

Meeting Minutes

Cannabis Advisory Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2024

Committee members present (8):

Amber Baur
Carmela Beck
Robin Christensen
Christine De la Rosa
Antonio Frazier
Ali Jamalian
Michael Polson
Paul Tupy

Committee members absent:

Jeremy Brown
Dr. Imani Brown
Matthew Clifford
Sarah Payan-Pehrson
Madison Shockley
David Woolsey
Matthew Broad (alternate)
Matthew Maldonado (alternate)

DCC Staff Present:

Jacqueline Campion
Sara Gardner

Meeting Moderators:

Nina Lemke, DCC
Katie O'Brien, DCC

Minutes Taken By:

Margaret Goldbar, DCC



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1. Call to order and roll call

Chair Jamalian called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Quorum was established.

2. Introduction of new CAC Member Carmela Beck

Member Beck introduced herself to the committee.

3. Call for applications for CAC Membership

Department of Cannabis Control Deputy Director of Policy and Research

Jacqueline Campion reminded all participants that CAC applications were now open and how to apply.

4. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Public comments provided by:

John Byram
Kelly McCormick
Megan Stewart
Judi Strang
Michael Bettencourt
Sheila Dedenbach
Bonnie Goldstein
Craig of Alpine Grow Farms
Becky Rapp
Nicole Wharton
Peggy Walker
Whitney Deathrench
Jason Soroosh
Dominic (No last name given)

5. Addressing Hemp Products

California Department of Public Health Food and Drug Branch Chief Benson Yee gave a presentation to the committee regarding CDPH's recent notice issued regarding the sale of illegal hemp products.

The committee discussed the notice, and the high levels of unregulated hemp products being sold in gas stations and other outlets.

Public comments provided by:

Bonnie Goldstein
Chela Fiorini

Beeta Pishesh
Craig of Alpine Grow Farms
Jimena Villasenor
Dave Coennen
Josh Swider
Pam A.
Whitney
Jason Soroosh
Lori Dubin
Sequoyah Hudson
Judi Strang
Dave Jorgensen
One unnamed caller

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

6. Overview of the DCC Data Dashboards

Department of Cannabis Control Chief Information Officer Sean O'Connor gave a presentation on the Department's data dashboards.

Committee members then discussed the dashboards and asked questions of **CIO O'Connor** regarding the types of data collected and any future plans for other data sets.

Public comments provided by:

Jason Soroosh

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

7. Presentation of the DCC Consumer Awareness Program

Department of Cannabis Control Public Affairs Officer David Szeto gave a presentation to the committee on the recent DCC Consumer Awareness Program, Real California Cannabis.

There were no questions or comments from the committee members.

Public comments provided by:

John Byrom
Judi Strang
Samantha Trinidad
Heidi Walker
Phil Engfer

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

8. Labor Peace Agreements

Department of Cannabis Control Deputy Director of Policy and Research Jacqueline Campion then gave an update to the committee on the recent changes to Labor Peace Agreements requirements for cannabis businesses.

Member Baur expressed support for the changes to the requirements and thanked the DCC for their work on the issue.

Public comments provided by:

Lorena Ritchney

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

9. Future Agenda Items

The committee discussed possible topics for future agendas. These suggestions included licensing timeline discussions, hearing about other education campaigns, learning more about the United Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce, asking for a presentation on the EPIC program from the California Department of Justice, and a discussion on cannabis rescheduling.

Public comments provided by:

Judi Strang

Craig of Alpine Grow Farms

Kenneth

One unnamed caller

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

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

