November Institute of Cannabis Research Board Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2026, 1:00 PM MST

Zoom Link: https://csupueblo.zoom.us/j/95007630006

Board members present Dr. Joanna Zeiger, Dr. John Harloe, Ms. Elyse Contreras, Dr. Chad Kinney, Mr. Michael Hennesy, and Dr. Angela Bryan.

Board members absent Dr. Melissa Reynolds, Mr. Chuck Smith, Dr. Jon Reuter, Dr. Gail Mackin, and Mr. Sherard Rogers.

Staff and guests present Sara Bellamy, Matt D., Dr. Marion McNabb, John Williamson, Dr. Jeff Smith, Ms. Nathalie Clavette, Mr. Dieter Raemdonck, and Ms. Emma Hudson.

Mr. Ean Seeb was also unable to attend.

ICR Meeting Chair: Dr. Joanna Zeiger

Agenda:

- 1:00-1:05 PM: Consent Agenda: Review of Retreat Minutes (https://www.instituteofcannabisresearchcolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/ICR-Board-Retreat-Minutes-9.25.26.pdf)
- 1:05-1:35 PM: Mandatory Open Records Training
- 1:35-1:45 PM: Government relations update
- 1:45-1:55 PM: Discussion about strategic plan development and update on RFA
- 1:55-2:00 PM: Open Public Comment

Related Documents:

1. Strategic Plan timeline and subcommittees
2. Government Relations Update about ICR Funding

Minutes

Call to Order and Consent Agenda

- Dr. Joanna Zeiger called the meeting to order and introduced the September 25, 2026 Board retreat minutes. The Board deferred the item until the end of the meeting to allow time to

reach the six-member quorum. Dr. Chad Kinney made a motion concerning the retreat minutes. (September 25, 2026 Board retreat minutes)

Annual Open Government Training

- Sara Bellamy led the mandatory training on the Colorado Open Records Act, the Colorado Open Meetings Law, and conflicts of interest. Topics included public business conducted through informal conversations or electronic communications, public notice and agendas, procedures for executive sessions, and disclosure and recusal.
- Ms. Contreras asked Ms. Bellamy to review the conflict-of-interest form used by Board members before reviewing grant applications. Ms. Bellamy agreed to review the form and advise on required disclosures.

Government Relations Update

- Mr. Raemdonck summarized the election results, changes affecting the Joint Budget Committee, and the state budget outlook. He reported that Governor Polis's budget proposal included a $750,000 increase for ICR, bringing proposed funding to approximately $3.8 million, alongside a proposal to eliminate funding for THC studies.
- Dr. Kinney discussed how to explain ICR's funding request on its own merits. Dr. McNabb will share talking points that explain how ICR-funded research expands the scientific literature and can inform public health work. Government Relations reported that a legislative meeting was scheduled for December.

Request for Applications

- Dr. McNabb reported that the Request for Applications opened on November 4, 2026, and that letters of intent are due December 9, 2026. She will circulate the RFA materials to Board members for distribution and follow up with Ms. Contreras about Board review.

Strategic Plan Development

- Dr. McNabb reported that the draft strategic plan is expected in January 2027. Board members were assigned to review sections of the plan. Additional information about the review process will be shared before the December Board meeting.

Strategic plan section	Board lead	Review group
Legislative Engagement	Dr. Chad Kinney	Dr. Angela Bryan and the Government Relations team
Research and Innovation	Ms. Elyse Contreras	Dr. Jon Reuter and Dr. Melissa Reynolds
Education and Dissemination	Dr. Joanna Zeiger	Dr. Gail Mackin and Ms. Elyse Contreras

Fundraising and Partnerships	Dr. John Harloe	Mr. Sherard Rogers, Mr. Michael Hennesy, and Mr. Chuck Smith

- Dr. Jeff Smith will join the Education and Dissemination review group. The Board discussed inviting Mr. Ean Seeb and legal counsel to participate in the legislative task force. Dr. Harloe will contact prospective legal participants, and Dr. McNabb will send him the pre-read materials before the December meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. MST.