

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
FIGUEROA PLAZA
BUILDING AND SAFETY BOARD ROOM, 9TH FLOOR
201 N. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. with President Ahn, Commissioner Figueroa-Villa, and Commissioner Lim in attendance.

Also present were, Michelle Garakian, Interim Executive Director; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director; Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief; Emily Wada, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant; Irene Diaz, Sr. Administrative Clerk; and Uribe Lazo, 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 in-person and telephonically.

ITEM NO. 1

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Advanced Calendar:** Commissioner Figueroa-Villa will not be available on July 20, 2023 and September 21, 2023. Commissioner Lim will not be available on September 21, 2023 and October 5, 2023.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes was continued to the next Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting.
- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no Commission announcements.
- **Future Agenda Requests:** There were no future agenda requests from the Commission.

ITEM NO. 2

REPORT FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Garakian, Interim Executive Director, reported on general Department updates regarding administration, including a staffing update and 2022 Department highlights.

ITEM NO. 3

REPORT FROM DCR ON THE SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM

Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director, provided an update on the Cannabis Equity Grant for Local Jurisdiction SEED Rental Assistance Grant funds allocated to date, summary of the Business, Licensing, Compliance (BLC) Program accomplishments and deliverables. Workforce Development-LA Cannabis Unite Networking Mixer updates.

ITEM NO. 4

REPORT FROM DCR ON THE LICENSING PROGRAM

Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director, reported on current and future licensing procedures, such as the current licensing data related to pending applications, number of licenses issued, pending records and environmental projects, and recent proposed ordinance language for amendments to Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code currently pending before the City Council under Council File no. 21-1083-S1.

ITEM NO. 5

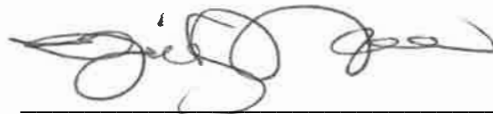
REPORT FROM DCR ON THE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief, reported on the program implementation and updates, including coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Emblem Program, progress on obtaining licensee compliance attestations, and progress on reviewing and triaging all complaints submitted via the Commercial Cannabis Complaint Portal to date.

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, President Ahn adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.



Robert Ahn, Commission President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Thryeris Mason, Commission Vice President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
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