

Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]

Cannabis Advisory Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2022

Members Present (17):

Amber Baur
Terry Brennand
Jeremy Brown
Dr. Imani Brown
Matthew Clifford
Christine De La Rosa
Antonio Frazier
Ali Jamalian
Dr. Ellicott Matthay

Jeff Merriman
Kristin Nevedal
Sara Payan-Pehrson
Madison Shockley III
Paul Tupy
David Woolsey
Matthew Broad (non-voting alternate)
Beverly Yu (non-voting alternate)

Members Absent:

None

Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Staff Present:

Nicole Elliott
Rasha Salama
Christina Dempsey
Kaila Fayne
Margaret Goldbar

Nina Lemke
Sean O'Connor
Shannon George
Tamara Colson

Meeting Moderator:

Shelly Jones, SOLID Planning Manager, Department of Consumer Affairs

Minutes Taken By:

Adrena Atkins, Court Reporter
Margaret Goldbar, Department of Cannabis Control

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Committee Administration

1. Oath of Office

DCC Director Nicole Elliott of the Department of Cannabis Control performed the oath for office for the members of the committee.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

Facilitator Kaila Fayne of the Department of Cannabis Control called the meeting to order. Meeting official start time noted as 10:00 AM.

Roll was taken, 17 Committee Members (15 full members and 2 alternates) were present at the start of the meeting. **Director Elliott** established quorum.

3. Welcome

Director Elliott presented a brief overview of the Department of Cannabis Control and welcome to the committee members. **Moderator Shelly Jones** opened the floor to public comments.

Public comments were provided by:

Bob Roach
Alex Irvine
Chairy Tatlo, City of Shasta Lake
Kelly McCormick
Raquel Kalijian
Darren Story
Thomas Mulder
Paul Hansbury
Susan Tibben
Judy String
Sherry Yeffai
Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute
Wade Laughter
Barbara Gordon
Cesar Casmejour
Mitchell Colbert
Jillian Xavien
Shannon Oscar

Public comment was closed. No action taken by the Committee.

4. Member Introduction

Members of the Committee introduced themselves. No action taken by the Committee.



5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

DCC Deputy Director Christina Dempsey of the Department of Cannabis Control opened the discussion for nominations of Chair and Vice Chair.

Member Jamalian nominated himself for Chair. He was seconded by **Member Payan-Pehrson**. No other nominations were put forth.

Moderator Jones opened member nominations to public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury
Susan Tibben
Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute

Public comment was closed. **Deputy Director Dempsey** called for votes to begin on the election of the Chair.

Aye: Baur, Brennand, I. Brown, J. Brown, Clifford, de la Rosa, Frazier, Jamalian, Matthay, Merriman, Nevedal, Payan-Pehrson, Shockley, Tupy, Woolsey

Nay: none

Member Jamalian was elected **Chair**.

Deputy Director Dempsey then opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair.

Member Payan-Pehrson nominated herself for Vice Chair. She was seconded by **Chair Jamalian**.

Member Matthay nominated **Member I. Brown**. **Member I. Brown** declined the nomination.

Member Matthay nominated **Member Brennand** for Vice Chair. **Member Brennand** declined the nomination.

Member Nevedal was nominated by **Member J. Brown** for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by **Member Matthay**.

Deputy Director Dempsey then opened the floor for public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Susan Tibben
Lynn Silver
Karen Shreve
Jackie Subeck
Karen Byers



Deputy Director Dempsey then opened the nominations to further comments from the Committee.

After committee discussion, **Deputy Director Dempsey** then called for a vote for either **Member Nevedal** or **Member Payan-Pehrson** for Vice Chair.

In favor of Kristin Nevedal: Baur, Brennand, I. Brown, J. Brown, Clifford, de la Rosa, Frazier, Matthay, Merriman, Shockley, Tupy, Woolsey

In favor of Sarah Payan-Pehrson: Jamaliam

Member Nevedal was elected **Vice Chair**.

Deputy Director Dempsey then called for a ten-minute break at 11:23 am.

6. Review and possible approval of proposed CAC bylaws

Deputy Director Dempsey re-opened the meeting and handed facilitation of the rest of the meeting to **Chair Jamaliam**.

Committee members held a discussion on the proposed bylaws.

Vice Chair Nevedal moved to adopt the bylaws as drafted. The motion was seconded by **Member Clifford**.

Chair Jamaliam opened the floor to public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury

Jillian Xavien

Lindsey Robinson, California Cannabis Industry Association

Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute

Karen Byer

Kenny Morrison, Cannabis Manufacturer's Association

Wade Laughter

Chair Jamaliam opened the floor to vote on the motion.

Aye: Baur, Brennand, I. Brown, J. Brown, Clifford, Frazier, Jamaliam, Matthay, Merriman, Nevedal, Payan-Pehrson, Shockley, Tupy, Woolsey

Nay: none

Absent: de la Rosa

Motion passes; bylaws were adopted.



Chair Jamalian called for a 30-minute lunch break at 12:30 pm.

General Public Comment

7. Public comment for items not on the agenda

Meeting resumed at 1:00 pm. Quorum was reestablished.

Chair Jamalian opened public comments for items not on the agenda.

Public comments were provided by:

Zach Weiner, California Cannabis Industry Association

Eddie Franco, Navis

Susan Tibben, Lovingly and Legally

Rick Martinelli, Annie Gold Management

Paul Hansbury

Jillian Xavien

Thomas Mulder

Joanna Cedar, Eden Enterprises

Erica Oswake, Kiva

Raquel Kalijian

Alec Erwic

Bryson Mills

Kelly Flores

Zoe Schreiber, Eden Enterprises

Mitchell Colbert

Shannon Oscar, American Council of Independent Laboratories

Mark (last name not provided)

Karen Shreve

Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute

Cassandra Taliafaro

Karen Byers

Jackie Subek

Javier Hernandez

Ralph Sorenson

Nicole Martin, People's Farming

Michael Gorman, Cannabis 0

Wade Laughter

Josh Sweiter

Craig Johnson, Alban Glow Farms

Michael Katz, Mendocino Cannabis Alliance

Christopher Kadar

Anna Walters

Judy (last name not provided)

Sam de la Paz

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Humboldt County



Kenny Morrison, California Cannabis Manufacturers Association
Wayne Bishop
Naruth (last name not provided)

Deputy Director Dempsey reminded commenters that any comments provided on pending regulatory packages also had to be submitted via the comment process for rulemaking.

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the Committee.

Chair Jamalian called for a 5-minute break.

Department Updates and Presentations

8. Presentation: Overview of DCC

DCC Chief Deputy Director Rasha Salama gave a presentation on the Department of Cannabis Control.

Chair Jamalian opened the floor for questions and discussion by the committee members.

Public Comments:

None

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the Committee.

9. Presentation: Looking ahead to 2023

Deputy Director Dempsey gave a presentation informing the committee members of some of the Department's planned activities for 2023.

Chair Jamalian opened the floor for discussion. No questions or comments from members.

Chair Jamalian opened for public comments.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury

Unidentified individual

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the Committee.

Items for Discussion and Possible Recommendation

10. Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program

Deputy Director Dempsey gave an overview of the Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program as created in statute and highlighted elements of the program under development for which committee input was requested.



Chair Jamalian opened the floor for discussion by the committee. Comments were provided by **Chair Jamalian, Member J. Brown, Member Shockley, Member Merriman, Member Yu, Member Frazier, Member Matthay**. After discussion, **Chair Jamalian** opened the floor for public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Jillian Xavien
Michael Burton, Weedmaps
Stephanie (last name not provided)
Julian Kineti, California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
Paul Hansbury
Blair Gyu, Rockaway Law Group
Unidentified individual
Lynn Silver

Public comment was closed. **Chair Jamalian** recommended that the committee not take action at this time and to revisit this item during the next meeting.

Other Business

11. Recommendations for future agenda items

Member Shockley recommended the next agenda include a discussion on equity-related guidelines for the retail access grant. **Member Nevedal** recommended the next agenda include assignments to subcommittees, the hemp report, and the annual report to the Legislature. **Member J. Brown** recommended future agenda items include a traditional cottage license type.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury
Susan Tibben
Jackie Subek
Corine Shreve
Erica Oswake, Kiva
Lynn Silver
Zachary Weiner, California Cannabis Industry Association
Kelly Flores, Margo Advisors
Michael Katz, Mendocino Cannabis Alliance
Thomas Molder
Kenny Morrison, California Cannabis Manufacturer's Association
Joanna Cedar, Eden Enterprises

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the committee.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

