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MEDICAL MARIJUANA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO MEET

PIERRE – The Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee will hold its second meeting of the 2026 Interim on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (CT). The meeting is being conducted in Room 362 of the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota.

The Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee, chaired by Representative Josephine Garcia (R-Watertown) with vice chair Senator John Carley (R-Piedmont), will meet to receive information on federal re-scheduling from the Office of the Attorney General; hear from representatives from the Harvard University Medical School, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, Northwestern Health Sciences University, and International Academy on the Science and Impacts of Cannabis; and have a follow-up presentation from the Department of Health. Public comment will also be taken. The full agenda is available [online](#).

Those wishing to present or testify before the committee should register electronically prior to the meeting. The online registration form can be accessed through the link or the QR code that appear on the meeting agenda or by clicking the "Register to Testify" icon next to the agenda link at <https://sdlegislature.gov/>. Individuals should complete and submit the online registration form regardless of whether they will appear in person or remotely.

In addition to Representative Garcia and Senator Carley, committee members include Representative Bobbi Andera (R-Sioux Falls); Senator Lauren Nelson (R-Yankton); and non-legislators Francine Arneson, Julie Bostic, Kasey Entwisle, Kristi Palmer, Andrew Schock, Jon Thum, and Pat West.

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