# CITY OF LOS ANGELES CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 VIA TELECONFERENCE

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The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. with Commissioners Ahn, Mason, Mercado, Narro, and Villa virtually in attendance via Zoom.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom were, Cat Packer, Executive Director; Michelle Garakian, Assistant Executive Director; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director; Taylor Wagniere, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant; and Osmara Valencia, Administrative Clerk.

## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND SINGLE OR MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM

General Public Comment and Single or Multiple Agenda Item were taken together. Several members of the public addressed the Commission telephonically.

#### ITEM NO. 1

#### COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Advance Calendar: There were no requests from the Commission.
- Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Villa moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Narro and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa Second: Narro

Ayes: Ahn, Mason

Vote:  $4 - 0^*$ 

#### MOTION PASSED

\*Commissioner Mercado joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

- Commission Announcements and Updates: There were no announcements or updates from the Commission.
- Future Agenda Requests: There were no agenda items requested for a future agenda.

#### ITEM NO. 2

#### **DCR COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

Michelle Garakian, Assistant Executive Director reported on the DCR's communications and outreach efforts and an update on the SPARK Program.

#### ITEM NO. 3

### SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION

Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director provided a report on DCR's Social Equity Program including the following:

- Business, Licensing and Compliance Assistance Program
  - September and October Live Webinar Series
  - Upcoming Webinar 'How to Apply for a Cannabis Business License' on October 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- SEED Grant Program
- Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA)

#### ITEM NO. 4

#### LICENSING REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION

Cat Packer, Executive Director and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director provided a report on DCR's Licensing Program including the following:

- New Pre-Application requirements, processes, and anticipated timelines.
- New Temporary Approval Application requirements, processes, and anticipated timelines.

- New Application and License modification requirements, processes, and anticipated timelines.
- 2022 Renewal requirements and deadlines
- City Council Motion introduced on September 29, 2021: Council File: 21-1083

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, the Commission President adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Robert Ahn, President

Cannabis Regulation Commission

Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant Cannabis Regulation Commission

ADOPTED
City of Los Angeles

November 10, 2021

CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION