

Medical Psilocybin Propagation Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual

Date: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Attendance: See attendance list below

Minute Taker: Adrian Estrada, DOH

**This meeting was recorded. For specific details pertaining to the meeting, please refer to the recording located on the Medical Psilocybin Advisory Board Website: [Psilocybin Advisory Board](#)*

Agenda items

1. Call to Order and Opening Statements
 - Meeting opened with thirty seconds of silence in recognition of world events
 - Chair Chris Peskuski provided opening remarks
 - Chair emphasized respectful participation and meeting conduct
2. Introduction
 - Chris Pekuski introduced himself as a Marine veteran with lived experience related to deployment, traumatic brain injury, PTSD, depression, and recovery
 - Chair shared intent to pursue licensure as a facilitator and support an upcoming UNM veteran's study
 - Participants introduced themselves and shared relevant background, including experience in cultivation, therapy, mycology, advocacy, policy, and research
3. Review of Agenda
 - Agenda reviewed
 - No objections noted
4. Review of Bylaws
 - Chair requested bylaws be displayed
 - Bylaws were displayed and posted in the chat by DOH staff

- Chair stated expectations regarding disruptive behavior and meeting decorum
- Chair noted meetings will occur biweekly initially
- Chair emphasized preference for consensus while encouraging participants to speak openly

Discussion

- Feedback provided regarding inclusion of language addressing disruptive behavior
- Recommendation made to include disclosure of financial or professional conflicts of interest
- Discussion held regarding voting participation, non-New Mexico residents, and press attendance
- DOH staff clarified this committee functions as a work group and recommendations will be forwarded to the Board, where exclusions and voting rules are governed
- Language was added clarifying disclosure of conflicts of interest upon request of the Chair

Action

- Chair called for dissent regarding bylaws
- No objections raised
- Bylaws adopted

5. Review of Expanded Propagation Committee Scope of Responsibilities

- Expanded scope posted by DOH staff
- Chair opened the floor for feedback

Discussion

- Questions raised regarding limitation to specific psilocybin species and consistency of quality
- DOH staff explained limitations relating to tracking, testing, and quality assurance
- Discussion held regarding cultivation, genetics, taxonomy, harvesting, potency variation, and standardization
- Emphasis placed on safety, traceability, and phased program implementation
- Discussion included potential future consideration of additional species following program launch

- DOH staff clarified initial rules are not static and will evolve through rulemaking and public comment

6. Public Comment and Technical Discussion

- Public comments addressed cultivation methods, genetic tracking, potency variability, testing protocols, and traceability
- Discussion included homogeneity testing, HPLC testing standards, and batch consistency
- Clarification provided that psilocybin products cannot cross state lines under federal law
- Discussion held regarding potential non-medical product development, which is not allowed under statute
- Participants discussed traditional use considerations and different delivery forms
- DOH staff emphasized that initial implementation prioritizes safety and consistency

7. Additional Business

- Discussion held regarding industry participation and importance of subject matter expertise
- Software tools related to genetics, cultivation tracking, and compliance discussed
- Chair expressed interest in holding a future in person meeting
- Participants were informed that recordings and documents will be posted within five to ten business days

8. Next Meeting

- Wednesday, January 21, 2026
- 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Virtual

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:57 pm

Attendance

Chair

Chris Peskuski

DOH Staff & Organizers

Adrian Estrada, DOH

Jonathan Mouchet, DOH

Dominick Zurlo, DOH

Jorge Gonzales, DOH

Ismail Zoutat, DOH

Robert Truckner, DOH

Community Members and Guests

Gregory Evans

DezBaa

Brenda Burgard

Kate Hawke

Brett Phelps

James Hosobe

Denali Wilson

Mitchell Tappen

David Augustyniak

Ben Edwards

Jon Eslick

Janet Salcido

Crystal Romero

Marcus Ryals

Manuel M. Griego

Debbie Traynor

Tori Armbrust

Estevan Hernandez

Dan Jennings

James Ferreira

Amanda

Taye Davis

Maximilian Esparza

Carol

Erik Baca

Denise

James Brown