

# Meeting Notice and Agenda

Cannabis Advisory Committee – Equity Subcommittee  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 – 1:00 pm.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11133, this meeting will be held by teleconference with no physical public locations

## Notice to the Public

The Cannabis Advisory Committee’s (CAC) Equity Subcommittee will hold a meeting on April 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. CAC subcommittee meetings are live-streamed and open to the public. No registration is required.

To view or participate in the meeting, please join by computer or phone at the meeting time:

- To join by computer (WebEx Event): <https://cannabis-meetings.webex.com/cannabis-meetings/j.php?MTID=m9685251249e0193f32c176270492bce1>
  - Webinar #2598 762 7294
  - Password: CACEquityGuest (22237849 from phones and video systems)
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  - Access code: 259 876 27294
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## Public Participation in the Meeting

The public can play an active role in the conversation about state cannabis standards and regulations by viewing the CAC meeting and offering input during public comment periods. The public can also submit comments before the meeting by emailing [CAC@cannabis.ca.gov](mailto:CAC@cannabis.ca.gov).

Public comment periods will be held where noted on the agenda and after each agenda item. Remarks must address the specific agenda item for which a public comment period is being held. The amount of time allocated for each comment may be limited.

## Meeting Accessibility

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## Additional Information

If you have any questions about this meeting notice, email [CAC@cannabis.ca.gov](mailto:CAC@cannabis.ca.gov).

## Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

### Committee Administration

1. Call to order and roll call

### Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

2. Public comment for items not on the agenda

### Items for Discussion and Possible Recommendation

3. Relevant Statewide Equity Data (Discussion and possible action)

*The Equity Subcommittee will continue its discussion about specific data points that would be most impactful for DCC to collect in order to assess the presence and impact of equity businesses in California including, but not limited to:*

- *Licenses: What data does the subcommittee recommend be collected about businesses that apply for or hold cannabis licenses? What data does the subcommittee recommend think would be helpful for understanding their equity status at the state and/or local level?*
- *Business Ownership: What demographic data does the subcommittee recommend be collected about owners of cannabis businesses (for example: race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, veteran status, education level, etc.)? Should the subcommittee recommend data be collected on every individual listed as an owner, only majority owners, or only those owning a specific percentage of the business?*
- *What other information does the subcommittee recommend the DCC to collect to assess equity among state cannabis licensees and applicants, and what purpose would this information serve?*

4. State-law Definition of Equity (Discussion and possible action)

*The Equity Subcommittee will discuss the current state-law definition of equity applicants and licensees, including but not limited to:*

- *How does the subcommittee view and define “equity,” in the context of cannabis businesses, individuals and licenses?*
- *In what ways does the current definition of equity applicants and licensees correctly capture applicants and licensees affected by the war on drugs? What gaps exist in the current definition?*
- *What revisions does the subcommittee recommend be considered for the portions of the equity definition established by DCC through regulation and why?*



*Background: The California Legislature established minimum parameters for the state’s definition of equity applicant through Business and Professions Code [section 26249](#). DCC added additional specificity to these requirements through regulations, contained within [section 15014.1](#). DCC cannot change the legislative requirements but can consider subcommittee recommendations related to the standards established by regulation.*

## Other Business

### 5. Future Agenda Items (Discussion only)

*The Equity Subcommittee will discuss which agenda topics and discussion questions would be useful to include in future meetings. The subcommittee previous identified the following topics as areas of focus for 2023 meetings:*

- *Statewide definition of equity*
- *Collection of equity data*
- *Provisional licenses for equity applicants*
- *Resources for equity businesses, including access to education and funding*

### 6. Adjournment

