

# Nevada Cannabis Advisory Commission

## Subcommittee on Scheduling Hemp

Meeting Minutes March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Nevada Cannabis Advisory Commission Subcommittee on Scheduling Hemp held a meeting via Zoom on **March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at 2:00p.m.

### Members' Present:

**Layke Martin**

**Bob Ragar**

**Brittney Miller – Arrived at 2:40pm**

**Michael Cathcart**

**Mike Edgell**

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.

### I. Public Comment

There was no one online to provide public comments.

Each Member took turns introducing themselves and giving a brief background on their experience within the cannabis industry.

### II. Overview of Statutory Charge and Objectives (for possible action)

Chair Martin went over what the statutory requirements of the study based off what AB76 Section 54.3 states would be concerning the potential regulation of the CCB of consumable hemp products.

- Review of existing state law and local ordinances on consumable hemp.
- A review of enforcement mechanisms and gaps in authority
- Recommendations for testing, packaging, and labeling standards.
- Review of federal law and interstate compliance obligations.
- Examination of age restrictions and point-of-sale controls, both in person and online.
- Recommendations for potency and serving size limits
- Recommendations for developing a market surveillance and reporting system, which has a few subheadings, including:
  - a registry of hemp products, manufacturers and retailers, a system for tracking complaints, recalls, and adverse health events.
- An examination of hemp beverage-specific issues, such as classification, testing, packaging, labeling, marketing, age verification, oversight, and enforcement, and taxation.
- identification of additional issues the Commission deems appropriate.

Chair Martin also mentioned that now, in the time since AB76 has passed, there have been significant changes at the federal level with respect to the definition of hemp, and an effort to close what's often described as a loophole in the 2018 Farm Bill that gave rise to many of the intoxicating hemp products that are currently on the market. Also, the appropriations bill that was signed into law in November 2025 effectively outlaws most of the intoxicating products that are on the market today. That is not set to go into effect until November of 2026, and that's if nothing changes between now and next November. So we'll have presentations a little bit later on in this meeting to bring us all up to speed on the current state of federal law with respect to hemp, including the federal changes.

III. Proposed Study Framework and Timeline (for possible action)

Chair Martin - AB76 did state a deadline by when the Cannabis Advisory Commission is to submit the report to the legislature, and that deadline is November 9th, 2026. In talking with staff and determining the amount of time that the subcommittee would need to present to the Commission to notify of the commission meeting, etc., and get that approved. They suggested planning to have the report done by August 14th, 2026. So, just any thoughts on timing? Does that work for everyone?

The group agreed that the timeline mentioned works for them and seems doable.

Chair Martin moved agenda item VI A and B in front of items IV and V to be able to go through the presentations and then talk with the group on the Study Components and Proposed Work Plan.

IV. Review of Study Components (for possible action)

Chair Marrin the review of the study components, and then the proposed work plan. I kind of lumped them together, because I think for each of these, looking at how the new federal definition and framework may alter what Nevada should review or recommend or design under each of the required study topics.

I was planning ahead, looking at how we can group those together, and I want to run through those groupings and maybe see if there are any topic leads, like, if there's anyone who wants to take a lead on a particular topic, we'll certainly, help, and the CCB will aid in resources and, and arranging any sort of meetings or anything like that.

I'll go through that now. When we're looking at subsections A and B, I see those answering the question about who regulates and enforces consumable hemp, and what are our recommendations for Nevada. I see that as, like, the bulk of it, in terms of understanding where we are right now regarding which agency oversees consumable hemp products.

Bob Ragar with Department of Agriculture showed interest in the regulation portion of the hemp study. He mentioned that Department of Agriculture is in the process of drafting some language that is going to help support this.

Michael Cathcart mentioned I think one of the things that we need to do when we're making that recommendation, and I'd love to work with Bob on maybe putting this together, is throughout state law, we have local with the state working together.

Michael Cathcart mentioned concern on the lack of scientists and the ability to identify hemp and what is illegal. He mentioned that the group needed good partnerships with technical experts and scientists to be able to go out in the field and test along with enforcement to identify illegal products.

The group discussed the need to a lab to study the product in.

Mike Edgell explained CCB's position on regulatory and compliance with public safety and asked who will be the one responsible for enforcement on the illicit market.

V. Proposed Work Plan (for possible action)

Brittney Milled mentioned that you may not be able to stop all of the illicit market, but you can have a plan to make it better with a good campaign to help tourists identify legal cannabis in the state.

Chair Martin discussed

VI. Background Presentations and Briefings (for discussion only)

- A. Presentation on the status of hemp law and regulation in Nevada by Amanda Connor, Esq.

Amanda Connor gave a presentation on the status of hemp law and regulation in Nevada and took questions from the group.

B. Presentation on the status of Federal hemp law and regulation by Chris Lindsay, ATACH Vice President of Policy and State Advocacy

Chris Lindsay gave a presentation on the status of Federal Hemp Law and regulations and a look into what issues may arise when working with Hemp at a State and Federal level.

Chris Lindsay took questions from the group before wrapping up his presentation.

VII. Discussion and Identification of Immediate Priorities (for possible action)

VIII. Next Steps and Future Meeting Dates (for discussion only)

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjournment