

# *Cannabis Regulatory Commission*

Special Meeting

Thursday July 16, 2026, 6:30 pm  
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room 3  
Oakland, CA 94612

## AGENDA

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- 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>

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*Present: Sage, Walker, Grant, Harvey, Millhouse & City Administrator Staff*
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on September 4, 2025  
*Moved by Member Harvey, second by VC Walker passes unanimously*
- C. Introduction of new Commission Ahshatae Millhouse
- D. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
  1. Nominations and vote on new Chair and Vice Chair – *Commissioner Grant nominates VC Walker for Chair no other nominations took place. VC Walker assumes position of Chair for the CRC. Nominations for Vice Chair are opened. Commissioner Harvey nominates Commissioner Sage, Commissioner Sage nominates Commissioner Grant, Grant seconds nomination for Sage. Sage abstains, Harvey Aye, Millhouse Aye, Grant Aye, Walker abstains. Commissioner Sage is appointed to Vice Chair of the CRC.*
  2. Special Meetings & Subcommittee items – *Chair Walker open to suggest motions for forming subcommittees, administrative staff contributed guidelines for subcommittees stating that ad hoc committees may convene on items of importance to the commission but must disband within 90 days and shall not consist of more than 5 members of the CRC. A report of the ad hoc subcommittees’ findings will be presented to the CRC. Chair Walker posed deciding what task should be priority for the CRC. Department of cannabis, promoting tourism and increasing public awareness of the CRC were cited as viable options. VC Sage commented on public awareness and outreach of the CRC is a priority. Commissioner Grant and Millhouse agreed, Millhouse added tourism is important. Commissioner Harvey agreed as well. Chair Walker stated there is not much support for establishing a Department of Cannabis and made a motion that public awareness, outreach, increased participation and raising the*

*public profile of the CRC as the priority subcommittee topic. Motion is seconded by Commissioner Grant. Vote is taken, Millhouse Aye, Sage Aye, Harvey Aye, Grant Aye, Walker Aye unanimously passes. CRC establishes a committee staffed by Sage, Grant, Walker and possibly Millhouse, Harvey declines.*

*3. Discussion and vote to move CRC meeting frequency to quarterly instead of monthly – Chair Walker prefers to continue meeting monthly, Sage agrees. No option is taken to vote.*

*4. Discussion on what is required to establish a standalone City department for the administration and regulation of cannabis businesses. - Sage asks staff to explain the power limitation of the Commission and how the purpose of the commission can be changed. Staff refers Commissioners to the bylaws for details on the purpose and the history of establishment of the CRC. Staff reminds the Commission that the body was created through a ballot measure and to change the purpose of the CRC would require a subsequent ballot measure. Chair Walker asked if meeting with City officials to establish a new ballot measure is an option. Staff informed the commission elected officials are the best resource for proposing a ballot measure. Staff relays options for either dissolving or modifying the current CRC from the City Attorney.*

*5. Discuss and vote to request a Brown Act Training /Q&A session with the City Attorney – VC Sage request to separate the two items. Commissioners agree a Brown Act Training currently is not necessary. Commissioners discuss option to meet with the City Attorney for advice, staff informs the Commission that the City Attorney would not be available to meet for an open Q&A session but can provide trainings. Chair walker asked if a training is available on proposing a ballot measure or working with Council. Staff stated they would ask if that were an option.*

*6. Implementation Update on State Grants*

*City staff review charts and graphs included in the agenda packet. Staff informed the Commission that there is delay in disbursing grant because of a new grant making process implemented by the financial department. The Commission would like to support equity by producing a letter to the City Administrator request a revision back the prior grant process for equity grants. Chair Walker made a motion to create a subcommittee to make recommendations to the City Administrator to change the grant making process. Seconded by Sage, motion passes unanimously. Staff will clarify if there are any rules for a joint letter from the CRC. Commissioner Harvey asked for an update of items grant related over the past 8 months, Staff updated the Commission.*

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

- *Invitation to Oakland Equity Collective shared kitchen to present – Commission would like to meet with OEC when available*
- *New suggestions from Commission – public outreach, report on the proposed letter, raise public profile, cannabis tourism,*
- *Staff will report on trainings available from the City Attorney*
- *Staff will bring info on the proposed business tax waiver for small business and if it applies to cannabis*
- *Chair Walker proposed the Legendary Public Awareness campaign and connecting with them – staff suggested connecting with Oaksterdam through their stakeholder meetings.*
- *Chair Walker spoke of branding Oakland as leader of cannabis tourism and declaring a 420 cannabis week of events.*

F. Open Forum / Public Comment

*Comment was made by three individuals, David Clancy, Darren Buxton and Adolph Warren*

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## Cannabis Regulatory Commission

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**TO:** Cannabis Regulatory Commission

**FROM:** Kat Torio  
Economic and Workforce  
Development Department

**SUBJECT:** July 16, 2026 Agenda Items

**DATE:** July 13, 2026

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### 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 Tiwana 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 Waiver 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**

| <b>State Funding Agency</b> | <b>Fiscal Year (FY)</b> | <b>STATUS OF GRANT</b> | <b>Amount of Funding Received</b> | <b>Oakland's Ranking Among Local Jurisdictions</b> | <b>Total Amount of Funding Available Statewide</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| BCC <sup>1</sup>            | 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                                     |

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

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<sup>1</sup> Initially the Bureau of Cannabis Control, the predecessor to the Department of Cannabis Control, disbursed Local Equity Grant funding.

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

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

**Figure 3: 2025-2026 Go-Biz (GO-BIZ 6) Grant Funds**

|               | <b>CATEGORY ALLOCATED</b> | <b>DISBURSED</b>   | <b>BALANCE</b>        |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Grants        | \$1,867,369.75            | 0                  | \$1,867,369.75        |
| Staff         | \$207,000.00              | \$84,752.52        | \$122,247.48          |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>\$2,074,369.75</b>     | <b>\$84,752.52</b> | <b>\$1,989,617.23</b> |

- We have 19 applications pending processing for a total of \$985,586.49

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**

| <b><i>CANNABIS ACTIVITIES BY BUSINESS TYPE<br/>(Address Only)</i></b> | <b>GENERAL</b> | <b>EQUITY</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Delivery                                                              | 39             | 30            |
| Cultivator (Indoor)                                                   | 132            | 16            |
| Cultivator (Outdoor)                                                  | 2              | 1             |
| Distributor                                                           | 45             | 35            |
| Mfg. Volatile                                                         | 14             | 0             |
| Mfg. Non-Volatile                                                     | 26             | 33            |
| Transporter                                                           | 6              | 0             |
| Lab Testing                                                           | 0              | 0             |
| <b>GRAND TOTALS</b>                                                   | <b>264</b>     | <b>115</b>    |

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

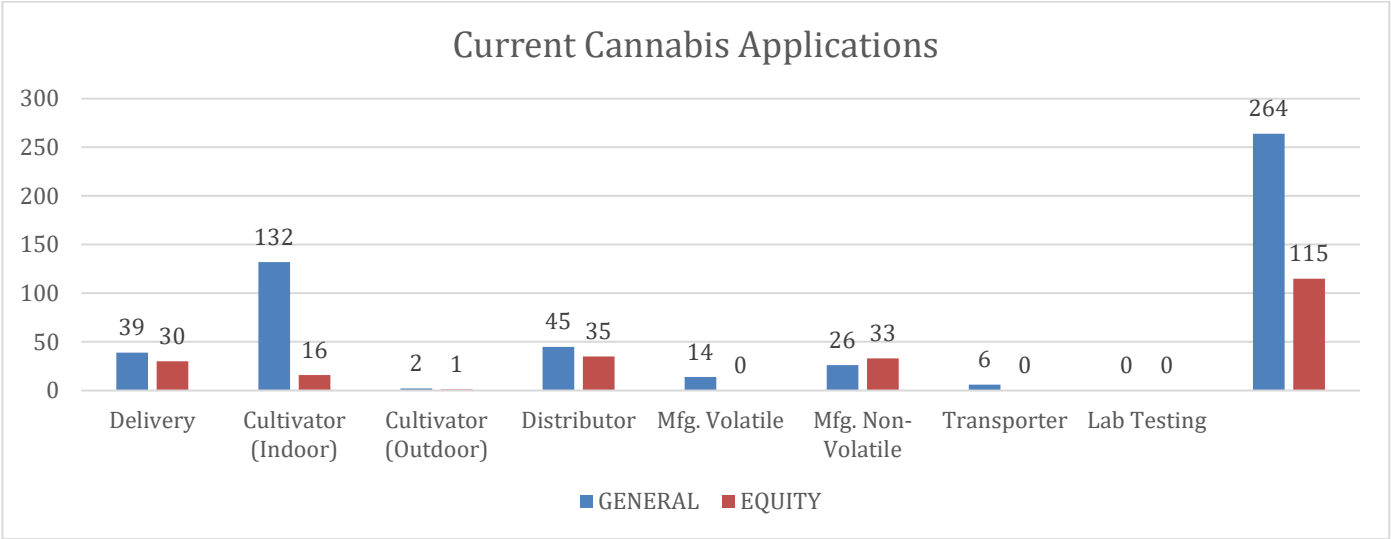
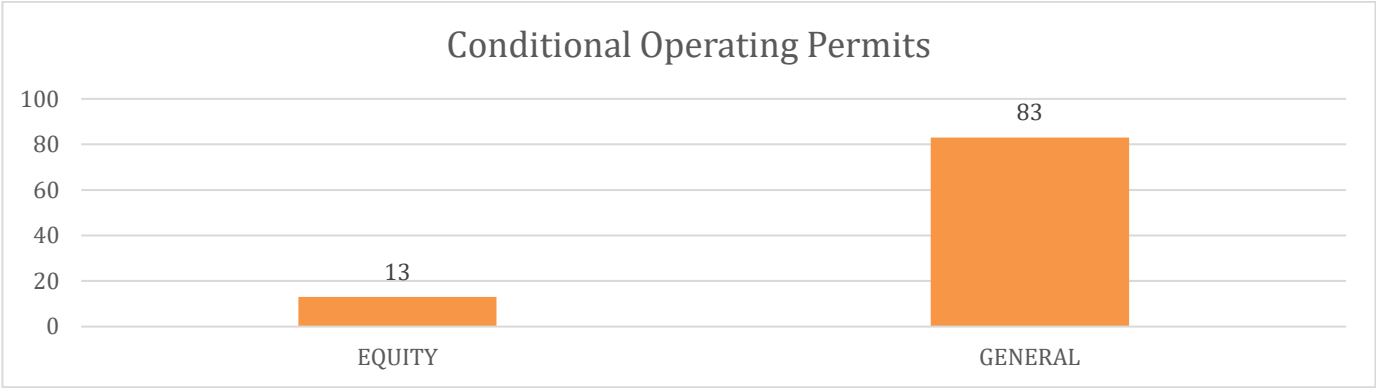
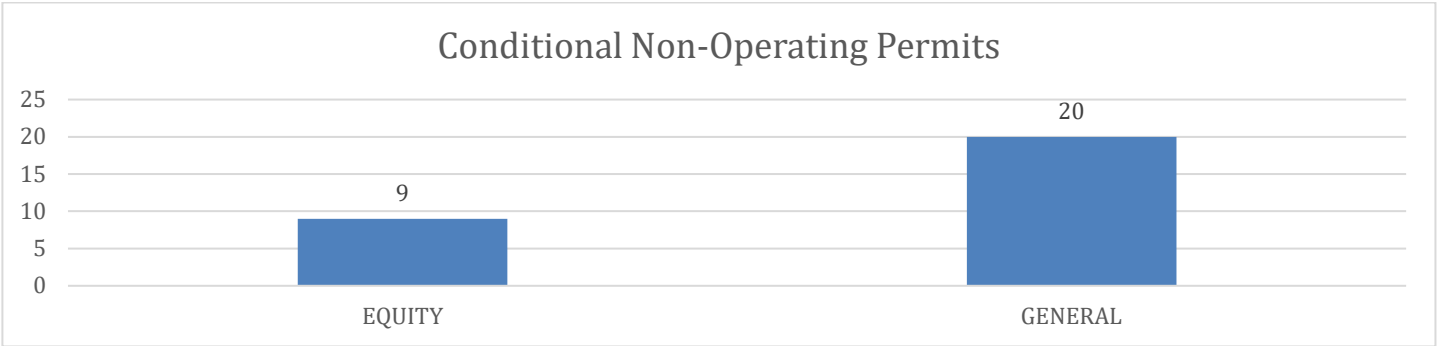


Figure F-3: Conditional Operating Permits



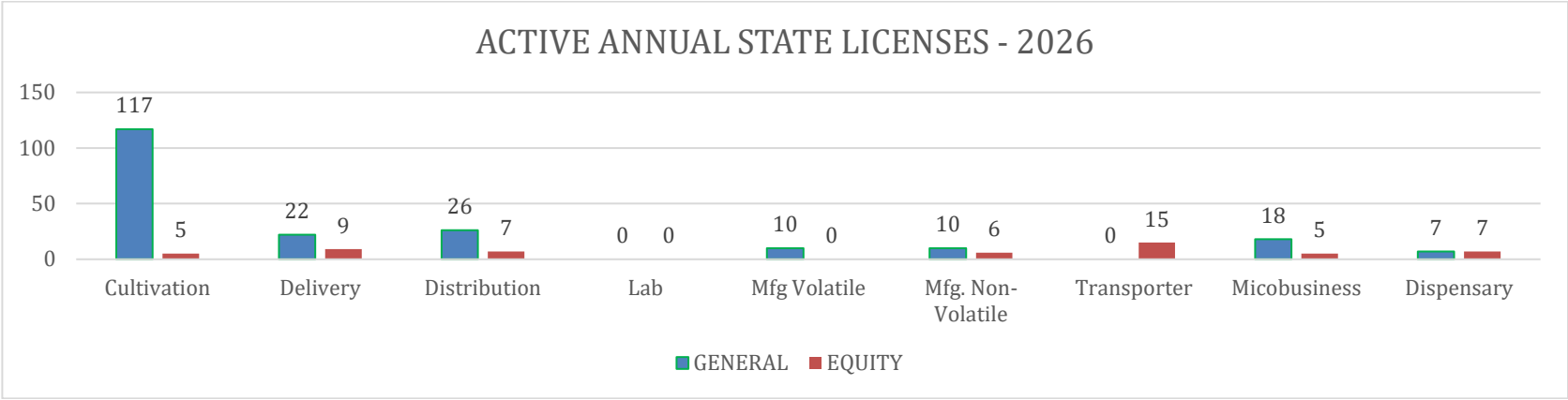
- Conditional Permits are issued for one permit for all activities.

Figure F-4 Conditional Non-Operating Permits



- Conditional Non-Operational Permits are issued for one permit for all activities.

Figure F-5: 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.

Figure F-7: City Annual Permits Issued (2025-2026)

