

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Special Meeting

Thursday November 10, 2022 6:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

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Members:

Javier Armas	District 1	Vacant	District 7
Tracey Corder	District 2	Chaney Turner	At Large
Taib Alaoui	District 3	Eric Medrano	Mayor
Lauren Payne	District 4	TiYanna Long	City Auditor
Vacant	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
Vacant	District 6		

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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Armas, Corder, Payne, Turner, Long, Minor
Absent: Medrano, Alaoui

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on October 6, 2022

Chair Turner moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Member Payne seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Adopt a Resolution Determining That Conducting In-Person Meetings of The Cannabis Regulatory Commission Would Present Imminent Risks to Attendees’ Health, And Electing to Continue Conducting Meetings Using Teleconferencing in Accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(E), A Provision Of AB-361

Member Minor provided an overview of the item and a reminder that the State of California’s COVID-19 emergency is set to sunset in February 2023. Member Payne noted that if meetings return to being in person she will not be able to attend. Chair Turner moved to approve the Resolution as drafted; Member Payne seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

2. Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Proposition 64 Cohort 3 Grant Opportunity

Member Minor outlined potential approaches to state grant opportunity, including funding OPD positions and continuing public awareness campaigns to support equity businesses. Members expressed reluctance at

funding OPD and questioned whether grant funding is needed to fund OPD positions if OPD has existing vacancies funded via City Council.

Vice-Chair Long made a motion for staff to forward the equity week press release to the CRC listserv and post on the City's website. Chair Turner seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

Chair Turner made a motion for the City to apply for BSCC funds for grants to operators to fortify spaces and for businesses that have been burglarized and that the CRC does not accept staff recommendation to use BSCC funds to fund OPD. Vice-Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed with members Minor and Payne abstaining.

3. Draft 2022 Survey of Equity Applicants

Member Minor presented the initial draft of a 2022 survey of equity applicants. Chair Turner recommended that adding an option to question number four for equity applicants that had a negative experience with incubation and for number eight to make clear what agencies are City vs. County. Vice-Chair Long recommended adding an option for number three if they have not operated. Chair Turner then made a motion for staff to implement the CRC's recommendations. Member Payne seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

4. CRC Member Commitment, Attendance and Time

Chair Turner encouraged members to give notice in advance if they are unable to attend a meeting.

5. Implementation Update on State Grants

Member Minor provided an update on state grants.

D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda

- *Building and Fire Baseline Permitting Timelines (since January 2022)*
- *Details on Proposed Legislative Framework for Next Phase of Cannabis Program (since February 2022)*
- *Finalize Exit Interview Survey for Withdrawn Applications (since July 2022)*
- *Establishing Department of Cannabis (since September 2022)*
- *Planning Department Discussion re Zones Eligible for Cannabis Businesses (since October 2022)*

Chair Turner made a motion to postpone the CRC's next meeting until January. Vice-Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

E. Open Forum / Public Comment

There were no speakers.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
2. Apply to serve on CRC here:
<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>
3. Equity Week November 14th-18th will feature special deals on equity products at participating dispensaries. For more information visit: equityweek2022.com

G. Adjournment