

SAN FRANCISCO CANNABIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Notice of Hearing & Agenda

Meeting held via Webex

**October 6, 2021
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Regular Meeting**

Committee Members:

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

- Mohammed Malhi or rep. from SFPDH
- Capt. Brian Philpott or rep. from SFPD
- Jeff Buckley or rep. of DBI
- Michael Christensen or rep. of SF Planning
- Quarry Pak or rep. from SFUSD
- Dylan Rice or rep. of SF Entertainment Commission
- Lt. Rick Figari 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**

- Opening remarks from Chair
 - Farewell to Office of Cannabis (OOC) Director Marisa Rodriguez who will be leaving the OOC.
 - Thanks is offered for all of her work, her close involvement with grantees, and all of her contributions to the social equity program
- Welcome to new committee member, Ryan McGilley, approved by Board of Supervisor (BOS) the previous day (10/5/2021).
 - Ryan McGilley introduces himself – organizer for United Food and Commercial Workers (UCSW) for local5, will fill seat 10; has worked closely with former Committee member, Jessica Cry; has been involved in organizing the hundreds of cannabis industry participants that local5 represents.
- On the call of roll, the following Committee Members were noted present [(v)= voting member]
 - Ali Jamalian (v)
 - Doug Bloch (v)
 - Shawn Richard (v)
 - Nina Parks (v)
 - Brendan Hallinan (v)
 - Aaron Flynn (v)
 - Theresa Foglio-Ramirez (v)
 - Ryan McGilley (v)
 - Mohammed Malhi, SFPDH
 - Michael Christensen, SF Planning
 - Quarry Pak, SFUSD
 - Dylan Rice, SF Entertainment Commission
 - Lt. Rick Figari, SFFD
- The following Committee Members were not present:
 - Sara Payan (v)
 - Sgt. Chris Oshita, SFPD
 - Jeff Buckley, SFDBI
- A quorum is established

2. Review and Consideration of Regular Agenda

Committee members review, amend the meeting agenda as necessary and vote to approve agenda.

Discussion,
Action

- Chair proposes:
 - Move Agenda item #4 to agenda item #3
 - Move agenda item #6, *Committee Discussion Regarding the Distribution of Grant Funding*, to the next Committee meeting because, after necessary member recusals, the Committee will not have a quorum to hold discussion (four members would need to recuse themselves)
 - The Chair raises the option of holding a special meeting as a possibility to discuss Grant Funding before the next regular meeting

- Additionally, Doug Bloch shares that he will need to leave at 2:30 pm
- Public comment
 - Community member inquires if there have been any updates on apprenticeships such as Citygrow, with relation to ODWD, OOC, or City College SF?
 - Director Rodriguez encourages community member(s) to reach out to Office of Economic and Workforce Development for updates
- **Motion:** There is a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the proposed change of moving agenda item #4 to #3 and tabling item #6 for a future Committee meeting.
 - Doug Bloch – we currently do not need to fill out the 700s forms but typically public boards need to do so to disclose financial interests. Transparency is important and, as result of potential conflict of interest, current committee members had to rescue themselves for item #6.
 - Ali Jamalian –there are four members who, working with City attorney, identified themselves as having to recuse themselves from item #6, *Committee Discussion Regarding the Distribution of Grant Funding for when the item is called.*
 - **Motion/Second:** Brendan Hallinan/Theresa Foglio | **Motion Approved**
 - **Ayes:** 8 | **Nays:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 0 | **Absent:** 1

3. Review and Adopt Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e)

Discussion,
Action

Committee members review and adopt a resolution making findings required under state law to allow the Committee to meet remotely, as is currently required by order of the Mayor. The Committee will need to adopt these findings at each future meeting, at least until in-person meetings are allowed to resume in San Francisco. Refer to proposed "Resolution" included in the materials accompanying this agenda.

- No public comment
- **Motion:** There is a motion to adopt the resolution as presented
 - **Motion/Second:** Brendan Hallinan/Doug Bloch | **Motion Approved**
 - **Ayes:** 8 | **Nays:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 0 | **Absent:** 1

4. Review and Approve Minutes from Committee Meeting on 8/25/2021

Discussion,
Action

Committee members review minutes from previous Committee meeting, amending as necessary, and vote to approve.

- Ali Jamalian notes that he sent out the Committee's recommendations to BOS.
- Public comment
 - Charlie Papas notes that the previous meeting minutes are not in the materials packet.
- Brendan Hallinan– requests follow up from OOC regarding this issue
 - Nikesh Patel (OOC)– the previous minutes and all materials were included in the packet of meeting materials- all items are posted to the COC section of the OOC webpage:
<https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/meetings/oversight-committee>. *The OOC provided a visual walk through during the meeting to help members identify where materials for this meeting, and subsequent meetings, are housed. David from RDA noted where members of the public can find recordings of past meetings.*

- **Motion:** There is motion to approve the minutes from Committee meeting held on August 25, 2021
 - **Motion/Second:** Brendan Hallinan/Aaron Flynn | **Motion Approved**
 - **Ayes:** 7 | **Nays:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 1 | **Absent:** 1

5. Introduction of the OOC's New Deputy Director, John Pierce

Discussion

The Office of Cannabis will introduce its newest member, Deputy Director John Pierce.

- John Pierce is introduced:
 - He will be replacing Eugene Hillsman as the new Deputy Director of the OOC; formerly worked within the City Administrator's Office, Budget and Finance Team, and also brings experience from serving as a consultant to NASA and the IRS.
- John Pierce addresses the Committee, thanking COC, OOC, and community for the welcome .
- Director Rodriguez– Ray Law will also be serving as a deputy directory within the OOC starting upon his return in January, 2022.
- Public comment
 - Charlie Papas – gives recognition to OOC with whom his experience has been positive. Looking forward to working with new Deputy Director and will miss Director Marisa Rodriguez; congratulations to Ray Law.

6. Electing a Racial Equity Lead

Discussion,

The Office of Cannabis will provide a brief presentation on a number of racial equity commitments as outlined in the Office of the City Administrator's Racial Equity Action Plan, and the Committee will vote to elect a Racial Equity Lead.

Possible
Action

- The OOC presents on the Racial Equity Lead responsibilities. The full presentation is available by accessing this link: <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/node/2752>
- Dir. Rodriguez– the racial equity lead will also be the liaison for the Committee to other Commissions/Committees under the City Admin. Office working on racial equity initiatives
- Ali Jamalian– nominates Shawn Richards for this role / Theresa Foglio-Ramirez seconds
- Nina Parks – nominates herself for the role/ Brendan Hallinan seconds
- Public comment
 - Gloria Berry – SF Democratic Party - as we elect a racial equity lead, the COC should also consider that this person must write a specific plan and develop goals that this body would like to accomplish and associated timelines working in compliance with City offices and partners.
- Nina Parks: The work that I've done in the past is a good resume and reflects my ability to accomplish the goals that are necessary for this body: uplifting racial equity, carrying out assessment tools, and attending relevant meetings and participating in collaborative spaces. I have and will do this work with integrity and am hoping to be recognized and voted into the position.
- Shawn Richard: Both candidates are qualified, we both can do the job, I am very capable. But I have a lot on my plate and would not want to be distracted or not be able to do the job to the necessary extent, so I will decline the offer and support Nina Parks in taking the lead.
- **Motion:** There is a motion to elect member Nina Parks as the Racial Equity Lead for the Cannabis Oversight Committee
 - **Motion/Second:** Nina Parks/ Brendan Hallinan | **Motion Approved**

○ **Ayes: 7 | Nays: 0 | Abstentions: 0 | Absent: 1**

7. Remarks from Director Rodriguez

Discussion

Director of the Office of Cannabis, Marisa Rodriguez, and other members of the OOC will provide remarks about the cannabis industry in San Francisco over the past two-and-a-half years.

- The OOC presents on the accomplishments of the social equity program and cannabis industry in San Francisco over the past two-and-a-half years. The full presentation is available by accessing this link: <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/node/2752>
- Director Marisa Rodriguez addresses the Committee: We have achieved so much in 2.5 years of this work toward equity preservation and I would like thank so many people. Every single person who makes up the cannabis industry is important. Thank you to the following groups and individuals (despite efforts to be comprehensive, it is possible that the names of all the individuals the former director thanked in her remarks are not reflected here; please refer to the recording for the exhaustive list):
 - **Legacy operators** with whom this all began. I want to call them out because they continue to operate and work with our office and provide support to the equity community. We all have created an ecosystem that continues to grow and thrive. They are our *equity partners*. Thank you to:
 - *Mission Cannabis Club (formerly Shambala), Urbana Recreational Cannabis Dispensary (Geary), MediThrive Collective, Grass Roots, Green Cross, Apothecarium, Flower Power, Barbary Coast Collective, Purple Star, Sparc on Haight, Pure 710SF, BASA, Connected SF, Green Door, Dutchmen's Flat, Mission Herbal Care, Cure, SPA Wellness, Proven, Elevated San Francisco, Katana Collective, Mission Organics, Access Bryant, 212 California, Barbary Coast Sunset, STILZY (formerly La Corona Wellness), Vapor Room Cooperative, Mo Green's, Love Shack, Genetics Delivery, and the Bloom Room.*
 - **Equity applicants** who have made it over the finish line of a challenging permitting process:
 - *Chris Calloway, Shawn Richard, Drakari Donaldson, Cheresse Benton, Angel Cruz, Justin Derham, Mike Hall, Ali Jamalian, Cindy De La Vega, Justin Gray, Timothy Omi, Karim Mayfield, Rodney Hampton, John Wood, Phung Van Nguyen, Charles Toney, and Terrance Alan.*
 - **Current equity applicants** who are still endeavoring through the permitting process. Currently we have [approximately 25] applicants in the in build out [phase], and two who will soon realize their permits.
 - **Organizations that have provided technical assistance** to our community: *Andrea Baker Consulting, Oaksterdam, Make Green Go, The Success Centers, Thurston Law Firm, San Francisco Bar Association, and the Kumin Law Group.*
 - **The Office of Cannabis Team:** *Eugene Hillsman, Ray Law, Jeremy Schwartz, Alexandra Sandoval, Nikesh Patel, Yuliya Iskenderava, and the new Deputy Director, John Pierce.*
 - **Deputy City Attorney,** *Sarah Crowley*, who has supported the OOC and this effort so much.
 - **Leadership:** *Naomi Kelly [former City Administrator], Carmen Chu [City Administrator], Kenneth Bukowski [Deputy City Administrator], Rachel Cukierman [Deputy Director of Administration and Finance].*
 - **COC:**

- City Agencies on this body and their representatives: *Mohanned Malhi (DPH); Capt. Brian Philpott and Sgt. Chris Oshita (SFPD); Jeff Buckley and Patrick O’Riordan (DBI); Michael Christensen and Richard Sucre (Planning Dept.); Quarry Pak and Rosalia López (SFUSD); Maggie Weiland, Kaitlyn Azevedo, and Dylan Rice (Entertainment Commission); and Lt. Rick Figari (SF Fire Dept.).*
- Voting Committee members, the BOS looks to what you have to say to shape how the industry will look for years to come. Thank you for all that you have done and are still doing: *Ali Jamalian-our Chair, Aaron Flynn, [former member Jessica Cry], Ryan McGilley, Doug Bloch, Shawn Richard, Nina Parks, Brendan Hallinan, Theresa Foglio-Ramirez, and Sara Payan.*
- COC members offer their gratitude to Director Rodriguez for her contributions during her time as Director.
- Public comment:
 - Community member offer thanks to Director Rodriguez for supporting equity applicants and legacy operators
 - Uncle Damien –offers thanks for all that Director Rodriguez has done for equity applicants and is grateful for her support to interested applicants
 - Bram Goodwin – offer thanks to Director Rodriguez and COC, noting the high level of transparency
 - Charlie Papas – offers thanks to Director Rodriguez for her contributions

8. General Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Committee.

- Public Comment

9. Adjournment

- The chair adjourns meet at 3:09 PM