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**Nevada Cannabis Advisory Commission
Subcommittee on Scheduling Hemp
Meeting Minutes June 18th, 2026**

The Nevada Cannabis Advisory Commission Subcommittee on Scheduling Hemp held a meeting via Zoom on **June 18th, 2026**, at 2:00p.m.

Members Present:

Chair - Layke Martin

Bob Ragar

Ray Saliga – Representative for Bob Ragar

Michael Cathcart

Brittany Miller – arrived 2:06pm

Member's Absent:

Mike Edgell

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

- I. Public Comment
 - a. There was no one online to provide public comment.
- II. Consideration of Approval of the CAC Subcommittee on Scheduling Hemp March 24th, 2026, Meeting Minutes (for possible action)
 - a. Member Miller moved to approve the minutes from the March 24th, 2026 meeting, Member Ragar seconded and the motion was approved.
- III. Updates on Work Plan (for possible action)
 - a. Chair Martin provided an update on the work plan stating she had put together a draft for the report and recommendations that was sent to members prior to the meeting and for each member to state which section they wanted to work on and be responsible for.
 - b. Chair Martin expressed that she would take on any gaps or unassigned areas and plans on drafting Section 1 and 2, law and background.
 - c. Member Edgell responded to Chair Martin prior to the meeting stating he would work on Section 3, identifying enforcement and regulatory gaps.
 - i. The Deputy Attorney Generals at the CCB had also provided a memo identifying some enforcement and regulatory gaps that could be used for the study.
 - d. Member Cathcart volunteered to work on Section 2.3, local government ordinances and assist with information on enforcement. Member Cathcart also expressed interest in Section 8, examining hemp beverages with Chair Martin.

- e. Ray Saliga (representative from the Department of Agriculture NDA and Bob Ragar) stated that NRS 557 and food safety programs would have overlap with the NDA programs. Member Ragar was able to be remote for this meeting just to listen.

IV. Background Presentations and Briefings (for discussion only)

- a. Chair Martin introduced guest speakers Kema Ogden of Top Notch LLC and Darlene Purdy of Euphoria Wellness to introduce perspectives from the Nevada licensed cannabis industry regarding the effects of unregulated hemp on their businesses. Chair Martin provided a background that some of these guests pushed for a bill during the last legislative session to address the unregulated intoxicating hemp issue and their presentations can be used as an appendix to the subcommittee's report.
- b. Guest Speaker Ogden introduced herself and gave a brief history of her career and perspective on the hemp issue.
 - i. Guest Speaker Ogden recently authored an opinion article published in Cannabis Business Times titled "The Hemp Loophole is Closing But we Still Need to Fix What is Broke". This article discusses the effects that unregulated intoxicating hemp has had on licensed cannabis operators across the country. Guest Speaker Ogden states that this subcommittee is a great opportunity for Nevada to protect consumers and ensure fairness in the marketplace for license cannabis operators.
 - ii. As a licensed operator, Guest Speaker Ogden explains that the non-regulated intoxicating hemp companies are vying for the same consumers as Nevada cannabis licenses but are not subject have to meet the same requirements to supply safe cannabis products. The intoxicating hemp market acted as a parallel cannabis market operating outside of the safeguards and obligations imposed on licensed businesses.
 - iii. The goal is not to eliminate hemp products altogether or limit customer choice, but to advocate for consumer safety, regulatory consistency, and long-term sustainability for Nevada's regulated cannabis businesses. Being an independent operator and not a multi-state corporation, Top Notch LLC saw diverted revenue and undermined confidence in the cannabis industry directly because of the hemp loophole.
 - iv. Member Cathcart asked if there is a particular type of product that is causing a larger portion of lost revenue and Guest Speaker Ogden replied that it is every type of product. Similarly, because hemp packaging is not regulated, it uses commercialized branding and kid-friendly marketing for brand recognition.
 - v. Chair Martin asked, with the statement about not limiting consumer choice in mind, if Guest Speaker Ogden would prefer a regulated pathway for hemp retail stores regarding testing and advertising or more restrictions on potency and types of products allowed. Guest Speaker Ogden replied that if a product is producing intoxication, it should meet consistent testing requirements, accurate labeling and potency information, age restrictions and verification, and meaningful oversight. Ultimately, if it has THC and produces intoxication, it should be sold under a cannabis business license or under the same requirements cannabis businesses are pursuant to.
 - vi. Chair Martin expressed that across the country, and even on the federal level, there is an effort to carve out hemp beverages from certain restrictions and if Guest Speaker Ogden felt that was an appropriate response. Guest Speaker Ogden replied that all products that contain any intoxicating components should all fall under the same category and meet consistent requirements.

- vii. Chair Martin asked Guest Speaker Ogden to stay on just in case there were further questions after the second presentation and thanked her for taking the time.
 - c. Guest Speaker Purdy introduced herself as the Managing Director of Euphoria Wellness and thanked the committee for their time. Guest Speaker Purdy brought up concerns regarding intoxicating hemp on consumer safety and licensed cannabis businesses bottom line.
 - i. Because intoxicating hemp companies are not subject to the same level of regulation and compliance it causes confusion for consumers purchasing their products. Intoxicating hemp products don't need to be labeled or tested accurately and stores selling these products do not have appropriate signage stating they are not a licensed cannabis establishment. For example, a corner store selling a chocolate bar containing THC derived from hemp in is not tested for homogeneity so consumers cannot accurately dose or predict the amount of intoxication while licensed cannabis establishments go through stringent homogeneity requirements and testing. Similarly, age verification is minimal in non-cannabis licensed facilities compared to the age verification processes required of cannabis establishments.
 - ii. Guest Speaker Purdy speaks to the new hemp regulations going into effect in November, for hemp-derived products to have a maximum of 0.4mg of THC per package, and how state legislation should follow suit.
 - iii. Guest Speaker Purdy stated that her establishment is seeing a consistent 20% drop in sales each year directly related to the availability of intoxicating hemp products outside of the licensed market. This is not only impacting the industry, but the tax revenue used throughout our state generated by cannabis sales.
 - iv. Member Cathcart asked if there is data on external testing of intoxicating hemp products in non-licensed facilities. Guest Speaker Purdy replied that some labs in Nevada do test intoxicating hemp products and Chair Martin and Guest Speaker Ogden included that local dispensaries have taken it upon themselves to purchase intoxicating hemp products and have them tested by a Nevada lab for potency and pesticides. Similarly, California and Missouri released a report in spring of 2025 of intoxicating hemp products being significantly more potent than what was listed on the label.
 - v. Chair Martin asked the same hemp beverage question and Guest Speaker Purdy replied that everything should be treated the same and that regulations for hemp should mimic those of licensed cannabis facilities.
 - d. Chair Martin thanked both speakers for the information they provided.

V. Public Comment

- a. There was no one online to provide public comment.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:28pm.