



Medical Cannabis Advisory Board

Membership survey | October 7, 2022

The Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group (“working group”) voted on September 19, 2022, to recommend that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) establish a nine-member Medical Cannabis Advisory Board (“board”) to oversee the activities of the two agencies with respect to medical cannabis.

Over the course of the public meeting, the working group, members of the public, and agency representatives provided ideas for who should be on this board. To establish a consensus, the working group members were asked to rank the 12 proposed members using a star system. The star scale ranged from one to five stars, five stars awarded to members who had to be on the board, and one star for a member who did not seem necessary.

The working group members expressed a preference for the following board composition:

1. Qualified medical professional (QMP) appointed by DHHS
2. Cannabis pharmacy appointed by UDAF
3. Cannabis patient appointed by DHHS
4. Medical research professional appointed by DHHS
5. Law enforcement representative appointed by UDAF
6. Cannabis patient advocate/representative appointed by DHHS
7. Public member appointed by DHHS
8. Cannabis cultivator appointed by UDAF
9. Tie between:
 - a. Pharmaceutical research professional appointed by DHHS
 - b. Mental health specialist appointed by DHHS
 - c. Cannabis processor appointed by UDAF

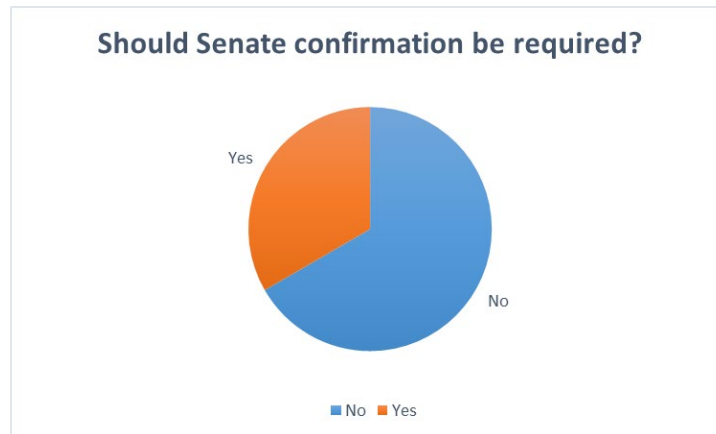
Provided below is a table of the ranking results. There are ties for several of the spots, including the final 9th spot:

| No. | Rank | Member | Appointing Agency | Score |
|-----|-------------|--|-------------------|-------|
| 1 | First tied | QMP | DHHS | 4.8 |
| 2 | | Cannabis pharmacy* | UDAF | 4.8 |
| 3 | Second tied | Cannabis patient | DHHS | 4.3 |
| 4 | | Medical research professional | DHHS | 4.3 |
| 5 | Third | Law enforcement representative | UDAF | 4.2 |
| 6 | Fourth tied | Cannabis patient advocate/representative | DHHS | 4 |
| 7 | | Public member | DHHS | 4 |
| 8 | | Cannabis cultivator* | UDAF | 4 |
| 9 | Fifth tied | Pharmaceutical research professional | DHHS | 3.3 |
| 10 | | Mental health specialist | DHHS | 3.3 |
| 11 | | Cannabis processor* | UDAF | 3.3 |
| 12 | Sixth | Working physician but not a QMP | DHHS | 3 |

*Note: any of the cannabis company-related positions could be from a vertically integrated business.



The working group members were also asked if the board should require Senate confirmation. Four expressed a preference for “no,” while two expressed a preference in favor of Senate confirmation.



There were also open-ended questions on the survey:

- Two legislators brought up the concept of appointing a director of medical cannabis for the state, who would also sit on this board.
- A legislator recommended that the QMP have a large volume of patients.
- A legislator raised concerns about having people with a financial interest in medical cannabis on the board.
- A legislator suggested that UDAF coordinate with the Utah Cannabis Co-op and the Utah Cannabis Association on their appointments to the board.