

# Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]

## Cannabis Advisory Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2022

### Members Present (17):

Amber Baur  
Terry Brennand  
Jeremy Brown  
Dr. Imani Brown  
Matthew Clifford  
Christine De La Rosa  
Antonio Frazier  
Ali Jamalian  
Dr. Ellicott Matthay

Jeff Merriman  
Kristin Nevedal  
Sara Payan-Pehrson  
Madison Shockley III  
Paul Tupy  
David Woolsey  
Matthew Broad (non-voting alternate)  
Beverly Yu (non-voting alternate)

### Members Absent:

None

### Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Staff Present:

Nicole Elliott  
Rasha Salama  
Christina Dempsey  
Kaila Fayne  
Margaret Goldbar

Nina Lemke  
Sean O'Connor  
Shannon George  
Tamara Colson

### Meeting Moderator:

Shelly Jones, SOLID Planning Manager, Department of Consumer Affairs

### Minutes Taken By:

Adrena Atkins, Court Reporter  
Margaret Goldbar, Department of Cannabis Control



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## Committee Administration

### 1. Oath of Office

**DCC Director Nicole Elliott** of the Department of Cannabis Control performed the oath for office for the members of the committee.

### 2. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Facilitator Kaila Fayne** of the Department of Cannabis Control called the meeting to order. Meeting official start time noted as 10:00 AM.

Roll was taken, 17 Committee Members (15 full members and 2 alternates) were present at the start of the meeting. **Director Elliott** established quorum.

### 3. Welcome

**Director Elliott** presented a brief overview of the Department of Cannabis Control and welcome to the committee members. **Moderator Shelly Jones** opened the floor to public comments.

Public comments were provided by:

Bob Roach  
Alex Irvine  
Chairy Tatlo, City of Shasta Lake  
Kelly McCormick  
Raquel Kalijian  
Darren Story  
Thomas Mulder  
Paul Hansbury  
Susan Tibben  
Judy String  
Sherry Yeffai  
Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute  
Wade Laughter  
Barbara Gordon  
Cesar Casmejer  
Mitchell Colbert  
Jillian Xavien  
Shannon Oscar

Public comment was closed. No action taken by the Committee.

### 4. Member Introduction

Members of the Committee introduced themselves. No action taken by the Committee.



## 5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**DCC Deputy Director Christina Dempsey** of the Department of Cannabis Control opened the discussion for nominations of Chair and Vice Chair.

**Member Jamalian** nominated himself for Chair. He was seconded by **Member Payan-Pehrson**. No other nominations were put forth.

**Moderator Jones** opened member nominations to public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury  
Susan Tibben  
Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute

Public comment was closed. **Deputy Director Dempsey** called for votes to begin on the election of the Chair.

Aye: Baur, Brennand, I. Brown, J. Brown, Clifford, de la Rosa, Frazier, Jamalian, Matthay, Merriman, Nevedal, Payan-Pehrson, Shockley, Tupy, Woolsey

Nay: none

**Member Jamalian** was elected **Chair**.

**Deputy Director Dempsey** then opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair.

**Member Payan-Pehrson** nominated herself for Vice Chair. She was seconded by **Chair Jamalian**.

**Member Matthay** nominated **Member I. Brown**. **Member I. Brown** declined the nomination.

**Member Matthay** nominated **Member Brennand** for Vice Chair. **Member Brennand** declined the nomination.

**Member Nevedal** was nominated by **Member J. Brown** for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by **Member Matthay**.

**Deputy Director Dempsey** then opened the floor for public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Susan Tibben  
Lynn Silver  
Karen Shreve  
Jackie Subeck  
Karen Byers



**Deputy Director Dempsey** then opened the nominations to further comments from the Committee.

After committee discussion, **Deputy Director Dempsey** then called for a vote for either **Member Nevedal** or **Member Payan-Pehrson** for Vice Chair.

In favor of Kristin Nevedal: Baur, Brennand, I. Brown, J. Brown, Clifford, de la Rosa, Frazier, Matthay, Merriman, Shockley, Tupy, Woolsey

In favor of Sarah Payan-Pehrson: Jamalian

**Member Nevedal** was elected **Vice Chair**.

**Deputy Director Dempsey** then called for a ten-minute break at 11:23 am.

## **6. Review and possible approval of proposed CAC bylaws**

**Deputy Director Dempsey** re-opened the meeting and handed facilitation of the rest of the meeting to **Chair Jamalian**.

Committee members held a discussion on the proposed bylaws.

**Vice Chair Nevedal** moved to adopt the bylaws as drafted. The motion was seconded by **Member Clifford**.

**Chair Jamalian** opened the floor to public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury

Jillian Xavien

Lindsey Robinson, California Cannabis Industry Association

Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute

Karen Byer

Kenny Morrison, Cannabis Manufacturer's Association

Wade Laughter

**Chair Jamalian** opened the floor to vote on the motion.

Aye: Baur, Brennand, I. Brown, J. Brown, Clifford, Frazier, Jamalian, Matthay, Merriman, Nevedal, Payan-Pehrson, Shockley, Tupy, Woolsey

Nay: none

Absent: de la Rosa

Motion passes; bylaws were adopted.



**Chair Jamalian** called for a 30-minute lunch break at 12:30 pm.

## General Public Comment

### **7. Public comment for items not on the agenda**

Meeting resumed at 1:00 pm. Quorum was reestablished.

**Chair Jamalian** opened public comments for items not on the agenda.

Public comments were provided by:

Zach Weiner, California Cannabis Industry Association  
Eddie Franco, Navis  
Susan Tibben, Lovingly and Legally  
Rick Martinelli, Annie Gold Management  
Paul Hansbury  
Jillian Xavien  
Thomas Mulder  
Joanna Cedar, Eden Enterprises  
Erica Oswake, Kiva  
Raquel Kalijian  
Alec Erwic  
Bryson Mills  
Kelly Flores  
Zoe Schreiber, Eden Enterprises  
Mitchell Colbert  
Shannon Oscar, American Council of Independent Laboratories  
Mark (last name not provided)  
Karen Shreve  
Lynn Silver, Public Health Institute  
Cassandra Taliafaro  
Karen Byers  
Jackie Subek  
Javier Hernandez  
Ralph Sorenson  
Nicole Martin, People's Farming  
Michael Gorman, Cannabis O  
Wade Laughter  
Josh Sweiter  
Craig Johnson, Alban Glow Farms  
Michael Katz, Mendocino Cannabis Alliance  
Christopher Kadar  
Anna Walters  
Judy (last name not provided)  
Sam de la Paz  
Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Humboldt County



Kenny Morrison, California Cannabis Manufacturers Association  
Wayne Bishop  
Naruth (last name not provided)

**Deputy Director Dempsey** reminded commenters that any comments provided on pending regulatory packages also had to be submitted via the comment process for rulemaking.

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the Committee.

**Chair Jamalian** called for a 5-minute break.

## Department Updates and Presentations

### 8. Presentation: Overview of DCC

**DCC Chief Deputy Director Rasha Salama** gave a presentation on the Department of Cannabis Control.

**Chair Jamalian** opened the floor for questions and discussion by the committee members.

Public Comments:

None

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the Committee.

### 9. Presentation: Looking ahead to 2023

**Deputy Director Dempsey** gave a presentation informing the committee members of some of the Department's planned activities for 2023.

**Chair Jamalian** opened the floor for discussion. No questions or comments from members.

**Chair Jamalian** opened for public comments.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury

Unidentified individual

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the Committee.

## Items for Discussion and Possible Recommendation

### 10. Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program

**Deputy Director Dempsey** gave an overview of the Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant Program as created in statute and highlighted elements of the program under development for which committee input was requested.



**Chair Jamalian** opened the floor for discussion by the committee. Comments were provided by **Chair Jamalian, Member J. Brown, Member Shockley, Member Merriman, Member Yu, Member Frazier, Member Matthay**. After discussion, **Chair Jamalian** opened the floor for public comment.

Public comments were provided by:

Jillian Xavien  
Michael Burton, Weedmaps  
Stephanie (last name not provided)  
Julian Kineti, California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce  
Paul Hansbury  
Blair Gyu, Rockaway Law Group  
Unidentified individual  
Lynn Silver

Public comment was closed. **Chair Jamalian** recommended that the committee not take action at this time and to revisit this item during the next meeting.

## Other Business

### **11. Recommendations for future agenda items**

**Member Shockley** recommended the next agenda include a discussion on equity-related guidelines for the retail access grant. **Member Nevedal** recommended the next agenda include assignments to subcommittees, the hemp report, and the annual report to the Legislature. **Member J. Brown** recommended future agenda items include a traditional cottage license type.

Public comments were provided by:

Paul Hansbury  
Susan Tibben  
Jackie Subek  
Corine Shreve  
Erica Oswake, Kiva  
Lynn Silver  
Zachary Weiner, California Cannabis Industry Association  
Kelly Flores, Margo Advisors  
Michael Katz, Mendocino Cannabis Alliance  
Thomas Molder  
Kenny Morrison, California Cannabis Manufacturer's Association  
Joanna Cedar, Eden Enterprises

Public comment was closed. No action was taken by the committee.

### **12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

