

Meeting Minutes

Cannabis Advisory Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 19th, 2024

Committee members present (11):

- Avery Cohen
- Antonio Frazier
- Bonnie Halpern-Felsher
- Kristin Heidelberg
- Diana Huynh
- Brandon Levine
- Sara Payan-Pehrson
- Michael Polson
- Steven Ramirez
- Andrew Smith
- Paul Tupy
- Scott Vasterling

Committee members absent:

- Carmela Beck
- Matthew Broad

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Welcome

DCC Director Nicole Elliott welcomed the members of the Committee.

3. Introductions

Committee members each provided a brief introduction.

4. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Member Payan put herself forth as a candidate for Chair. Her nomination was seconded by **Member Smith**.

Member Vasterling also put himself forth as a candidate for chair. His nomination was seconded by **Member Frazier**.

Member Halpern-Felsher nominated herself for Vice Chair.

The floor was then opened for public comments.

Public Comments Provided by:

Marissa

Two rounds of votes were taken at this time, with both **Member Vasterling** and **Member Payan** received an equal number of votes.

Member Payan was supported by **Members Cohen, Halpern-Felsher, Heidelberg, Huynh, Tupy,** and herself.

Member Vasterling was supported by **Members Frazier, Levine, Polson, Ramirez, Smith,** and himself.

At this time a recess was called for ten minutes.

When the committee re-convened, **Member Payan** then withdrew her nomination for Chair and instead nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Votes for Member Vasterling to be elected Chair:

Ayes:

- Cohen
- Frazier
- Halpern-Felsher
- Heidelberg
- Huynh
- Levine

Payan
Polson
Ramirez
Smith
Vasterling

Nays:
None

Motion passed.

Member Vasterling was elected as Chair.

Member Frazier then nominated **Member Payan** for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by **Member Tupy**.

Votes for Member Payan to be elected Vice Chair:

Ayes:
Cohen
Frazier
Halpern-Felsher
Heidelbach
Huynh
Levine
Payan
Polson
Ramirez
Smith
Vasterling

Nays:
None

Motion passed.

Member Payan was elected as Vice Chair.

Public Comments provided by:

Marissa

5. Adoption of the March Meeting Minutes

Member Tupy motioned to adopt the meeting minutes. He was seconded by **Member Halpern-Felsher**.

No public comments were received on this agenda item.

Votes to adopt the March Meeting Minutes:

Ayes:
Cohen

Frazier
Halpern-Felsher
Heidelbach
Huynh
Levine
Payan
Polson
Ramirez
Smith
Vasterling

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

6. Adoption of the June Meeting Minutes

Member Tupy motioned to adopt the meeting minutes. He was seconded by **Member Halpern-Felsher**.

No public comments were received on this agenda item.

Votes to adopt the June Meeting Minutes:

Ayes:

Cohen
Frazier
Halpern-Felsher
Heidelbach
Huynh
Levine
Payan
Polson
Ramirez
Smith
Vasterling

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

7. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Public comments provided by:

Ross Gordon
Adrian Keys
Dan Geratos
Diana Gamzon
Marco Troiani
Natalynn

Oliver Bates
Hannah Whyte
John Brower
Pay Maylo
Dustin Gibeas
Madelana Narmania
Marissa ETA
Sam de la Paz
Tamara
Tyler Everett
Indy Riggs
Sarah Armstrong
Sequoyah Hudson

8. Presentation of the Upcoming Proposed Change to Cultivation Regulations

DCC Deputy Director of Policy and Research Jacqueline Campion gave an overview of the proposed changes.

The committee recessed and reconvened at 1:00 pm. Roll was taken, and quorum re-established.

Member Smith moved to strike subsection(b)(5)(A)-(F) from section 15049.1 from the regulations.

He was seconded by **Member Levine** and **Member Cohen**.

Public comments were opened on this motion.

Public comments provided by:

Amber Morris
Ross Gordon
Sequoyah Hudson
Tamara

Votes on the motion:

Ayes:

Cohen
Frazier
Halpern-Felsher
Heidelbach
Huynh
Levine
Payan
Polson
Ramirez
Smith
Vasterling

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Discussion then continued on the topic of possibly striking section 15011 subsection (a)(12). **Member Polson** moved to strike the section. No second was received.

Member Polson and **Chair Vasterling** recommended that the topic be taken up by the cultivation subcommittee instead of the full committee.

Chair Vasterling then opened the floor for public comment on the proposed changes.

Public Comments provided by:

Ross Gordon
Sequoyah Hudson
Eric Paulson
Diana Gamzon
Marissa ETA

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.