

Interim Committee Minutes

Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee

The first interim meeting of the Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee was called to order by Representative Josephine Garcia at 10:00 AM on August 17, 2026, in Room 413 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering roll call: Rep. Andera, Rep. Garcia, Sen. Carley, Sen. Nelson, Arneson (remote), Bostic (remote), Entwisle, Palmer (remote), Schock, Thum (remote), and West (remote).

Staff members present included Ben Vukovich, Research Analyst; and Amanda Marsh, Committee Services Administrator.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Senator John Carley moved, seconded by Representative Bobbi L. Andera, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2025, Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee meeting. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([3:50](#))

An Overview of the South Dakota Medical Cannabis Program

Whitney Brunner, Department of Health, presented on the South Dakota Medical Cannabis Program and responded to questions from the committee. [DOH South Dakota Medical Cannabis Program Overview \(\[26:13\]\(#\)\)](#)

The committee requested that the Department of Health address questions at the next meeting. [Jim Sheehan, Self, Handout \(\[1:47:53\]\(#\)\)](#)

Federal Cannabis and Hemp Policy Actions and Implications for States

Nicole Ezech, Megan Bland, and Karmen Hanson, National Conference of State Legislatures, presented on federal cannabis rescheduling, changes to the federal hemp definition, and reviewed other state regulations. [NCSL Federal Cannabis and Hemp State Implications \(\[1:25:42\]\(#\)\)](#)

Public Comments

The following individuals offered public comments: ([1:51:20](#))

Representative Travis Ismay
Rob Krogstad, Bad River Cannabis
Kittrick Jeffries, Dakota Cannabis Consulting

Adjournment

Senator John Carley moved, seconded by Representative Bobbi L. Andera, that the Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee be adjourned. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([2:14:52](#))

The Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee adjourned at 12:26 PM.