

Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]

Cannabis Advisory Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 15, 2022

Members Present (13):

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

Dr. Ellicott Matthay
Kristin Nevedal
Sara Payan-Pehrson
Madison Shockley III
Paul Tupy
David Woolsey

Members Absent:

Terry Brennand
Matthew Broad (non-voting alternate)

Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Staff Present:

Nicole Elliott
Tamara Colson

Meeting Moderator:

Elizabeth Coronel, SOLID, Department of Consumer Affairs
David Bouilly, SOLID, Department of Consumer Affairs

Minutes Taken By:

Sara Reitan, Court Reporter
Bridgett Nolot, Court Reporter
Mayra Perez, Court Reporter
Margaret Goldbar, Department of Cannabis Control

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Committee Administration

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Ali Jamalian called the meeting to order at 10:30 am, start time was delayed due to technical difficulties.

A quorum was established.

General Public Comment

2. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

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

Public comments were provided by:

Casey (no last name given)

Talia Damato, Cannabis Coalition

Carlos Anjuana

Alfred Toregano

Iliana Green

Lindsey Robinson, California Cannabis Industry Association

Jeff Pollard

Michelle Kolbert

Wade Laughter

Lisa Green

Ignite Daniel

Yvette McDowell, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Cannabis Law Association, California Cannabis Industry Association

Aaron Domeo

Louis Harris

Kika Keith, Social Equity Owners and Worker's Association

Ryan Brown

Blair (no last name given)

Cesar Casmejor

Raybon Woods

Valorie Townsend

Charles Lozo

Canada

Laura Wilkinson

Michael Barton

Paul Hansbury

Susan Tibben

Ryan (no last name given)



Tim Deon
Yarrow (no last name given)
Jillian (no last name given)
Angelina (no last name given)
HF
Rakiah Bradley
Anthony Avalos, Equity San Diego
Annabelle Mejia
Lillian Grace
Nicole Wood
Zack M.
Victoria Bosso
Paulina Flores

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3. Review and Possible Approval of September 8, 2022, Minutes

Chair Jamalian motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by **Vice Chair Nevedal**.

Public Comments:

None

Chair Jamalian called for a vote on the motion.

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

Nay: none

Motion passed.

4. Proposed Schedule for 2023 Meetings

Chair Jamalian presented the proposed dates for meetings in 2023.

Public comments provided by:

Angelina (no last name given)
Anthony Avalos
HF
Wade Laughter
Lillian Grace
Rashida
Zack M.
Jessie Noble
Claudia Mercado
Ryan (no last name given)



Public comments were closed.

Vice Chair Nevedal reminded participants that subcommittees meet more frequently and encouraged members of the public to engage with the CAC at subcommittee meetings.

No action was taken by the committee.

Chair Jamalian called for a 30-minute break.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 pm and quorum was established.

5. Subcommittee Chairs and Assignments

Chair Jamalian opened the floor for members to request assignments to specific subcommittees.

Member J. Brown expressed a desire to sit on the Track and Trace subcommittee.

Member Shockley expressed a desire to sit on the finance subcommittee.

Medicinal use: Vice Chair Nevedal expressed a desire to sit on the medicinal-use subcommittee.

Member Frazier expressed a desire to sit on the compassionate use and licensing subcommittee.

Member Baur expressed a desire to sit on the public health subcommittee.

Chair Jamalian then requested public comment on the subcommittee assignments.

Co-Moderator David Bouilly opened the floor for public comment.

Public comment provided by:

Lillian Grace
Paul Hansbury

Public comments were closed. No action was taken by the committee.

Subcommittee Updates

6. Equity Subcommittee

Member Shockley (Equity Subcommittee Chair) presented the subcommittee's priorities for the upcoming year as:

- Discussion on extension of the provisional licenses for equity retailers, including Senator Bradford's SB 51;
- Develop a statewide definition for equity;
- Collect and analyze equity data;
- Discussion of subsidies for equity businesses, including taxation relief and access to grants, education, and other available resources.



Member Shockley presented the subcommittee's recommendation about the prioritization of equity programs and local jurisdictions that apply for the Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant. Discussion of the recommendations was held until Agenda Item #8.

Chair Jamalian opened public comment.

Public comments provided by:

Lillian Grace
Michael Katz
Patty Harris

Public comments were closed. No action was taken by the committee.

7. Cultivation Subcommittee

Vice Chair Nevedal (Cultivation Subcommittee Chair) presented the subcommittee's priorities for 2023:

- Streamline of license transfers from mixed-light to outdoor
- Reduction of touch points between cultivators and consumers
- License fee structure for cultivators
- Generator and greenhouse gas requirements
- Track and trace issues, including plant tagging and harvest tagging
- Consider prior recommendations that are still outstanding

The subcommittee did not present any recommendations for consideration by the Advisory Committee.

Chair Jamalian opened public comment.

Public comments provided by:

Ross Gordon, Humboldt County Grower's Alliance and Origin's Council
Lillian Grace
Michael Katz

Public comments were closed. No action was taken by the committee.

Items for Discussion and Possible Recommendation

8. Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program

Member Shockley presented the Equity Subcommittee's recommendations related to the Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program for Advisory Committee consideration.

- Recommendation 1: Prioritize grant funds for jurisdictions that include plans to provide at least 50% of the grant funding directly to local equity applicants.
- Recommendation 2: Prioritize grant funds for jurisdictions that already license other types of cannabis businesses.

After discussion between committee members, **Member Shockley** made the following motion:

Recommend that the DCC prioritize funding to jurisdictions that allocate at least 50% of the grant funding to equity applicants.

Motion seconded by **Member Payan-Pehrson**.

Chair Jamalian opened the floor for public comments.

Public comments on this motion were provided by:

Lillian Grace
Jillian (no last name given)
Elaine (no last name given)
Ambrielle (no last name given)
Ignite Daniel
Paul Hansbury
Susan Tibben
Jovi (no last name given)
James Games
Alfred (no last name given)
Wade Laughter
Ross Gordon
Maria Dotson
Kika Keith
Diana Gamzon, Nevada County Cannabis Alliance
Angelina (no last name given)
Javier Hernandez
Adrian Keys
Jesse Noble
Jillian (no last name given)
Lisa Green

Chair Jamalian called for a vote:

Ayes: Baur, I. Brown, J. Brown, Clifford, de la Rosa, Frazier, Jamalian, Matthay, Payan-Pehrson, Shockley, Tupy

Nays: Nevedal, Woolsey

Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Nevedal made the following motion:

Motion 2: Recommend that DCC prioritize local jurisdictions for phase 1 funding when they include development plans for a local equity program.

Motion seconded by **Member Shockley**.

Chair Jamalian opened the floor for public comments.



Public comments on this motion were provided by:

Michael Katz
Lillian Grace
Paul Hansbury
Suzanne (no last name given)
Amber Rail
Lisa Green
Albert Torregano
Ignite Daniel
Ross Gordon
Jillian (no last name given)
James Games
Lewis Harris

Public comments closed. **Chair Jamalian** called for a five-minute recess.

Meeting reconvened at 4:37 pm. Quorum was re-established.

Chair Jamalian called for a vote on Motion 2.

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

Nays: None

Not present at time of voting: I. Brown

Motion passed.

The Committee then moved to Agenda Item #9, but later returned to Agenda Item #8.

Vice-Chair Nevedal made the following motion:

Motion 3: The CAC recommend that the DCC allow local jurisdictions that only permit medicinal use to access funding from the Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant program, and that the DCC impose an 18-month time limit on demonstrating progress, including measurable benchmarks.

Motion seconded by **Member J. Brown.**

Public comments on this motion were provided by:

Michael Katz
Lillian Grace
Jillian (no last name given)
Ann Burrell
James Games

Public comments closed. **Chair Jamalian** called for a vote.

Ayes: I. Brown, J. Brown, de la Rosa, Jamalian, Nevedal, Payan-Pehrson, Shockely, Tupy, Woolsey



Nays: None

Not present at time of voting: Baur, Clifford, Frazier, Matthay

Motion passed.

Other Business

9. Annual report draft

This discussion was broken into two parts, as the committee chose to re-visit item 8 and then return.

After returning to Agenda Item #9, **Vice Chair Nevedal** made the following motion:

Motion: Accept the draft annual report with the recommendations adopted today, the report out from cultivation subcommittee, and permit DCC staff to work with the Chair to work through the final version.

Motion seconded by **Member Woolsey**.

Chair Jamalian opened the floor for public comments.

Public comments were provided by:

Michael Katz, Executive Director for the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance
Lillian Grace

Chair Jamalian called for the vote.

Ayes: I. Brown, J. Brown, de la Rosa, Jamalian, Nevedal, Payan-Pehrson, Shockely, Tupy, Woolsey

Nays: None

Not present at time of voting: Baur, Clifford, Frazier, Matthay

Motion passed.

10. Recommendations for future agenda items

Member Shockley recommended the committee discuss SB 51 (Bradford) and that the DCC report on their future plans for data sharing. **Member Frasier** recommended the committee discuss intoxicating cannabinoids.

Chair Jamalian asked for public comments on this agenda item.

Public comments provided by:

Jesse (no last name given)
Wade Laughter
Mariel Burrell
James Games

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

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

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