

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Regular Meeting

Thursday September 4, 2025, 6:30 pm
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, City Hall, Council Chambers
Oakland, CA 94612

AGENDA

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MEETING AGENDA

- A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on August 7, 2025
- C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
 - 1. Update on CRC's Annual Report to the City Council
 - 2. Special Meetings & Subcommittee Status
 - 3. Go Biz 6 Grant Suggestions from Commissioners
 - 4. Update on Shared Kitchens
 - 5. Equity Operators Involvement in the Public Awareness Campaign
 - 6. Implementation Update on State Grants
 - 7. Follow up on Graphs which identify no address
- D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda
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- E. Open Forum / Public Comment
- F. Announcements
 - 1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
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<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>
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Minutes

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Present Sage, Walker, Ikharo, Grant, Harvey and Padmore
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on March 13 and June 5, 2025
Moved by Padmore, seconded by Grant motion passes unanimously
- C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
 - 1. Update on CRC's Annual Report to the City Council
Commissioners took a moment of silence to honor Richard Lee. City staff reminded Commissioners that an annual report is due to City Council. This report will be worked on through a shared Google doc between Commissioners. Staff offered to assist in producing the report. Sage recommended working in sections. Report should be submitted as soon as possible.
 - 2. Special Meetings & Subcommittee Status
Walker suggested working on the report through the subcommittee.
 - 3. Go Biz 6 Report
Staff alerted Commissioners that Go Biz 6 will not open for applicants until a report has been delivered to Council on how it will be spent. Staff notified the commission that a survey was conducted to request suggestions on what grants could be available for. Staff asked Commissioners to consider their suggestions for spending Go Biz 6 funding at the next regular meeting. Walker asked if these grants can be directed to capital costs for applicants. Staff explained operators budget needs to reflect what will be spent with grant award, the budget which can contain capital improvements will be approved before the grant is awarded. Staff also explained that grants would be given at \$25k increments with a request for valid receipts before the balance of the reward is issued. Padmore asked about workshops and the application process. Staff explained there are open counter office hours for applicants Monday, Wed, and Fridays 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm.
 - 4. Implementation Update on State Grants
City Staff gave updates on grants including a request for a budget amendment to allocate a portion of Go Biz 5 to be used for printing marketing materials for the Equity Public Awareness Campaign. Staff also suggested using Go Biz 6 funds for assisting in the development of cannabis cafes. Staff made Commissioners aware the current state legislation allows only dispensaries with an onsite consumption permit can add non-cannabis food and entertainment to their activity. Ikharo mentioned that permitting and capital improvements are a barrier for operators to convert into cannabis cafes. Grant asked if cannabis cafes are related to cannabis special events. Staff informed the commission that cannabis cafes are a permanent use while special events are a temporary use. Staff reminded Commissioners that applications for security grants through BSCC Cohort 3 are currently open.
- D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda
Staff reviewed the items which Commissioner have selected for discussion for the September meeting.
- E. Open Forum / Public Comment

Cleveland owner of Cloud 7 had questions about the distribution of Go Biz 6. Staff explained how the grant would be administered. Staff suggested agendizing the item for the September meeting if Commissioners wanted to discuss distribution of the grants.

Eve stated they would like more involvement in the Oaksterdam Equity Public Awareness campaign. Eve also asked what the status of the shared kitchens is and if they have been effective. Staff suggested agendizing the item for the September meeting if Commissioners wanted to discuss.

Walker stated they will entertain a motion to add those two items to the next meeting agenda Harvey moved, Padmore seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Padmore suggested adding to the next month agenda a suggestion for a land and labor acknowledgement at the beginning of every Commission meeting. Padmore made a motion item will be added to the agenda for the September meeting.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

Staff gave an update on the migration to the Accela platform. Harvey asked for an explanation of applications with no address. Item will be added to the next months agenda.

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Cannabis Regulatory Commission

TO: Cannabis Regulatory Commission

FROM: Kat Torio
Economic and Workforce
Development Department

SUBJECT: September 4, 2025 Agenda Items

DATE: August 28, 2025

ITEM C (1) UPDATE on CRC's Annual Report to the City Council

Measure Z requires that the CRC provide an annual report to the City Council on the CRC's activities. Last year's report is included in the agenda packet.

ITEM C (2) Special Meetings & Subcommittee status

Crafting report in sections via the subcommittee

ITEM C (3) Go Biz 6 Grant Suggestions

Take Commissioners' suggestions on how grant funding from Go Biz 6 should be spent.

ITEM C (4) Update on Shared Kitchens

ITEM C (5) Equity Operators Involvement in the Public Awareness Campaign

ITEM C (6) Implementation Update on State Grants

ITEM C (7) Follow up on Graphs which identify no address

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	ACTIVE	\$3,000,000.00	1st	\$15 million
Go-Biz	FY 2025-2026	Awarded	\$2,074,369.75	3rd	\$18.4 million

In addition to Go-Biz grants, in 2022 the City of Oakland received a three-year \$9,905,020 Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant (LJAG) from the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to support the transition of cannabis operators from a provisional to an annual state license.

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

Unfortunately, the DCC has denied the City's request to repurpose unspent funding on City staff towards grants to operators to bring their buildings into compliance, which makes it unlikely the City will disburse all funding.

Finally, in 2021 and 2023 the City received grants from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to address the impacts of cannabis legalization. **Figures 1-3** provide status updates on these various state grants. The 3-year grant received in 2021 has since closed in October 2024.

Figure 1- Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant (2022-2025) (CLOSED)

	BUDGETED	REVISED BUDGET	DISBURSED	BALANCE
SECTION A				
SAP Tech	500,430.00	500,430.00	176,241.81	324,188.19
CEQA Review	27,710.00	27,710.00	-	27,710.00
Program Analyst	595,920.00	595,920.00	474,730.75	121,189.25
Process Coordinator	527,088.00	-	-	-
OT Civil Engineers	1,773,224.00	442,761.25	72,269.91	370,491.34
OT Code Enforcement	234,347.00	442,761.25	37,937.86	404,823.39
Hazardous Materials	580,638.00	-	-	-
OT Fire Plan Review	221,280.00	442,761.25	11,091.03	431,670.22
OT Fire Code Enforc.	185,472.00	442,761.25	-	442,761.25
OT SAP Inspectors	150,000.00	150,000.00	101,369.30	48,630.70
SUB-TOTALS	4,796,109.00	3,045,105.00	873,640.66	2,171,464.34
SECTION B				
Equity Grants	1,722,655.50	1,722,655.50	1,515,000.00	207,655.50
CPTED	3,600.00	3,600.00	1,516.00	2,084.00
Accela	430,000.00	200,000.00	99,763.75	100,236.25
Grants - Security	1,722,655.50	1,722,655.50	1,457,737.39	264,918.11
4Front	480,000.00	480,000.00	479,999.39	0.61
Knox & Ross	375,000.00	375,000.00	375,000.00	-
Oaksterdam	375,000.00	375,000.00	373,063.30	1,936.70
MT CREDIT			123,246.13	(123,246.13)
CPS Consulting			6,038.75	(6,038.75)
NWN Corp			5,594.12	(5,594.12)
SUB-TOTALS	5,108,911.00	4,878,911.00	4,436,958.83	441,952.17
GRAND TOTALS	9,905,020.00	7,924,016.00	5,310,599.49	2,613,416.51

Figure 2 – 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	34,749.51	395,250.49
Equity Public Awareness Consultant	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	225,000.00	83,524.50	141,475.50
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		5,000.00
TOTALS:	257,500.00	165,000.00	1,188,750.00	1,188,750.00	200,000.00	3,000,000.00	315,317.51	2,684,682.49

Figure 3: 2024-2025 Go-Biz (GO-Biz 5) Grant Funds

	CATEGORY ALLOCATED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
Grants	\$2,851,952.50	\$1,733,830.50	\$1,118,122.00
Staff	\$148,047.50	\$61,447.64	\$86,599.86
TOTALS	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,795,278.14	\$1,204,721.86

ITEM F (1) Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

Below please find cannabis permitting statistics from 2017 to present day for the CRC's review, including additional categories as well as application and permit trend graphs.

Figure F-1: Application Totals

<i>APPLICATIONS</i>	TOTALS	PENDING
Total Complete & Incomplete Applications	1056	144
Total Complete Applications	1056	
Complete General Applications	276	
Equity Applications based on residency	185	
Equity Applications based on conviction	18	
Incubators	123	
Interested in Incubating	0	
Complete Application with property	479	
Complete Application without property (Equity)	203	
Complete Applicants without property (General)	103	

Figure F-2: Permit Applications by Category (With Addresses and Without Addresses)

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY BUSINESS TYPE (Address Only)	GENERAL	EQUITY
Delivery	49	61
Cultivator (Indoor)	129	23
Cultivator (Outdoor)	3	1
Distributor	53	61
Mfg. Volatile	15	1
Mfg. Non-Volatile	24	55
Transporter	3	2
Lab Testing	0	0
GRAND TOTALS	276	204

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY BUSINESS TYPE (No Address Only)	GENERAL	EQUITY
Delivery	26	114
Cultivator (Indoor)	33	86
Cultivator (Outdoor)	1	24
Distributor	17	108
Mfg. Volatile	7	32
Mfg. Non-Volatile	18	75
Transporter	1	26
Lab Testing	0	9
GRAND TOTALS	103	474

Figure F-3: Operators Issued Provisional and Annual Licenses

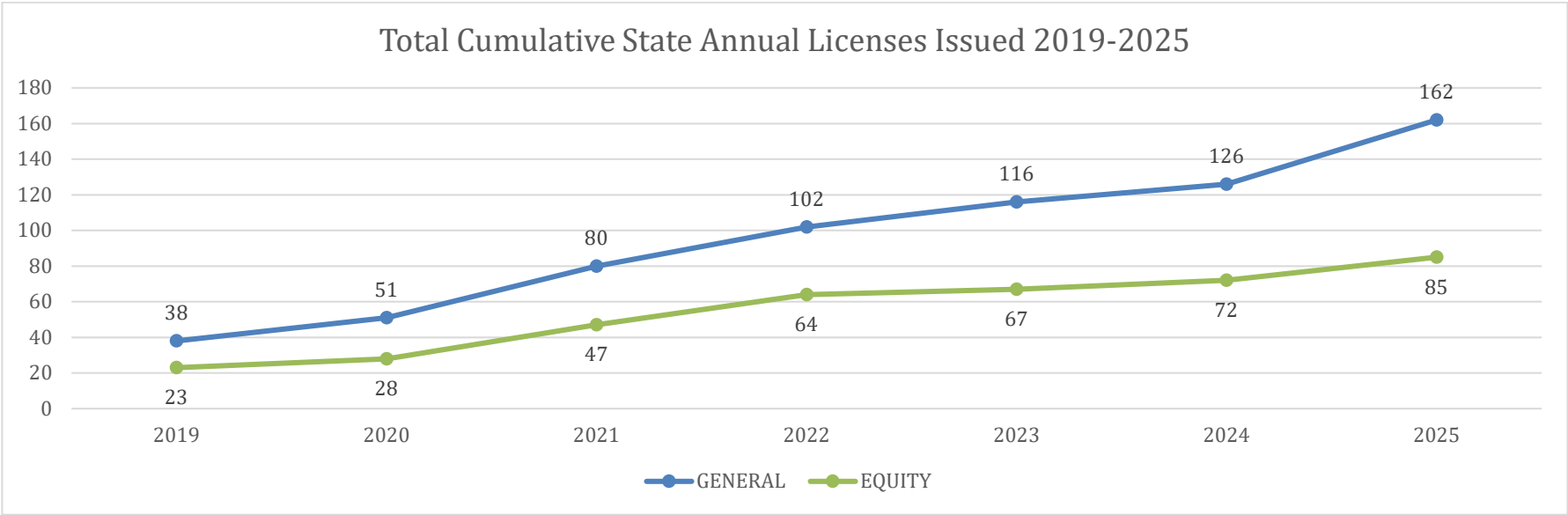
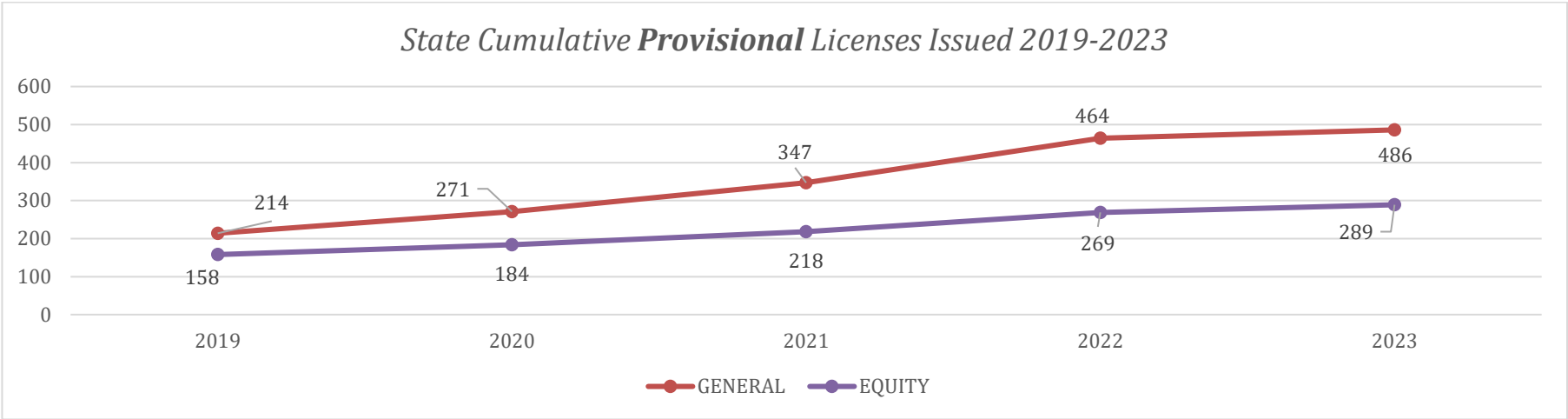


Figure F-4: New Permits Issued to Cannabis Operators Since Spring of 2017 by Category²

	GENERAL	INCUBATOR	EQUITY	TOTAL
NEW ANNUAL PERMITS BY BUSINESS TYPE				
On-site Consumption	4		3	7
Dispensary	9	1	9	19
Delivery	70	18	88	176
Cultivator (Indoor)	9	6	19	34
Cultivator (Outdoor)	0	0	2	2
Distributor	30	27	59	116
Mfg. Volatile	5	5	1	11
Mfg. Non-Volatile	11	11	42	64
Transporter	2	0	5	7
Lab Testing	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTALS	140	68	228	436

² Figure F-4 includes dispensaries that were permitted before 2017 and have renewed their permits since 2017

Figure F-6: Graph of Current Active Applications with an Address:

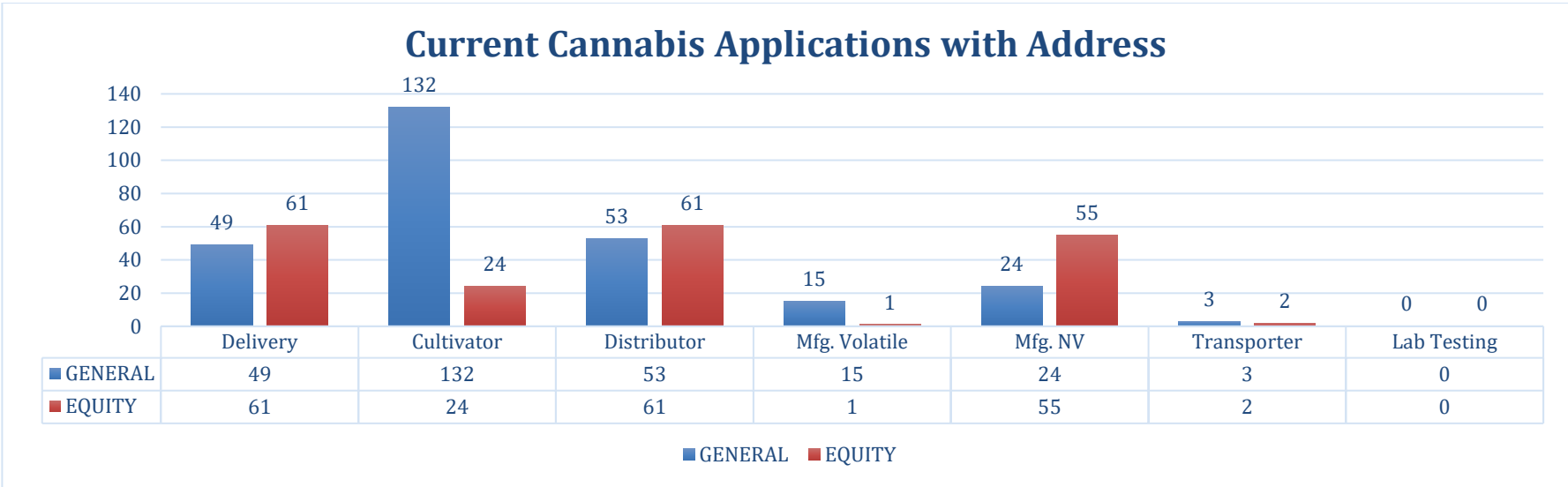


Figure F-7: Graph of Cannabis Applications Without an Address:

