

# December Meeting Minutes

Cannabis Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

**Committee members present (10):**

Carmela Beck  
Matthew Broad  
Kristin Heidelbach  
Diana Huynh  
Brandon Levine  
Michael Polson  
Steven Ramirez  
Andres Smith  
Paul Tupy  
Scott Vasterling

**Committee members absent:**

Avery Cohen  
Bonnie Halpern-Felsher  
Sara Payan-Pehrson

**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 10:02 a.m. Chair Vasterling announced that item 6, the Cannabis Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Legislature, was removed from the day's agenda.

## 2. Adoption of September Meeting Minutes

**Member Heidelberg** clarified that she was in fact present at the September meeting. **Member Tupy** motioned to approve the minutes with the edit that Member Heidelberg was present. He was seconded by **Member Smith**.

There were no public comments on this item.

Votes on the motion to approve the minutes with the edit to mark **Member Heidelberg** as present:

Ayes:

Beck  
Broad  
Heidelberg  
Levine  
Polson  
Ramirez  
Smith  
Tupy  
Vasterling

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

## 3. Adoption of November Meeting Minutes

**Member Tupy** motioned to approve the minutes as is. He was seconded by **Member Smith**.

There were no public comments on this item.

Votes on the motion to approve the minutes as is:

Ayes:

Beck  
Broad

Heidelbach  
Levine  
Polson  
Ramirez  
Smith  
Tupy  
Vasterling

Nays:  
None

Motion passed.

#### 4. **Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda**

**Public comments provided by:**

Diana Gamzon  
Marissa ETA  
Ross Gordon  
Craig Johnson  
Dominic Black  
Ann Riddle  
Elise Jackson  
Kelly McCormich  
Sebastian Gotla  
Drew Plebani

#### 5. **Evaluation of Licensing Fee Structure**

**DCC Deputy Director of Policy and Research Jacqueline Champion** gave an overview of the current fee structure, and asked the committee for their recommendations on guiding principles for restructuring.

**Public comments provided by:**

Craig Johnson  
Abe  
Diana Gamzon  
Marissa ETA  
Jesse Hill  
Ross Gordon  
John Foley  
Sebastian  
Sequoyah Hudson  
Rowshawn Reordan  
Drew Plebani

Committee members suggested that DCC consider having some costs covered by taxes, reviewing costs for the track and trace system, and making the fee structure more equitable across the supply chain. Chair Vasterling suggested revisiting this topic at a future meeting. No action was taken by the Committee.

## 6. Cannabis Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Legislature

This item was removed from the agenda.

## 7. Future Agenda Items

**Member Smith** proposed inviting the Department of Pesticide Regulation to return and give an update on their presentation from November 2024.

**Member Levine, Smith, and Beck** proposed discussing SB 622 and the implementation of batch tagging.

**Member Levine** proposed a new subcommittee to discuss the costs and license fees.

**Member Beck** proposed a discussion on farm worker availability and how it will be affected by the incoming administration.

### Public comments provided by:

Craig

Jonathan Cvetko

Marissa ETC

Shanon Taliaferro

Sequoyah Hudson

Abe

## 8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

