



Minutes of the Dispute Resolution Commission
Convened Under the Ohio Director of Health Stay-at-Home Order
April 8, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

Participating:

Lydia Mihalik, Commissioner
Sheryl Maxfield, Commissioner
Sam Randazzo, Chairman

Chairman Randazzo called the first meeting of the Dispute Resolution Commission to order.

Chairman Randazzo introduced himself and explained the creation of the Commission. He explained that the Commission’s role is to review instances where the decisions of two or more local health departments are conflicting as to which businesses are essential or non-essential.

Chairman Randazzo stated that Commission decisions are effective within 48 hours, unless suspended, altered, or modified by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health. Chairman Randazzo stated that Commission decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.

Chairman Randazzo explained how to make requests for review by the Commission, specifically, by using the electronic form found at https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/resources/Guidance/Dispute-Resolution/.

Chairman Randazzo explained that the Commission’s decisions can also be found on coronavirus.ohio.gov. He further explained that copies of the decisions will be sent to the businesses or persons who submit the requests and the impacted local health authorities.

Chairman Randazzo provided background on the appointments to the Commission and all three commissioners confirmed their participation in the online meeting.

The Commission addressed the first four requests concurrently, which all dealt with pet-grooming businesses. Chairman Randazzo explained the Commission’s decision: a local health authority that has determined pet-grooming businesses to be non-essential has properly interpreted the Director of Health’s order. The Commission directed the Department of Health to cause other local health authorities involved in the request to conform to this decision.

The Commission addressed the fifth and final request, regarding businesses selling CBD products. Chairman Randazzo explained the Commission’s decision: a local health authority that has determined that businesses selling CBD products are non-essential has properly interpreted the Director of Health’s order.

Table with 3 columns: Request Number, Title, and Vote. It lists five requests (OH001 to OH005) and their corresponding titles and votes.

Chairman Randazzo stated that the Commission would meet the following day, April 9, 2020, if necessary.

The Commission adjourned.