

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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

Also attending the meeting via Zoom were, Michelle Garakian, Acting 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 Items were taken together. There were no comments from the public.

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 April 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa
Second: Mason
Ayes: Ahn, Narro
Abstentions: Crockett

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no Commission announcements.
- **Future Agenda Requests:** Vice President Mason requested a compliance enforcement update.

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, Crockett, Mason
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

WELCOME REMARKS FROM THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Garakian, Acting Executive Director gave a report on the Department of Cannabis Regulation and welcomed Commissioner Jasson Crockett to the Cannabis Regulation Commission to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Phil Mercado.

ITEM NO. 4
LICENSING REPORT

Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director gave an update on current application and licensing data, licensing processes and procedures, and the Social Equity Individual Applicant Eligibility Verification Review process which is scheduled to begin on May 26, 2022.

ITEM NO. 5
SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM UPDATES

Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director gave an update on the Social Equity Program and Social Equity Individual Applicant Eligibility Verification benefits, including live webinars, and one-on-one coaching; she also gave an update on the 2022 Cannabis Equity Grant for Local Jurisdictions.

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, President Ahn adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.



Robert Ahn, Commission President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission

ADOPTED
City of Los Angeles

June 9, 2022

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