

City of Virginia Beach

Cannabis Advisory Task Force (CATF) Minutes, March 10, 2025

March 10, 2025, Cannabis Advisory Task Force (CATF) met at 3:00 p.m., in the Economic Development Boardroom at 4525 Main Street, Suite 700, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Lock, Chair, Citizen Member; Jason Blanchette, Vice-Chair, Cannabis Industry; Brandon Hackney, Planning; Letitia Langaster, Economic Development; Jairo Padilla, CVB Public Schools; Mark Stevens, RAC Member; Ryan Suit, Cannabis Industry

MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

Michele Meister, VBPB, from her office in Virginia Beach; LaTonya Warren, Cannabis Industry, from her office at Old Dominion University, Norfolk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Berlucchi, City Council Member; John Katsias, Commercial Real Estate Professional Rep; Michael Mauch, RAC Member; Tamara Netzel, Citizen Member; Stacey O'Toole, Health Care Professional; Herman (Ward) Valentine, MBC

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Damon, Legislative Affairs Analyst; Vicki Kelley, Staff Liaison

CITY STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

City Attorney Jessica Koepf from Virginia Beach

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andrew Lock called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

- I. Mr. Lock welcomed all to the meeting.
- II. Meeting minutes – Andrew Lock
 - a. The minutes could not be approved as there was no quorum present.
 - b. Correct February minutes to show Ryan Suit was present.
- III. Legislative Agenda Discussion
 - a. The Bill was vetoed
- IV. Verano Tours
 - a. Chair asked to let Vicki and Tamar know if there was interest
- V. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Public Safety
 - i. No changes except noted in the last meeting.
 - ii. No other comments received
 - b. Outreach Committee
 - i. Tamara is out of the County
 - ii. The chair requested that the items for the subcommittees be in the current format.

- iii. Tamara is working on this
- c. Zoning
 - i. Brandon explained the subcommittee has not met but hopes to before the next meeting in May, and will have items put in the same format

Chair Lock explained that the task force will take the items presented to guide the City Council if and when adult use becomes legal in Virginia.

Each subcommittee should submit a rough draft in the same format for our next meeting, which is May 12th, and have all documents to Andy and Vicki by May 5th.

- VI. No other Committee comments
- VII. No public comments
- VIII. Next Meeting will be May 12th
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm