

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025
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 2:11 p.m. with President Mason and Commissioners Farmby, Melendez and Nash in attendance. Also present were Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Dr. Emani Brown, Social Equity Program Director; Emily Wada, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant; and Irene Diaz, Sr. Administrative Clerk. Commissioner Lim was absent.

ITEM NO. 1

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. 2

ELECTED OFFICE AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

Kathy Guyton representing Empowerment Congress West Neighborhood Council provided a presentation on the effects of unlicensed cannabis dispensaries. (CF 14-0366-S36)

ITEM NO. 3

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Advanced Calendar:** There were no requests from the Commission.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
Commissioner Nash moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melendez

Commissioners Farmby stated he was absent at the meeting of March 6, 2025 but had listened to the audio recording of that meeting and was prepared to vote on the minutes.

The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Mason
Absent: Lim

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no announcements from the Commission.
- **Future Agenda Requests:** President Mason requested that the Department provide a report to the Commission on business license taxes within the next 30 days.

ITEM NO. 4

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director gave a report on updates in Licensing, the Social Equity Program, and the Compliance Program.

ITEM NO. 5

REPORT FROM SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Imani Brown, Social Equity Program Director gave a report on the Business, Licensing, Compliance and Assistance (BLC) program and updates concerning Social Equity Program grant funding.

ITEM NO. 6

DCR Core Record No. 310162
LA-R-24-310162-ANN & ENV-310162-ANN

CD: 4

APPLICANT: SDF11 LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 6223 Franklin Ave.

The matter was received and filed by the Commission.

ITEM NO. 7

DCR Core Record No. 101797
LA-R-24-101797-ANN & ENV-101797-ANN

CD: 14

APPLICANT: PHC Facilities, Inc.

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1425 S. Long Beach Ave.

The matter was received and filed by the Commission.

ITEM NO. 8

DCR Core Record No. 320017
LA-R-24-320017-ANN & ENV-320017-ANN

CD: 13

APPLICANT: HWood California LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1503 N. Mariposa Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Hector Alikhan, Sr. Management Analyst; and Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief representing the Department. Rigo Delgadillo (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing HWood California LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated March 13, 2025, as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Mason
Nays: Nash
Absent: Lim

Vote: 3 - 1

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, President Mason adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.



Thyeris Mason, Commission President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission

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