

**North Carolina Advisory Council on Cannabis
Public Safety Subcommittee**

Co-Chairs:

Colonel Freddy Johnson, State Highway Patrol

Sheriff Keith Stone, Sheriffs' Association

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2026, 2:00-3:00pm

Virtual via Teams

Attendees

Subcommittee Members Present – Colonel Freddy Johnson; Sheriff Keith Stone; Mark Ezzell; Dr. Kimberly McDonald; Dr. Carrie Brown; Chief David Hess; Scottie Shoaf

Subcommittee Members Absent – Brian Harris; Matt Scott; Deonte Thomas; Sen. Kandie Smith

Other Council Members Present – Dr. Larry Greenblatt

Staff Present – Kaycee Deen; Charles Mitchell; MaryBryan Wolak; Anne Doyle

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Roll Call, and Ethics Statement
- II. Presentation: Draft Policy Recommendations for Public Safety
- III. Member Discussion
- IV. Other Business and Next Steps

Presentation: Draft Policy Recommendations for Discussion (MaryBryan Wolak)

- Attached as PowerPoint

Subcommittee Discussion

- Concerns about the civil penalties
 - Want there to be real consequences
- Recommendation 5 reached general consensus during today's group; however, there needs to be specification for violations of public consumption and "default" should be removed.
- Recommendation A needs more research and is being sent to the main Council for discussion
- General consensus on Recommendation B
- Some consensus reached around Recommendation C, but also bring this to Council
 - Concerns with mailing (perhaps be under the ABC Commission)? No mail order, but state-run retail
 - Delivery from retail/controlled delivery to homes—concerns about drug trafficking, so not consensus (subcommittee members discuss setting it up similar to ABC store)
- Recommendation D: Consensus on retail outlet location limitations (1,000 feet)
 - Some members suggest communities (like dry communities) should be able to

- choose/make stricter decisions than state law
 - Typical ABC stores are at least at least 2,000 feet and every city or ABC board decides the distance and typically they go very far.
- Recommendation E:
 - Needs further clarification and follow up with Council
 - Want further legal consultation (perhaps from Joy Strickland and Matt Scott)

Adjournment

Meeting concluded at 2:57 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 28, 1-3 pm

- Presentation from Washington State on Curbing Illicit Market 2:00-2:30pm
- Other presentations from Kenny Benfield and Mike Hanson
- Scottie Shoaf to discuss during travels to Delaware