie Deffenbaugh, Licensure and Accreditation Division Director, and Ms. Whitney Brunner, Administrator of the Medical Cannabis Program, South Dakota Department of Health, shared the department's willingness to work with the industry, the Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee, patients, and families and answered questions from the committee. [\(05:14:07.200\)](#)

Ms. Char Gamble, Emerald Consulting, Rapid City, shared sources of continuing education on medicinal marijuana. [\(05:45:20.040\)](#)

Mr. Cameron Young, East River Farms, Sioux Falls, shared his input on capping the amount of cannabis being dispensed, and the lack of cannabis education provided to law enforcement. [\(05:48:31.940\)](#)

Mr. Ned Horsted, CEO, 605 Cannabis, Worthing, spoke about the benefits of medicinal cannabis for end-of-life care and improving quality of life for individuals who are only able to treat symptoms. [\(05:54:15.060\)](#)

Committee Discussion

The committee discussed what was presented throughout the day. [\(05:58:35.560\)](#)

Ms. Kasey Entwisle provided and discussed draft legislation to make it easier for veterans of South Dakota to get access to medical marijuana ([Document 3](#)). [\(05:58:50.520\)](#)

Adjournment

Senator Carley moved, seconded by Representative Andera, that the Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee be adjourned. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(06:17:20.460\)](#)

The Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee adjourned at 5:02 p.m. (CT)