

Meeting Minutes

Cannabis Advisory Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023

Members Present (11):

Amber Baur

Jeremy Brown

Dr. Imani Brown

Robin Christensen

Christine De La Rosa

Antonio Frazier

Ali Jamalian

Kristin Nevedal

Michael Polson

Madison Shockley III

David Woolsey

Members Absent:

Matthew Broad (alternate)

Matthew Clifford

Matthew Maldonado (alternate)

Sarah Payan-Pehrson

Paul Tupy

Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Staff Present:

Jacqueline Champion, Deputy Director of Policy & Research

Sara Gardner, Assistant Chief Counsel

Meeting Moderators:

Nina Lemke, Department of Cannabis Control

Katie O'Brien, Department of Cannabis Control

Minutes Taken By:

Margaret Goldbar, Department of Cannabis Control



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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Ali Jamalian called the meeting to order 10:00 am. Quorum was established.

2. Approval of the March Minutes

Member Nevedal moved to adopt both the March and June meetings minutes.

The motion was seconded by **Member Jeremy Brown**.

Public Comment:

No public comments on this agenda item.

Votes:

Ayes: Baur, Dr. Brown, Brown, Christensen, de la Rosa, Frazier, Polson, Shockley, Woolsey, Nevedal, Jamalian

Nays: None

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the June Minutes

June minutes adopted under Item 2.

4. Comments for items not on the agenda

Public Comments provided by:

Sasha
Cesar Casamayor
PWalker323
Kelly McCormick
Joanna
Christian
J. Johnson
Kimberly Carlyle

5. Presentation: Labor Peace Agreements for Cannabis Businesses

Victoria Hassid, Chair of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, and Ed Blanco, Attorney for the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, presented on cannabis businesses and Labor Peace Agreements. A link to the presentation is available here: [Labor Peace Agreements Presentation](#)

Public Comments provided by:

Anna Gayta
Mitch Colbert
Christen Heidelberg
Tony (no last name given)
J. Johnson
Kimberly Cargile

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

Chair Jamalian called for a one hour break.

The committee reconvened at 12:57 pm.

Quorum re-established.

6. Report from the September 5, 2023, Cultivation Subcommittee Meeting

Vice Chair Nevedal (Cultivation Subcommittee Chair) presented the recommendations from the Cultivation Subcommittee on the Appellations of Origins program.

- Recommendation 1: Recommend that the DCC adopt a tamper-proof, unique in appearance (such as holographic) seal, ideally embedded with a QR code.

Public Comments provided by:

Genine Coleman
Christian (no last name given)

Chair Nevedal moved to adopt the recommendation. The motion was seconded by **Member de la Rosa**.

Votes:

Ayes: Baur, Dr. Brown, Brown, Christensen, de la Rosa, Frazier, Polson, Shockley, Woolsey, Nevedal, Jamalian

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- Recommendation 2: Recommend that DCC adopt regulations for labeling requirements to require the appellation name followed by the term “appellation” on the primary panel of the label. For manufactured products, the recommendation is to include “made with ___ “appellation” on the primary panel.

Public Comments provided by:

Genine Coleman
Christian (no last name given)
Jason Soroosh
Diana (no last name given)

Chair Nevedal moved to adopt the recommendation. The motion was seconded by **Member Baur**.

Votes:

Aye: Baur, Dr. Brown, Brown, Christensen, de la Rosa, Frazier, Polson, Shockley, Woolsey, Nevedal

Nay: Jamalian

Motion passed.

- Recommendation 3: Recommend that DCC adopt one year as the appropriate transition time for business that do not meet the appellation of origin requirements.

Public Comments provided by:

Genine Coleman

Chair Nevedal moved to adopt the recommendation. The motion was seconded by **Member Woolsey**.

Votes:

Ayes: Baur, Dr. Brown, Brown, Christensen, de la Rosa, Frazier, Polson, Shockley, Woolsey, Nevedal, Jamalian

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- Recommendation 4: Recommend that the DCC develop different penalties for the misuse of the appellation name or seal, and for counterfeit seals. Both shall be no less than \$500.

Public Comments provided by:

Genine Coleman

Chair Nevedal moved to adopt the recommendation. The motion was seconded by **Member Woolsey**.

Votes:

Ayes: Baur, Dr. Brown, Brown, Christensen, de la Rosa, Frazier, Polson, Shockley, Woolsey, Nevedal, Jamalian

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- Recommendation 5: Recommend that the DCC require that each appellation of origin producer maintain a copy of the approved petition, and public notice of approval on site at all times and make that paperwork readily available to the DCC for purposes of inspection.

Public Comments provided by:

Genine Coleman

Chair Nevedal moved to adopt the recommendation. The motion was seconded by **Member de la Rosa**.

Votes:

Ayes: Baur, Dr. Brown, Brown, Christensen, de la Rosa, Frazier, Polson, Shockley, Woolsey, Nevedal, Jamalian

Nays: None

Motion passed.

7. Report from September 6, 2023, Equity Subcommittee Meeting

Chair Shockley presented a report and recommendation from the Equity Subcommittee:

- Recommend that DCC look at arrest data by police reporting districts, rather than by census tract.

Members Woolsey and Brown requested that the recommendation be to look at arrest data by state and local law enforcement agencies instead of by police reporting districts.

Public Comments provided by:

Hannah Nelson
Margro Advisors
Genine Coleman
Jason Soroosh

Chair Jamalian made the following motion:

- Recommend that DCC look at arrest data by state and local law enforcement agencies, rather than by census tract.

Motion was seconded by **Member Imani Brown**.

Votes:

Ayes: Baur, Dr. Brown, Brown, Christensen, de la Rosa, Frazier, Polson, Shockley, Woolsey, Nevedal, Jamalian

Nays: None

Motion passed.

8. Report from September 6, 2023, Public Health & Community Impact Subcommittee Meeting

Member Christensen (PHCI Subcommittee Chair) presented the report from the Public Health and Community Impact Subcommittee.

Public Comments provided by:

Judi Strang
Sara Armstrong
Jason Soroosh
Dr. Trina Hassan
Michael Katz

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

9. Requests for future agenda items

Chair Jamalian stated that the next meeting in December will include reports from any subcommittees that meet prior to December and discussion of the annual report to the Legislature. **Member Frazier** requested an update on the status of the recommendations made so far.

Public Comments provided by:

Judi Strang
Josh (no last name given)

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

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.