

SAN FRANCISCO CANNABIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Notice of Hearing & Agenda

Meeting held via Webex

**June 02, 2021
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Regular Meeting**

Committee Members:

Voting Members

- Doug Bloch
- Jessica Cry
- Aaron Flynn
- Theresa Foglio-Ramirez
- Ali Jamalian
- Sara Payan
- Brendan Hallinan
- Nina Parks
- Shawn Richard

Non-Voting Members

- Mohanned Malhi or rep. from SFPDH
- Capt. Trena Wearing or Sgt. Yukio Oshita or rep. from SFPD
- William Strawn or rep. of DBI
- Michael Christensen or Richard Sucre or rep. of SF Planning
- Quarry Pak or rep. from SFUSD
- Maggie Weiland or rep. of SF Entertainment Commission
- Larry Deen or rep. from SFFD

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TAGALOG: Adyenda ng Komisyon ng Pagpapalano. Para sa tulong sa lengguwahe o para humiling ng Pantulong na Kagamitan para sa Pagdinig (headset), mangyari lamang na tumawag sa 628-652-0420. Mangyaring tumawag nang maaga (kung maaari ay 48 oras) bago sa araw ng Pagdinig.

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Regular Agenda:**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

- On the call of roll, the following Committee Members were noted present [(v)= voting member]
 - Ali Jamalian (v)
 - Aaron Flynn (v)
 - Jessica Cry (v)
 - Doug Bloch (v)
 - Shawn Richard (v)
 - Nina Parks (v)
 - Brendan Hallinan (v)
 - Theresa Foglio-Ramirez (v)
 - Sara Payan (v)
 - Cpt. Trenia Wearing, SFPD
 - William Strawn, SFDBI
 - Michael Christensen, SF Planning
 - Alison Shoule, SFUSD
 - Dylan Rice, SF Entertainment Commission
 - Larry Deen, SFFD
- The following Committee Members were not present:
 - Mohanned Malhi, SFPDH Representative
- A quorum is established

2. Review and Consideration of Regular Agenda

Committee members review and vote to approve agenda.

Discussion,
Action

- Public Comment
 - A community member requests agenda time for equity applicants to share their experiences with the Cannabis Direct Equity Grants.
- Motion to approve the meeting agenda with the amendment of additional public comment time for grant program feedback.
 - **Motion/Second:** Nina Parks/Sara Payan | **Motion Approved**
 - **Ayes:** 9 | **Nays:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

3. Commencement of Oversight Committee

Director of the Office of Cannabis, Marisa Rodriguez, provides welcoming remarks.

Discussion

- Director Rodriguez welcomes members and acknowledges the Committee's past accomplishments.
- Director Rodriguez swears in Committee Members
- Public Comment
 - A community member requests seeing the agenda prior to the meeting.
 - Cannabis Direct Equity Grant recipients request clarity on budget allocations for reimbursement and advancements and additional funding timeline.
 - A community member congratulates new Committee members.
 - San Francisco Cannabis Retailers Alliance President recommends that the Committee discuss lowering gross receipt taxes, enhancing storefront security protocols and reducing the period for transferring an equity interest in Article 16 cannabis business, as introduced in recently proposed legislation, from 5 to 2 years.

4. Member Introductions

Discussion

Committee members introduce themselves, their areas of expertise and cannabis-related topics they are particularly interested in.

- Deputy City Attorney Sarah Crowley introduces herself as the legal advisor to the OOC and Committee.
- Committee Members introduce themselves:
 - Seat 1 - Mohanned Malhi (not present)
 - Director of the Department of Public Health
 - Seat 2 – Trenia Wearing
 - Chief of the Police Department
 - Seat 3 – William Strawn
 - Department of Building Inspection alternate for Deputy Joe Duffy and Chief Inspector Mauricio Hernandez
 - Seat 4 – Michael Christensen
 - Director of the Planning Department
 - Seat 5 – Alison Shoule
 - San Francisco Unified School District alternate for Superintendent Quarry Pak
 - Seat 6 – Dylan Rice
 - Senior Analyst at the Entertainment Commission
 - Seat 7 – Larry Deen
 - Fire Department Lieutenant
 - Seat 8 – Ali Jamalian
 - Owner of a Cannabis Business permitted through the Equity Program
 - Seat 9 – Aaron Flynn
 - Operator of a Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing, or distribution business with fewer than 20 employees
 - Seat 10 – Jessica Cry
 - Representative of organized labor who works with the Cannabis business labor force
 - Seat 11 – Doug Bloch
 - Representative of organized labor who works with the Cannabis delivery service labor force
 - Seat 12 – Shawn Richard
 - Owner of a Storefront Cannabis Retailer
 - Seat 13 – Nina Parks
 - Person who, at the time of appointment, is an Equity Applicant as defined by Police Code Subsection 1604(b)
 - Seat 14 – Brendan Hallinan
 - Person with demonstrated subject matter expertise on the State of California's Cannabis laws and regulations
 - Seat 15 – Theresa Foglio-Ramirez
 - Person with significant experience in workforce and economic development
 - Seat 16 – Sara Payan
 - Person who has been a Medicinal Cannabis patient or Medicinal Cannabis consumer for at least five years, with an extensive history advocating for Medicinal Cannabis patients or involvement in

implementing and running a Cannabis compassionate use program
in compliance with the Compassionate Use Act of 1996

- No public comment

5. Overview of Committee: Roles, Responsibilities, and Meeting Rules

Discussion

San Francisco Office of Cannabis and Resource Development Associates present.

- The OOC presents on Committee responsibilities, meeting requirements, member communication rules and agenda procedures. The full presentation is available by accessing this link: <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/node/2747>
- RDA presents on the roles of OOC and RDA, Committee Chair and Vice Chair election and Committee bylaws. The full presentation is available by accessing this link: <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/node/2747>
- Public comment
 - A community member relays that Committee members who receive equity grant funding should be able to contribute and vote on grant items.

6. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Discussion,
Action

Committee members will vote to nominate and approve a Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

- Member Richard nominates Member Jamalian as Chair.
- Member Payan nominates Member Parks as Chair.
- Member Jamalian nominates Member Cry as Vice Chair.
- Member Foglio-Ramirez and Member Richard nominate Member Hallinan as Vice Chair.
- Public Comment
 - Community members relay support for Member Jamalian and Member Parks for Chair.
 - A community member requests more than eight meetings per year.
- Motion to vote for Chair and Vice Chair
 - **Motion/Second:** Aaron Flynn/Theresa Foglio-Ramirez
 - Committee Members hold open vote for Chair and Vice Chair selection:
 - Chair
 - 6 votes in favor of Member Jamalian
 - 3 votes in favor of Member Park
 - Vice Chair
 - 8 votes in favor of Member Cry
 - 1 vote in favor of Member Hallinan
 - **Member Jamalian is approved as Chair and Member Cry is approved as Vice Chair.**
- Member Bloch thanks Member Parks for her outgoing service as Chair.

7. Drafting of Bylaws

Discussion,
Possible
Action

Committee members will review, provide feedback, and possibly vote to amend Committee Bylaws. A member from the OOC will provide very brief remarks.

- OOC presents on mandated racial equity legislation, on racial equity commitments per the Office of the City Administrator's Racial Equity Action Plan for the Committee to incorporate, and on subsequent amendments to previous

Committee bylaws. The full presentation and amended bylaws are available by accessing this link: <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/node/2747>

- It was noted that bylaws must be reviewed by the City Attorney and posted for public review 10 days prior to a Committee vote.
- Motion to post bylaws for public comment
 - **Motion/Second:** Ali Jamalian/Brendan Hallinan | **Motion Approved**
 - **Ayes:** 9 | **Nays:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

8. Selecting Standing Meeting and Proposed Future Agenda Items

Committee members will discuss and vote on their preferred standing meeting date, and discuss future agenda items for the next committee meeting.

Discussion,
Possible
Action

- Members suggest having 2-hour meetings in order to increase the number of meetings per year. OOC to follow up if this would provide cost savings to afford more meetings. The next three meetings will be 3 hours until this cost analysis is determined.
- Member Flynn inquired about possible strategies for decreasing the portion of meetings spent on administrative matters. OOC responds that the majority of administrative items are mandated, however the OOC suggested presenting industry updates every other meeting to increase meeting time for Committee discussion.
- Members suggest having regular meetings every month and to consider the time of day that allows more equity partners to attend.
- Members recommend the following future agenda items:
 1. Impacts and efficiency of equity grants
 - a. Funding amounts remaining and timeline for disbursement of funds
 - b. Possibility to reallocate of unused funds
 - c. Cashing checks has been difficult for equity partners
 2. Hear more about enforcement, particularly in the illicit market
 - a. How can we support the OC in that enforcement?
 3. Follow up on recommendations from November 18, 2020
 4. Mayoral amendments should be up for review by Oversight Committee
 5. Workforce development and career pathways
 - a. Apprenticeships
 6. Prop D permanent tax structure
- Public comment
 - A community member suggests that, contrary to recently introduced legislation, equity applicants be permitted to transfer their equity interest in two years versus five, and requests clarity on the following matters:
 - grant disbursement update,
 - timeline for past disbursements, future disbursements, and reallocation of funds
 - deadline to spend grant funds down by and possible extensions for those deadlines
 - amending disbursement criteria and increasing the amount of grant funding for sole proprietors
 - A community member suggests 2-hour meetings on the same day each month and to utilize subcommittee meetings to decrease agenda items.
- Motion to have standard meetings every first or second Wednesday of the month from 1-4PM and adapt future agenda item recommendations as they appear.

- **Motion/Second:** Ali Jamalian/Nina Parks | **Motion Approved**
- **Ayes:** 9 | **Nays:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

9. General Public Comment

- A community member suggests sending out the agenda 8 days in advance and including bylaws as an attachment.
- Member Cry clarifies that all meeting materials are on the OOC website.
- Director Rodriguez notes to review OOC communications released the Friday before Committee meetings.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting is adjourned at 4:08 PM