

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS SPECIAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:31 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; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director; Ethan Spalding, Management Analyst; Taylor Wagniere, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant; and Osmary Valencia, Administrative Clerk

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND
SINGLE OR MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM**

General Public Comment and Single or Multiple Agenda Items were taken together. 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 February 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Narro and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa
Second: Narro
Ayes: Ahn, Mason, Mercado

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no announcements or updates from the Commission.
- **Future Agenda Requests:** There were no future agenda requests from the Commission.

ITEM NO. 2

FINDING TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361

Commissioner Villa moved to approve the continuance of teleconference meetings in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Narro and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa
Second: Narro
Ayes: Ahn, Mason, Mercado
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 4

**POLICY UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION
CONCERNING COUNCIL FILE 21-1083; AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION
AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cat Packer, Executive Director reported on policy recommendations in the Department of Cannabis Regulation's recent budget proposal and policy recommendations based on the related Motion introduced by City Council on [January 18, 2022](#) and [DCR's report dated January 27, 2022](#), contained in [Council File No. 21-1083](#).

Commissioner Villa moved to support the Department of Cannabis Regulation's budget proposal and policy recommendations and requested that the Commission's support be memorialized in a letter to the City Council to be included in Council File No. 21-1083. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Narro and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa
Second: Narro
Ayes: Ahn, Mason, Mercado
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FY 2022-23 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Cat Packer, Executive Director reported an update concerning the Department's [proposed budget for FY 2022-23](#) submitted to the Mayor's Office on November 19, 2021.

Commissioner Mason moved to support the Department's proposed budget for FY 2022-23 submitted to the Mayor's Office on November 19, 2021 and that the action be memorialized as a formal action by this Commission and forwarded to the Mayor and the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Villa and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Mason
Second: Villa
Ayes: Ahn, Mercado, Narro
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM UPDATES

Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director and Ethan Spalding, Management Analyst provided a demonstration of DCR's new Learning Management System (LMS); update on the Business, Licensing and Compliance Program and upcoming events and resources; updates concerning the Cannabis Equity Grant for Local Jurisdictions (CEG) 2022 Award.

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, President Ahn adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.



Robert Ahn, Commission President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission

ADOPTED
City of Los Angeles

March 10, 2022

**CANNABIS REGULATION
COMMISSION**