

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Regular Meeting

Thursday October 2, 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 September 4, 2025
- C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
 1. Nominations and vote on new Chair and Vice Chair
 2. Special Meetings & Subcommittee items
 3. Discussion and vote to move CRC meeting frequency to quarterly instead of monthly
 4. Discussion on what is required to establish a standalone City department for the administration and regulation of cannabis businesses.
 5. Discuss and vote to request a Brown Act Training /Q&A session with the City Attorney
 6. Implementation Update on State Grants
- D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month’s Agenda
 - Invitation to Oakland Equity Collective shared kitchen to present
 - New suggestions from Commission
- E. Open Forum / Public Comment
- F. Announcements
 1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
 2. Apply to serve on CRC here:
<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>
- G. Adjournment

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Minutes

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MEETING AGENDA

- A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Chair Smith, Vice Chair Walker, Commissioners Sage, Harvey, Pademore and Grant and City Administrator staff present
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on August 7, 2025
VC Walker made motion to approve August draft minutes, seconded by Harvey. Passes with 4 ayes and one abstained Chair Smith.
- C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action
1. Update on CRC's Annual Report to the City Council - *Commissioners gave an update on the progress of the report. Draft would be shared by the Commission to City Administrator staff for review and submission to Council when complete.*
 2. Special Meetings & Subcommittee Status – *Commissioners discussed the relevance of forming subcommittees to discuss specific topics monthly and bring those items to the regular scheduled CRC meeting which has been suggested to be moved to a quarterly format to ensure a robust agenda and that actionable items have been mapped out for the Commissions consideration.*
 3. Go Biz 6 Grant Suggestions from Commissioners – *City Administrator staff requested the Commission share any suggestions for how to spend Go Biz 6 grant funds.*
 4. Update on Shared Kitchens – *City Administrator staff updated the Commission on Oakland Equity Collective and Women of Excellence status.*
 5. Equity Operators Involvement in the Public Awareness Campaign – *Dale Sky of Oaksterdam gave an update and answered questions from the Commission.*
 6. Implementation Update on State Grants – *City Administrator staff gave update on state grants.*
 7. Follow up on Graphs which identify no address- *Staff informed Commission that the City is able to accept applications for cannabis businesses without an identifiable address. Before the business is issued a permit, they must identify a location for their business.*
- D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda
- *Discussion to possibly place a requirement on general dispensaries to carry equity products*
- E. Open Forum / Public Comment – *The commission chose to vote on a land a labor acknowledgement to begin meetings, motion made by Member Padmore second by Chair Smith, passes with 4 ayes and one abstaining Member Grant. Chair Smith made motion to ask OEC to attend the CRC on a future date, second Member Padmore motion passes unanimously. Member Sage made a motion to set parameters to keep equity businesses safer from exploitation seconded by Chair Smith passes unanimously. Public made a comment on open seat on the CRC. City staff stated will check on status with the mayor's office. Member Padmore resigned from the CRC effective immediately due to conflicts and ending present term. Chair*

Smooth resigned from Chair and membership of the CRC effective immediately due to need for prioritization of matters outside of the Commission.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

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Cannabis Regulatory Commission

TO: Cannabis Regulatory Commission

FROM: Kat Torio
Economic and Workforce
Development Department

SUBJECT: October 2, 2025 Agenda Items

DATE: September 29, 2025

ITEM C (1) Nominations and vote on new Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Smith has resigned from the CRC Effective September 4, 2025. Commissioners will vote on a new Chair and possibly Vice Chair.

ITEM C (2) Special Meetings & Subcommittee items

Commission will discuss items to be worked on by subcommittees.

ITEM C (3) Discussion and vote to move CRC meeting frequency to quarterly instead of monthly

Commissioners will discuss and vote on frequency of regular CRC meetings.

ITEM C (4) Discussion on what is required to establish a standalone City department for the administration and regulation of cannabis businesses.

The City Attorney has given advice on what it would take to establish a Department of Cannabis in the City of Oakland, staff will share their advice.

ITEM C (5) Discuss and vote to request a Brown Act Training /Q&A session with the City Attorney

Considering the recent Oaklandside article depicting Brown Act violations by Council members and City staff, the City Attorney's office will offer a Brown Act training and Q&A session with the commission if so desired by this body.

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	ACTIVE	\$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.

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. 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	43,148.27	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	323,716.27	2,676,283.73

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

	CATEGORY ALLOCATED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
Grants	\$2,851,952.50	\$1,833,830.50	\$1,018,122.00
Staff	\$148,047.50	\$77,156.20	\$70,891.30
TOTALS	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,910,986.70	\$1,089,013.30

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	1054	144
Total Complete Applications	1054	
Complete General Applications	274	
Equity Applications based on residency	186	
Equity Applications based on conviction	18	
Incubators	119	
Interested in Incubating	0	
Complete Application with property	477	
Complete Application without property (Equity)	204	
Complete Applicants without property (General)	103	

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

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY BUSINESS TYPE (With Address Only)	GENERAL	EQUITY
Delivery	48	61
Cultivator (Indoor)	133	23
Cultivator (Outdoor)	3	1
Distributor	53	61
Mfg. Volatile	14	1
Mfg. Non-Volatile	25	55
Transporter	2	2
Lab Testing	0	0
GRAND TOTALS	278	204

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY BUSINESS TYPE (Without Address Only)	GENERAL	EQUITY
Delivery	26	115
Cultivator (Indoor)	33	85
Cultivator (Outdoor)	1	24
Distributor	17	109
Mfg. Volatile	7	33
Mfg. Non-Volatile	18	75
Transporter	1	26
Lab Testing	0	9
GRAND TOTALS	103	476

Figure F-3: Operators Issued Provisional and Annual Licenses

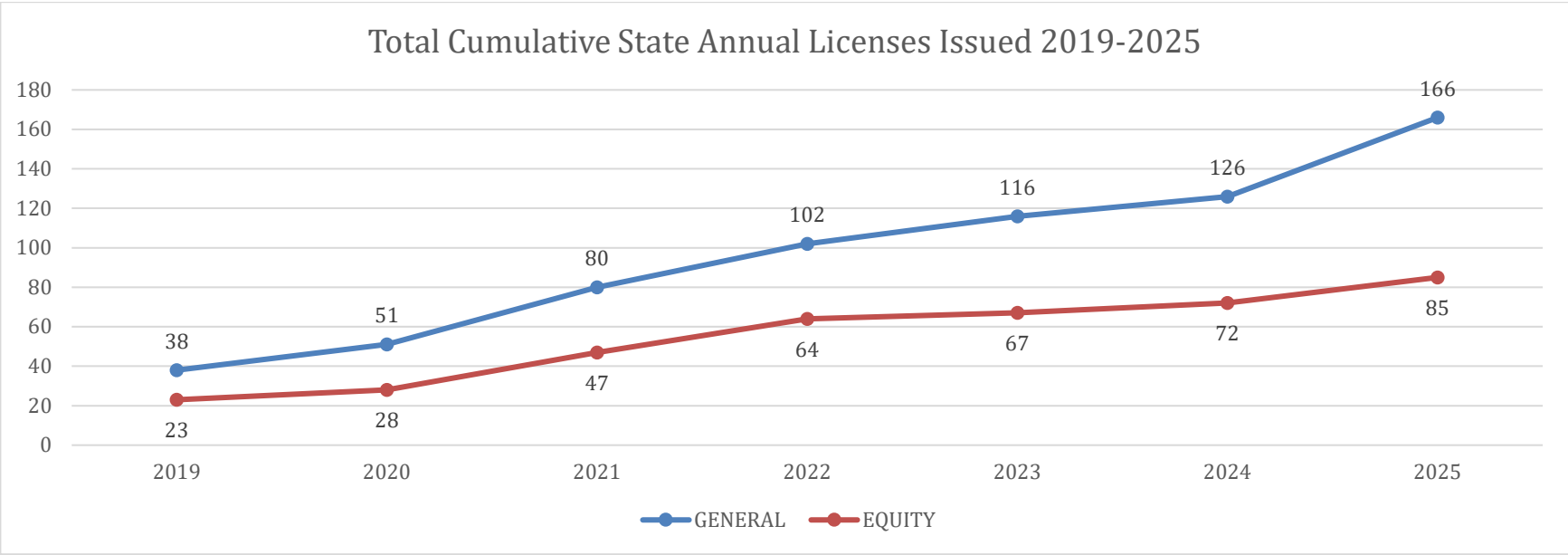
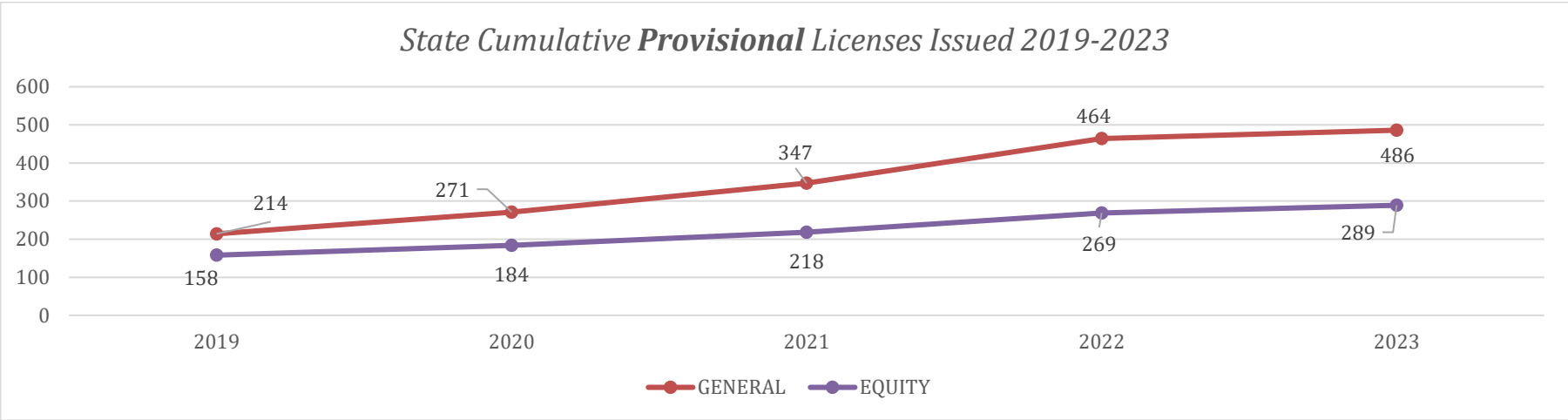


Figure F-4: New Permits Issued to Cannabis Operators Since Spring of 2017 by Category²

	GENERAL	INCUBATOR	EQUITY	TOTAL
<i>NEW ANNUAL PERMITS BY BUSINESS TYPE</i>				
On-site Consumption	4		3	7
Dispensary	9	1	9	19
Delivery	70	18	89	177
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	229	437

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:

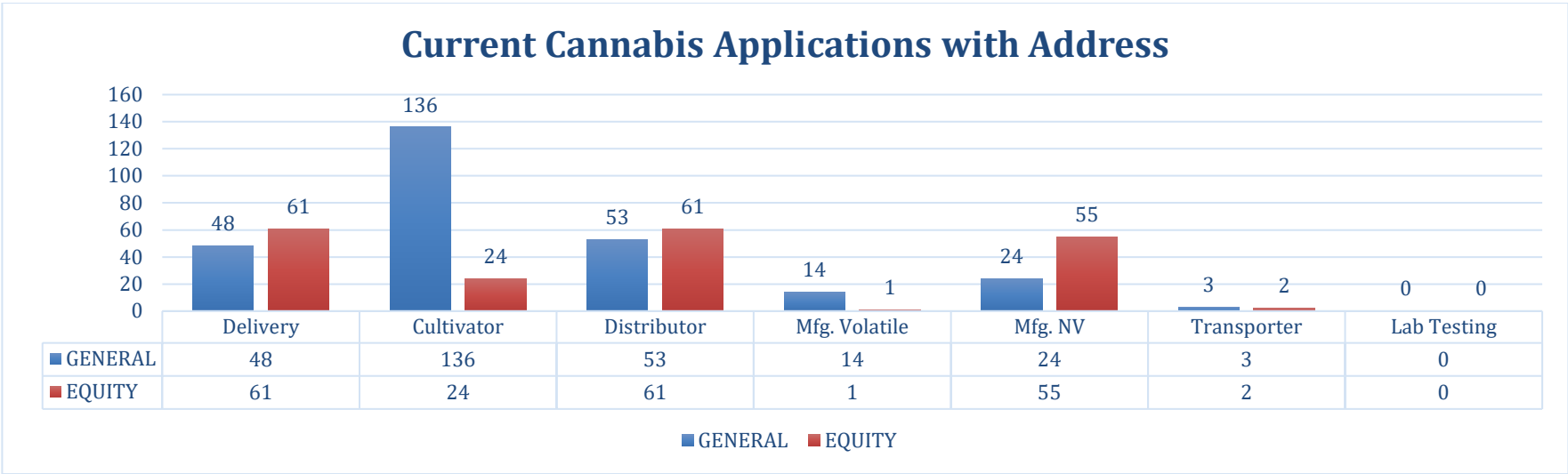


Figure F-7: Graph of Cannabis Applications Without an Address:

