

# *Cannabis Regulatory Commission*

Special Meeting

Thursday March 13, 2025, 6:30 pm  
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, City Hall, Hearing Room 2  
Oakland, CA 94612

## AGENDA

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## Members:

Samantha Sage	District 1	Hellen Harvey	District 7
M. Chaz Walker	District 2	Vacant	At Large
Zachary Gayner	District 3	Yulie Padmore	Mayor
Tariq Ikharo	District 4	TiYanna L. Smith	City Auditor
Linda Grant	District 5	Vacant	City Administrator
Vacant	District 6		

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## **MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum  
*Present Members, Sage, Walker, Gayner, Ikharo, Grant, Harvey, Padmore and Smith*
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on January 9, 2025  
*Chair Smith made motion to approve minutes, second by Member Walker, motion passed unanimously*
- C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
1. Form 700 Filers Training by City of the Clerk's Office- *No questions for the presenter*
  2. Request for CRC's Annual Report to the City Council –*Public comment Dale Sky Jones from Oaksterdam requested that the report include a request for tax relief and to not increase the excise tax from 15% to 19%. Member Sage offered to assist in the crafting of the commissions annual report. Member Smith suggested tax increases be an item to discuss at April meeting. Chair Smith suggested a shared work doc for members to work on collectively, City Administrator staff agreed.*
  3. Case 4 Cannabis (C4C) Update- *City staff made the commission aware that the contract for C4C has been discontinued but the City is hopeful to reinstate the program if funding becomes available. Member Walker asked if the intellectual property of the program could be shared. City Staff stated they recommended reviewing their website and the annual report and reaching out to C4C to discuss access to the curriculum. VC Walker made a motion to request C4C make a presentation at the April meeting, seconded by Member Sage. The motion passed unanimously. No public comment on this item.*
  4. Special Meetings & Subcommittee Status- *City Staff alerted Commissioner that they only need to be aligned with the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance when meeting outside the regular monthly meeting. Commissioners discussed complications in the industry with the increased activity of the illicit markets through sessions. Member Ikharo stated the sales tax is a major barrier to growth of the cannabis industry. Member Grant stated the sessions are thriving in the community and may or may not want to be legal as there are too many barriers in the legal market. Member Gayner agreed taxes are too high. Member Padmore reiterated the need for staff to focus on cannabis. Asked what does the department of cannabis support and a subcommittee can grow the amount of people involved. Member Walker also would like to support the need for a subcommittee, stated business support and training and establishing international relations which could help build a solid industry as cannabis sister cities. Padmore stated connecting with veteran cannabis communities for establishing the variety of services for multiple types of business outside of those that already exist. Chair Smith requested an update on Greg's replacement. City Staff updated the Commission. Public speaker Robert Jenkins who stated the illicit market is heavily impacting the industry in Oakland. Requested more support from enforcement on this issue. Member Gayner asked about the enforcement procedures in place for cannabis. City Staff outlined the current process. Chair Smith asked for a roll call on interest in the subcommittee. Members, Walker, Grant, and Padmore elected to join. Member Sage reminded the Commissioner to adhere to Measure Z in their future actions.*

5. Implementation Update on State Grants - Go Biz 6 Announcement- *City staff presented changes in the grant report and announced Go-Biz 6 award. Member Sage offered to be a resource to help with the content creation for marketing to aid Equity businesses. Chair Smith and member Padmore asked for clarity on the staff portion of the grant. City Staff explained the usage and allotment.*

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

- *Invitation to Oaksterdam – Chair Smith made a motion to invite Oaksterdam to the April meeting, seconded by VC Walker. The motion passed unanimously.*

E. Open Forum / Public Comment – *Public comment Dale Sky Jones offered that through March 31<sup>st</sup> technical assistance is still available to cannabis businesses. Robert Jenkins stated Oakland equity operators are resilient but need support to maintain their businesses. City Staff announced D2 CM Kaplan has asked to come before the Commission to present Resolution amendment pertaining to onsite consumption. Chair Smith made a motion to invite CM Kaplan to the April meeting, seconded by VC Walker. The motion passed unanimously.*

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process – *City Staff updated Commissioner on Accela status*
2. Cannabis Café Onsite Consumption Update - *City Staff updated Commissioner on cannabis café status*
3. Apply to serve on CRC here: <https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>

G. Adjournment