

Medical Cannabidiol Board Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026 - 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mike McKelvey, Chair

The March 27, 2026, Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Chief McKelvey.

2. Roll Call

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Board Members Present	Not Present
Chief Mike McKelvey - Law Enforcement	Neurology (Vacant)
Dr. Stephen Richards – Family Medicine	Pediatrics (Vacant)
Dr. Robert Shreck - Oncology	
Dr. Corey Garvin - Pharmacy	
Dr. Andrea Weber - Psychiatry	
Dr. Mohamad Mokadem – Gastroenterology	
Morgan Brown, ARNP – Pain Management	

Bureau of Cannabis Regulation staff members Owen Parker, Katie Madson, and Andrea Hoyt helped facilitate the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Dr. Shreck motioned to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2025, Board meeting, seconded by Dr. Garvin. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Period

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Carl Olsen: Mr. Olsen expressed support for the Board's previous recommendations regarding a federal exemption under 21 U.S.C. § 822(d) and encouraged continued consideration of those recommendations. He also noted his efforts to share the Board's recommendations with state and federal policymakers.

Tyson Allchin: Mr. Allchin encouraged the Board to consider a harm reduction approach in future discussions regarding cannabis policy. He referenced public health concerns related to alcohol misuse, discussed his observations of Malta's cannabis model emphasizing harm reduction, quality standards, and restrictions on advertising, and encouraged the Board to consider harm reduction principles in future policy discussions.

Maggie Ballard: Ms. Ballard expressed appreciation for Iowa's medical cannabis program and discussed legislative activity related to controlled substances during the current session. She commented on the Board's recommendations and its evidence-based approach to medical cannabis policy. She also discussed proposed legislation establishing a medical psilocybin program and noted that, as proposed, oversight responsibilities could be assigned to the Board. Ms. Ballard encouraged the Board to carefully consider any additional regulatory responsibilities.

Steve Poisel: Mr. Poisel shared his perspective as a medical cannabis patient and caregiver, expressing concerns about the prohibition of smokable and vaporizable cannabis products. He stated that the prohibition had adversely affected his household and urged the Board to reconsider its prior recommendation regarding vaporizable cannabis products. He also commented on the use of cannabis tax revenue in neighboring states to support public programs.

Mary Leden Molds had requested to make a public comment but was unavailable.

5. 2026 Bureau Updates

Owen Parker

6. 2026 Legislative Updates

Owen Parker

Items 5 and 6 on the agenda were combined into one presentation. Mr. Parker provided updates on federal cannabis and hemp policy developments, including the Continuing Appropriations Act, the President's Executive Order regarding marijuana rescheduling, and pending Iowa legislation related to dispensary licensing, tax policy, and a proposed medical psilocybin program. Board members discussed the potential impacts of these federal and state developments. Questions focused on accountable care organizations in Iowa, the rationale behind proposed federal hemp THC limits, the status and potential composition of a proposed psilocybin board, and the availability of qualified board members should additional appointments be required.

7. Board Vacancies

Owen Parker

There are vacancies for pediatrics and neurology. There have not been any new applicants.

8. Future meetings

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Meetings for 2026 will be held virtually at 10:00 am on Friday, July 24, 2026, and Friday, November 6, 2026.

9. Adjourn

Mike McKelvey, Chair

Dr. Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Dr. Mokadem. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am.

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