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AGENDA

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Meeting #1

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Time	Topic	
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome, Task Force Purpose, Legislative Charge	OCP Director John Hudak
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Introductions	All members
1:30 – 2:10 p.m.	Review: Cannabis Hospitality’s National Footprint	OCP Director John Hudak
2:10 – 2:25 p.m.	Break	
2:25 – 3:40 p.m.	Discussion: Cannabis Hospitality in Maine – Vision, Opportunities, & Considerations	All members
3:40 – 4:00 p.m.	Discussion: Future Meeting Outlook	All members
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Membership

Expert on Cannabis Policy

- Sam Tracy

Experts on Cannabis Culinary Arts

- David Ferragamo, Private Chef
- Pablo Barajas, Litty Bittys

Representing the Interests of Adult Use Cannabis Consumers

- Rose Mahoney
- Steve Rusnack, Full Bloom Cannabis

Representing the Interests of Municipal Governments

- Chris Beaumont, City of Portland
- Jon Rioux, Town of Windham

Representing the Interests of Adult Use Cannabis Licensees

- Natasha Johnson, Meristem
- Richelle Brossi, Highbrow

Representing the Interests of the Hospitality Industry

- Julie Cutting-Kelley, Emerald Elevation/Cure Restaurant
- Nate Cloutier, HospitalityMaine

Representing Public Health

- Anne Sedlack, Maine Medical Association
- Jamie Comstock, Bangor Public Health
- Jennifer Kelley-Young, City of Portland – Division of Public Health

Supporter of the 2016 Cannabis Legalization Ballot Measure

- Heather Sullivan, Curaleaf

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Ex Officio Agency Representatives

Lauren Stewart, Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

Scot Mattox, Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

Lexi Perry, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Ben Metcalf, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Lisa Silva, Health Inspection Program

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Legislative Charge

Statutory language from pages 81 and 82 of [P.L. 2023, ch. 679](#) provided below for reference.

PART D

Sec. D-1. Cannabis hospitality task force. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy shall convene a task force to review how other states regulate cannabis hospitality establishments and draft recommendations for a bill to regulate cannabis hospitality establishments in this State. The task force shall consider, at a minimum:

1. Whether the office should issue a single type of cannabis hospitality establishment license or various license types for different business models;
2. How different methods of consumption are to be regulated;
3. What other products or services, including food or entertainment, may be offered at cannabis hospitality establishments;
4. Training for cannabis hospitality establishment employees; and
5. Local control, including whether municipalities need to opt in or opt out of allowing cannabis hospitality establishments and how municipalities may or may not regulate an establishment.

The office shall appoint members to the task force that include a supporter of the 2016 cannabis legalization ballot measure; an expert on cannabis policy; an expert on cannabis culinary arts; an individual representing the interests of adult use cannabis consumers; an individual representing the interests of municipal governments; an individual representing the interests of adult use cannabis licensees; an individual representing the interests of the hospitality industry; an individual representing public health; and any other stakeholder the office determines necessary.

No later than February 1, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters that includes the task force's findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation. The committee may report out legislation to any regular or special session of the 132nd Legislature based upon the task force's recommendations.