

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 1, 2021, 6:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

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Members:

Lanese Martin	District 1	Frank Tucker	District 7
Tracey Corder	District 2	Chaney Turner	At Large
Austin Stevenson	District 3	Stephanie Floyd-Johnson	Mayor
Vacant	District 4	TiYanna Long	City Auditor
Vacant	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Martin, Stevenson, Tucker, Floyd-Johnson, Long, and Minor

Absent: Turner, Corder

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on June 3, 2021.

Member Stevenson made a motion to pass the minutes as drafted. Member Floyd-Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus with Members Tucker, Martin and Minor abstaining.

C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. CRC Process and Procedures and Agenda Management

Member Minor provided background on the item then Vice-Chair Long stated that meetings need to end at a certain point or at least check in at after two and a half hours to avoid long meetings. Vice-Chair Long then made a motion that after two and a half hours the CRC should vote to decide whether to continue the meeting. Chair Martin offered a friendly amendment to restrict the number of report items to five. Vice-Chair Long did not accept the friendly amendment and Member Stevenson seconded the motion as is and it passed by consensus.

2. Formation of a Subcommittee to Develop Onsite Consumption Regulations

Members discussed the best path forward before Member Stevenson made a motion to agendize a complete list of unresolved issues on the August agenda for discussion. Member Floyd-Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

3. Amendments to Allow the Transfer of Permits from Equity Applicants to Non-Equity Applicants

Member Floyd-Johnson reiterated recommendation of subcommittee to allow transfer of permits from equity applicants to non-equity applicants after three years provided all City grants and loans are repaid as part of the transfer. Member Tucker stated that he could not support the requirement of repaying loans and grants as that would add a burden to equity applicants seeking to sell their business and transfer their permit. Chair Martin and Vice Chair Long shared concerns around the loss of real estate controlled by equity applicants and the sustainability of the equity program. Member Floyd Johnson then made a motion to take the issue back to the subcommittee to refine the recommendation and then place it on next month's agenda. Member Stevenson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

4. Implementation Update on Current BCC and Go-Biz Grants

Member Minor provided an update on various state grant-funded equity programs in progress.

D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda

- *Costing of a Department of Cannabis (since January 2021)*
- *Follow Up Questions re Revenue Management Bureau Report (since June 2021)*

Member Minor mentioned funding forthcoming via Local Jurisdiction Assistance Program. Chair Martin then made a motion to add to next month's agenda a discussion regarding the spectrum of equity operators and their different needs. Member Floyd Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

E. Open Forum / Public Comment

Public speakers spoke regarding increasing participation by equity applicants in meetings, whether to allow equity applicants to sell their businesses, and how long equity applicants sustain their businesses.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
2. Apply to serve on CRC here:
<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>

Chair Martin announced that she is leaving the CRC. Member Floyd-Johnson made a motion to vote for a new chair at the next meeting. Chair Martin seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

G. Adjournment