Cannabis Regulatory Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday November 5, 2026, 6:30 pm
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Council Chambers
Oakland, CA 94612

AGENDA

Reminder: This meeting will take place in person. Members of the public can observe and participate remotely via zoom as well.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS

TO OBSERVE:

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83178092744

Phone one-tap:

+16694449171,,83178092744# US

+16699006833,,83178092744# US (San Jose)

Join via audio:

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Webinar ID: **831 7809 2744**

International numbers available: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kC4viugu0

After calling any of these phone numbers, if you are asked for a participant ID or code, press #. Instructions on how to join a meeting by phone are available at: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362663, which is a webpage entitled "Joining a Meeting By Phone."

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT: There are two ways to make public comment within the time allotted for public comment on an eligible Agenda item.

Persons may speak on any item appearing on the agenda; however, a Speaker Card must be filled out and given to a representative of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission. Multiple agenda items cannot be listed on one speaker card. If a speaker signs up to speak on multiple items listed on the agenda, the Chairperson may rule that the speaker be given an appropriate allocation of time to address all issues at one time (cumulative) before the items are called. All speakers will be allotted 3 minutes or less – unless the Chairperson allots additional time.

♿ This meeting is wheelchair accessible. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the meetings of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, please contact the Office of the City Clerk (510) 238-3612. Notification two full business days prior to the meeting will enable the City of Oakland to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. In compliance with Oakland's policy for people with chemical sensitivities, please refrain from wearing strongly scented products to events.

Questions or concerns regarding this agenda, or to review any agenda-related materials, please contact the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at (510) 238-6370.

- Attend in person; or
- Comment in advance. To send your comment before the meeting starts, please send your comment, along with your full name and agenda item number you are commenting on, to Kat Torio at ktorio@oaklandca.gov. All submitted public comments will be provided to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission prior to the meeting.
- Comment virtually. When public speakers are called for an item please raise your hand in zoom and unmute yourself. If you have dialed in, please press "9" to raise your hand and "*6" to unmute.

If you have any questions about these protocols, please e-mail Kat Torio, at ktorio@oaklandca.gov

Members:

Samantha Sage	District 1	Hellen Harvey	District 7
M. Chaz Walker	District 2	Ahshatae Millhouse	At Large
Vacant	District 3	Vacant	Mayor
Tariq Ikharo	District 4	Luna de la Riva	City Auditor
Vacant	District 5	Vacant	City Administrator
Terryn Buxton	District 6		

Available on-line at: **https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/cannabis-regulatory-commission**

MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on May 14, 2026

C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
1. Introduction of new Commissioner Appointment for the Office of the City Auditor, Luna de la Riva.
2. Special Meetings & Subcommittee Update
3. CRC Public Forum to gather community feedback on Cannabis Equity Program
4. Business Tax Wavier Incentive & Cannabis Businesses
5. Implementation of Update on State Grants

E. Suggest Additions to Next Month's Agenda

F. Open Forum / Public Comment

G. Announcements
1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

2. Apply to serve on CRC here: https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697

H. Adjournment

CITY OF OAKLAND

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

TO:	Cannabis Regulatory Commission	**FROM:**	Kat Torio Economic and Workforce Development Department
SUBJECT:	November 5, 2026 Agenda Items	**DATE:**	November 2, 2026

ITEM C (1) Announcement of Commissioner Appointment for the Office of the City Auditor

Luna de la Riva is appointed to represent the Office of the City Auditor serving the remainder of Tiyana Smith's term ending in July. Staff will discuss terms, bylaws and request Commissioners to verbalize their current term status for the record.

ITEM C (2) Special Meetings & Subcommittee Update

Chair Walker will discuss updates report and recommendations regarding raising our public profile and increasing public participation in our meetings.

ITEM C (3) CRC Public Forum to gather community feedback on Cannabis Equity Program

City staff would like the opportunity to use a portion of public forum to gather feedback from the public on the equity program for consideration of the Department of Race and Equity.

ITEM C (5) Business Tax Wavier Incentive & Cannabis Businesses

City staff will inform the Commission if cannabis businesses are eligible for the business tax waiver benefit proposed on the June 2 election.

ITEM C (6) Implementation Update on State Grants

Oakland's pioneering race and equity analysis of the cannabis industry and creation of an Equity Program inspired jurisdictions across the country to pursue and support similar programs. Then starting in 2019 the State of California set aside annual grant funding to support local jurisdictions' cannabis equity programs. **Table A** outlines the amount of funding the City has received from the State of California for its Equity Program, Oakland's ranking among local jurisdictions each year, and the total amount of funding set aside by the State of California that year.

Table A: Oakland's Receipt of Local Equity Grant Funding

State Funding Agency	Fiscal Year (FY)	STATUS OF GRANT	Amount of Funding Received	Oakland's Ranking Among Local Jurisdictions	Total Amount of Funding Available Statewide
BCC[1]	FY 2019-2020	CLOSED	$1,657,201.65	2nd	$10 million
Go-Biz	FY 2019-2020	CLOSED	$6,576,705.76	1st	$30 million
Go-Biz	FY 2020-2021	CLOSED	$2,434,712.51	1st	$15 million
Go-Biz	FY 2021-2022	CLOSED	$5,435,140.82	2nd	$35 million
Go-Biz	FY 2022-2023	CLOSED	$1,996,487.50	1st	$15 million
Go-Biz	FY 2023-2024	CLOSED	$3,000,000.00	1st	$15 million
Go-Biz	FY 2025-2026	Awarded	$2,074,369.75	3rd	$18.4 million

[1] Initially the Bureau of Cannabis Control, the predecessor to the Department of Cannabis Control, disbursed Local Equity Grant funding.

Figure 1 – Proposition 64 Cohort three (2023-2028)

Uses	YEAR 1 FY 23-24	YEAR 2 FY 24-25	YEAR 3 FY 25-26	YEAR 4 FY 26-27	YEAR 5 FY 27-28	TOTALS	DISBURSED TO DATE	BALANCE
Half of Program Analyst III		100,000.00	105,000.00	110,000.00	115,000.00	**430,000.00**	85,485.91	344,514.09
Equity Public Awareness Consultant	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	**225,000.00**	173,706.13	51,293.87
2nd Party Evaluator		20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	**80,000.00**		80,000.00
Financial Audit					20,000.00	**20,000.00**		20,000.00
Grants to Security Facilities			300,000.00	300,000.00		**600,000.00**		600,000.00
Grants to Support Onsite Security	207,500.00		713,750.00	713,750.00		**1,635,000.00**	193,666.62	1,441,333.38
RFP Advertising	5,000.00					**5,000.00**	3,376.88	1,623.12
Equipment/Supplies			5,000.00			**5,000.00**	4,878.79	121.21
TOTALS:	**257,500.00**	**165,000.00**	**1,188,750.00**	**1,188,750.00**	**200,000.00**	**3,000,000.00**	**461,114.33**	**2,538,779.67**

- We have 9 applications pending processing for a total of $713,745.00 (4 applications are equity)

Figure 2: 2025-2026 Go-Biz (GO-BIZ 6) Grant Funds

	CATEGORY ALLOCATED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
Grants	$1,867,369.75	1,629,739.00	$237,630.75
Staff	$207,000.00	101,531.16	$105,468.84
TOTALS	**$2,074,369.75**	**$1,731,270.16**	**$343,099.59**

ITEM F (1) Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

Below please find current statistics for Cannabis Applications, Active State Annual Licenses, City Issued Permits.

Figure F-1: Permit Application by Activity

CANNABIS ACTIVITIES BY BUSINESS TYPE	GENERAL	EQUITY
Delivery	36	29
Cultivator (Indoor)	131	13
Cultivator (Outdoor)	0	1
Distributor	44	34
Mfg. Volatile	13	0
Mfg. Non-Volatile	22	32
Transporter	7	0
Lab Testing	0	0
GRAND TOTALS	**253**	**109**

Figure F-2: Graph of Current Active Applications with an Address:

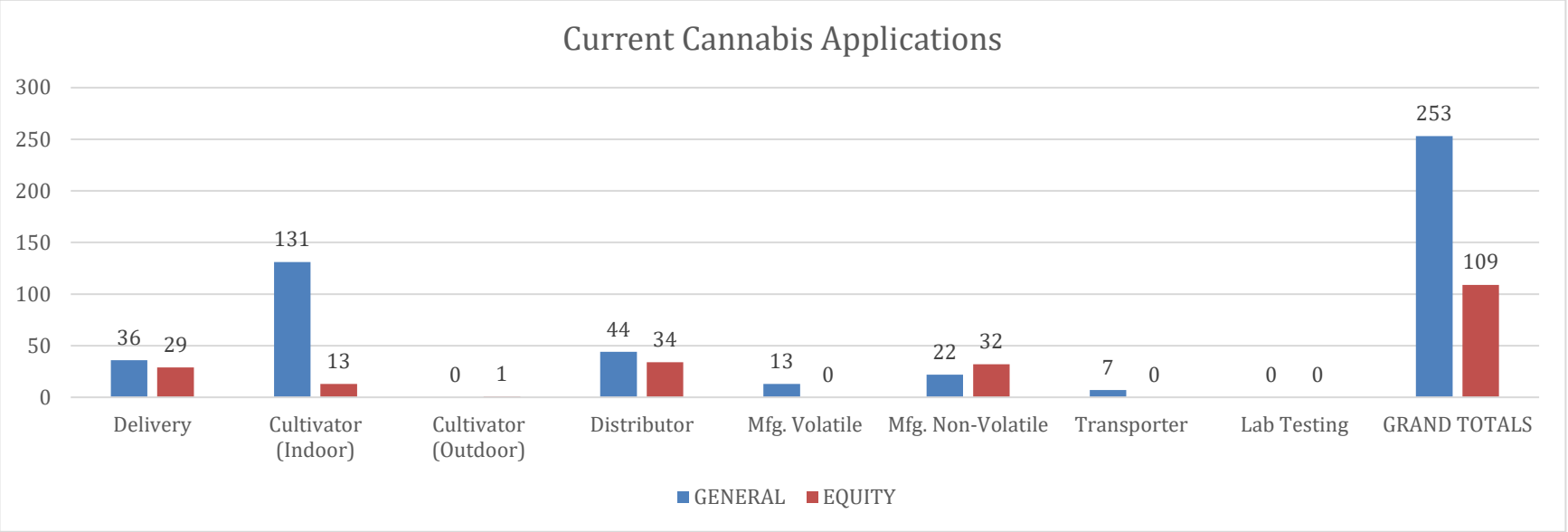


Figure F-3: Conditional Operating Permits

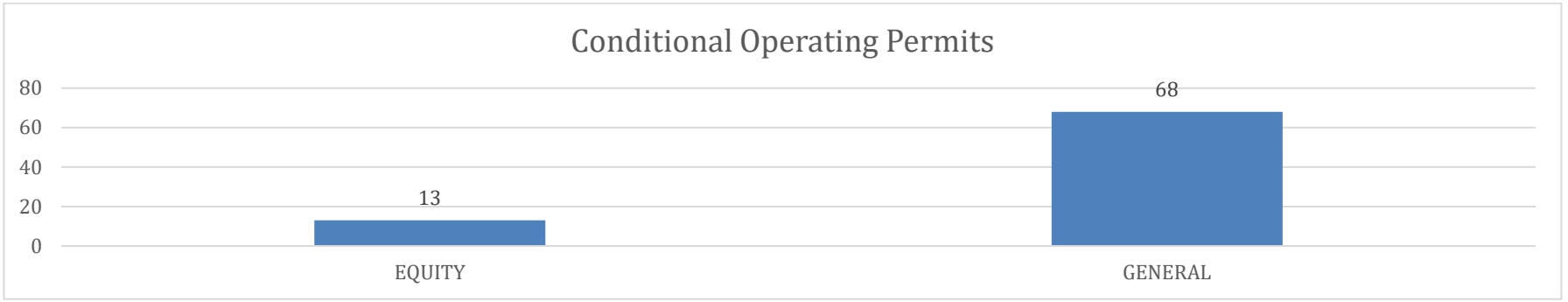
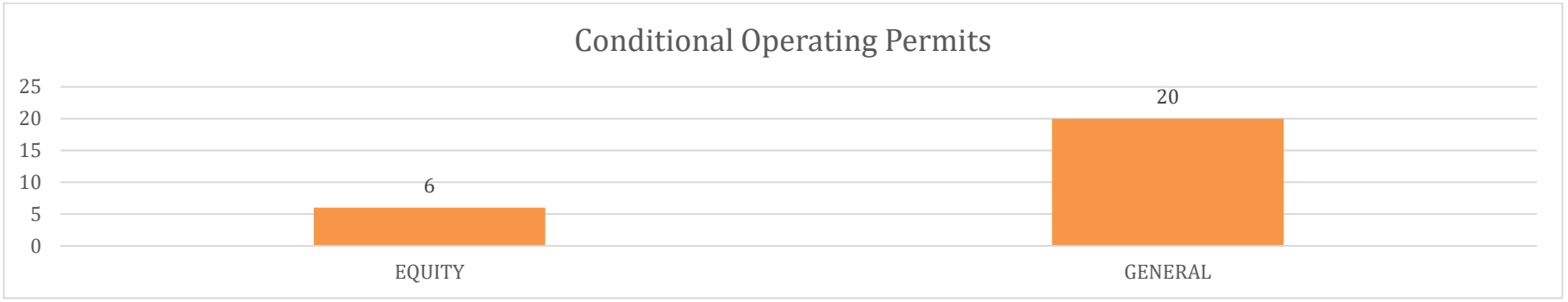


Figure F-4 Conditional Non-Operating Permits



- *Conditional and Conditional Non-Operating Permits are issued for one permit for all activities.*

Figure F-5 Expired/In Process Conditional Non-Operating Permits

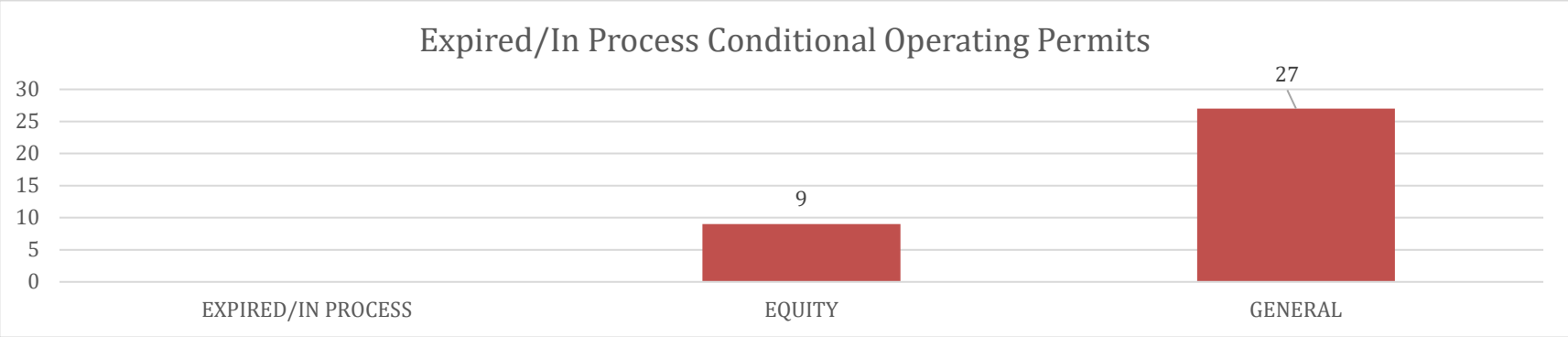
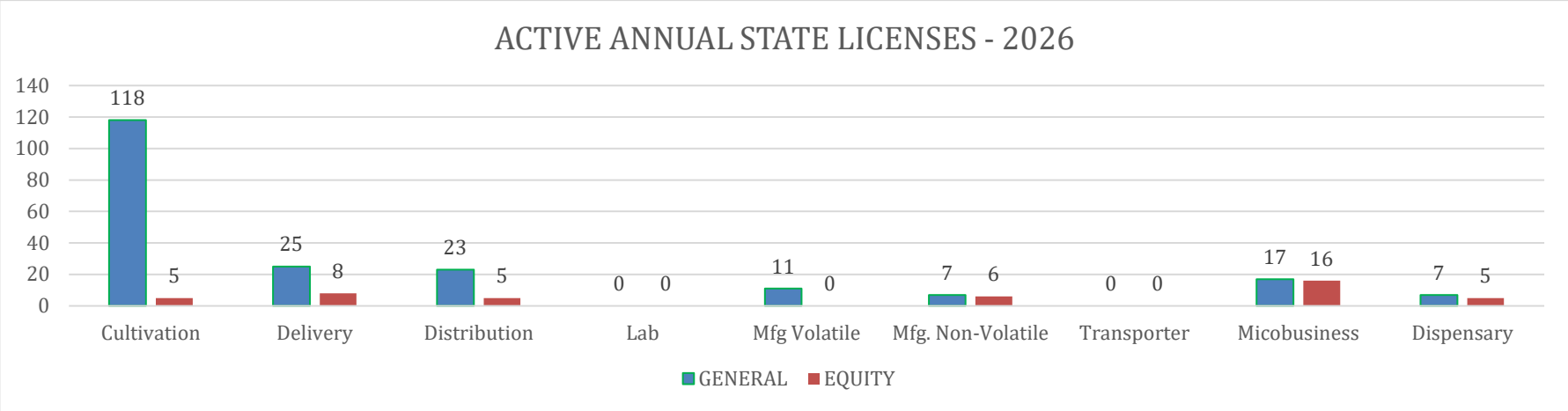


Figure F-6: Operators Issued Annual State Licenses



- Microbusiness Licenses are counted as one for the state.
- Many cultivation applicants have multiple licenses with the state to accommodate their canopy size.