

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 N. SPRING ST., ROOM 340
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. with President Mason and Commissioners Bierman, Farmby, and McGovern in attendance. Also present were Michelle Garakian, Executive Director; Ryan Solis, Senior Management Analyst II, Emily Wada, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant; and Irene Diaz, Sr. Administrative Clerk. Commissioner Nash 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.

ITEM NO. 2

ELECTED OFFICE AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which related to any agenda item listed or considered on the agenda.

ITEM NO. 3

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Advanced Calendar:** Commissioner Farmby announced that he will not be present on February 5, 2026. Commissioner Bierman announced that he will not be present on February 19, 2026.

Commissioner Bierman left the meeting momentarily to tend to personal business.

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- **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Farmby moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGovern.

The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby
Second: McGovern
Ayes: Mason
Absent: Bierman, Nash

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Bierman rejoined the meeting.

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- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no announcements from the Commission.
 - **Commission Future Agenda Requests:** Commissioner Farmby requested a report on an overview of the Social Equity Program.

ITEM NO. 4

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Garakian, Executive Director provided updates on the 2026 License Renewal period and an overview of DCR efforts during 2025 in regard to Licensing, Compliance, and Social Equity.

President Mason took Item No. 6 out of order to consider a request for a continuance to a future Commission meeting.

ITEM NO. 6

DCR Core Record No. 320051
LA-R-25-320051-ANN & ENV-320051-ANN

CD: 10

APPLICANT: Sweet Grass Enterprises, LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 2181 Venice Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ryan Solis, Senior Management Analyst II representing the Department.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

Ryan Solis, representing DCR, requested that the matter be continued to the meeting of March 5, 2026. Commissioner Farmby moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of March 5, 2026. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby

Second: Mason

Ayes: Bierman, McGovern

Absent: Nash

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason announced that the CRC would resume the agenda order.

ITEM NO. 5

DCR Core Record No. 320058
LA-R-25-320058-ANN & ENV-320058-ANN

CD: 6

APPLICANT: 7030 Holdings LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 8122 N. Sepulveda Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ryan Solis, Senior Management Analyst II representing the Department. Jasmin Aguilar, Cannabis Consultant representing the Sixth District's Councilwoman Imelda Padilla. Henry Saakjian, Owner and Cristal Ramirez representing 7030 Holdings 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 Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills 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 January 14, 2026 as the Commission's report on the subject.

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

Moved: Farmby

Second: Bierman

Ayes: Mason, McGovern

Absent: Nash

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason recessed the meeting at 3:11 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:19 p.m. with Commissioners Bierman, Farmby, Mason, and McGovern present.

ITEM NO. 7

**DCR Core Record No. 320100
LA-R-25-320100-ANN & ENV-320100-ANN**

CD: 14

APPLICANT: Mount High Group

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 945 S. Boyle Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Ryan Solis, Sr. Management Analyst II representing the Department. Mike Saghian, Consultant representing Mount High Group.

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 Boyle Heights Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 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 January 8, 2026 as the Commission's report on the subject.

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

Moved: Farmby
Second: McGovern
Ayes: Bierman, Mason
Absent: Nash

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

DCR Core Record No. 320106
LA-R-25-320106-ANN & ENV-320106-ANN

CD: 8

APPLICANT: Elevate Growth Partners LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1524 W. Florence Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Ryan Solis, Sr. Management Analyst II representing the Department. Emily Hackman and Samuel Marez representing Elevate Growth Partners LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner McGovern put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the South Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Sunday).

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 January 8, 2026 as the Commission's report on the subject.

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

Moved: McGovern
Second: Farmby
Ayes: Bierman, Mason
Absent: Nash

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

DCR Core Record No. 320097
LA-R-25-320097-ANN & ENV-320097-ANN

CD: 4

APPLICANT: Mount High Retailer

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 2904 Hyperion Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst II and Ryan Solis, Sr. Management Analyst representing the Department. Mike Saghian, Consultant representing Mount High Retailer.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bierman 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 8:00 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 January 8, 2026 as the Commission's report on the subject.

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

Moved: Bierman
Second: Farmby
Ayes: Mason, McGovern
Absent: Nash

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 10

DCR Core Record No. 311055
LA-R-25-3110551-ANN & ENV-311055-ANN

CD: 8

APPLICANT: San Pedro Ish LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 7320 S Vermont Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Ryan Solis, Sr. Management Analyst II representing the Department. Ishman Baber, Owner and Prince Osagyefo Oyadeye, Compliance Manager representing San Pedro Ish 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 South Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 7:00 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 January 8, 2026 as the Commission's report on the subject.

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

Moved: Farmby
Second: Bierman
Ayes: Mason, McGovern
Absent: Nash

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 11

DCR Core Record No. 100058
LA-R-25-100058-ANN & ENV-100058-ANN

CD: 8

APPLICANT: Granada Hills Discount Pharmacy, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 10124 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Ryan Solis, Sr. Management Analyst II representing the Department. Chris Agrios representing Granada Hills Discount Pharmacy, Inc.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner McGovern put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Chatsworth - Porter Ranch Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 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 January 8, 2026 as the Commission's report on the subject.

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

Moved: McGovern
Second: Bierman
Ayes: Farmby, Mason
Absent: Nash

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason reopened Item No. 3 to allow the Commission an opportunity to request future agenda items.

ITEM NO. 3

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Commission Future Agenda Requests:** President Mason requested a report on how the recent federal cannabis policy changes will impact the local cannabis market.

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission,
President Mason adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m



Thryeris Mason, Commission President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission

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