



CANNABIS CONTROL APPEALS PANEL

June 25, 2026
PANEL MEETING

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MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

Dr. Diandra Bremond – Chairperson, Los Angeles County
Cathryn Rivera – Member, Sacramento County
Jim Wood – Member, Sonoma County
Josh Newman – Member, Orange County

MEETING DATE AND TIME

Thursday, June 25, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
(Or conclusion of business)

MEETING LOCATION

Cannabis Control Appeals Panel
400 R Street, Suite 330
Sacramento, CA 95811
(Open to the public)

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MEETING AGENDA

Item 1	Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum <i>Dr. Diandra Bremond, Chairperson</i>	Action Item
Item 2	Approval of the Minutes <i>Dr. Diandra Bremond, Chairperson</i>	Action Item
Item 3	Strategic Planning <i>Anne Hawley, Executive Director</i>	Action Item
Item 4	Closed Session CCAP Case No. 2026-04-DCC-0002 EUPHORIC LIFE, INC. License: C11-0000305-LIC Department Decision: DCC25-00004-CON	Action Item

CCAP Case No. 2025-12-DCC-0005
Lucky 13 Ventures Los Angeles, LLC
License: C9-0000555-LIC
Department Decision: DCC23-0001092-INV

Deliberation heard under the authority of Government Code section 11126 (c)(6).

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| Item 5 | Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
The Panel may not discuss or act on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7 (a)] | Information Item |
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IMPORTANT NOTICES: All times and the order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Chair. Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda. We will take public comments on items of discussion for each item. If comments are not requested by the Chair, the public should feel free to request an opportunity to speak. Public comments will be limited to three minutes, or the Chair may limit the time allotted at their discretion. The meeting may be cancelled or delayed without notice.

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AGENDA ITEM 1

No Meeting Materials

AGENDA ITEM 2

Approval of the
Minutes



Open Session Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026
11:01 am – 1:57 pm

Cannabis Control Appeals Panel
400 R Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Members present:

- Dr. Diandra Bremond, Chairperson (in Sacramento County – In Person)
- Cathryn Rivera, J.D. (in Sacramento County – In Person)
- Josh Newman (in Sacramento County – In Person)

Staff present:

- Anne Hawley, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Appeals Panel
- Christopher Phillips, Chief Counsel, Cannabis Control Appeals Panel
- Sarah M. Smith, Senior Staff Attorney, Cannabis Control Appeals Panel
- Brian Hwang, Senior Staff Attorney, Cannabis Control Appeals Panel
- Melita Deci, Administrative and Business Services Coordinator, Cannabis Control Appeals Panel
- Ruben Garza, Office Technician, Cannabis Control Appeals Panel

Summary:

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum.

Chairperson Diandra Bremond called the teleconference meeting to order at 11:01 am.

Melita Deci took the roll call vote. Panel Members Diandra Bremond, Cathryn Rivera, and Josh Newman were present. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of the Minutes.

Chairperson Bremond asked the Panel if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 28, 2026, meeting. There were no additions or corrections. No comments from the public.

Motion (Rivera): Approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026, meeting as submitted. Seconded (Newman). Melita Deci took a roll call vote on the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Hearing.

The Panel heard oral argument on CCAP Case No. 2026-04-DCC-0002. Appellant is Euphoric Life, Inc. and Respondent is the Department of Cannabis Control. This is an appeal from Department Case No. DCC25-00004-CON. The subject of oral argument is the Department's motion to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction or, alternatively, to vacate the automatic stay.

Both parties were represented by counsel. Appellant was represented by Nooshin Dalili, who appeared remotely before the Panel. The Department was represented by Christopher Lamerdin, who appeared remotely before the Panel.

Following oral argument, Bremond informed both parties that the Panel will proceed with the next agenda item (Agenda Item #4). After completion of that agenda item, the Panel will go into closed session to deliberate on the Department's motion.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Policy to Place Time Limitations on Public Comments.

Chairperson Bremond introduced Chief Counsel Chris Phillips and Senior Staff Attorney Brian Hwang to present a proposal to place time limitations on public comments before this Panel. This is potentially an action item.

This is a follow up to the Chairperson's request at the last meeting in April to discuss public comment time limits at a future meeting.

Currently, the Panel lacks any guidelines regarding public comment time limits. This agenda item therefore proposes updating the Panel Handbook to set clear procedures moving forward. Staff surveyed numerous state boards and bodies, and identified best practices.

Hwang then summarized the two proposed revisions to the Handbook. The first revision is the inclusion of a public comment time limit policy which outlines the rules for setting and managing time limits. The second revision is to update the Panel Chair's list of responsibilities to reflect their additional duties under the proposed public comment time limit policy.

Hwang then opened the floor for any questions.

No comments from the public. No comments from the Panel.

Motion (Newman): Approve the two proposed updates to the Panel Handbook. Seconded (Rivera). Melita Deci then took a roll call vote to approve the proposed updates to the Handbook. The Panel voted 3-0 to approve the proposed updates.

5. Closed Session.

Open session suspended at 11:37 am for the Panel to deliberate on the Department's Motion to Dismiss Appeal or, in the Alternative, to Vacate Stay in CCAP Case No. 2026-04-DCC-0002 under closed session – under the authority of Government Code section 11126(c)(6).

Open session resumed at 12:31 pm. Chairperson Bremond informed both parties that the Panel completed its deliberation and will take the matter under submission. Bremond instructed the parties that they will be notified when the Panel issues a ruling on the Department's motion.

6. Strategic Planning.

Chairperson Bremond introduced Sarah Irani and Trisha St. Clair, Strategic Business Analysts and Facilitators for the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), to guide the Panel through today's SOLID workshop. DCA's SOLID unit assists agencies in conducting environmental scans, forming strategic plans, and addressing opportunities and challenges the agency may face.

Irani and St. Clair (DCA SOLID) began by first reviewing the Panel's commitment to DEIA. DEIA stands for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. They discussed the benefits of DEIA and how the Panel should consider this factor in its strategic planning.

DCA SOLID then examined the Panel's existing strategic planning process. They explained that the Panel's Missions, Values, and Vision are foundations of the planning process. Goals and Objectives build upon that foundation. They then reviewed the Panel's existing Mission Statement, list of Values, and Vision Statement with current panel members.

Next, DCA SOLID focused on the four major goals of the strategic plan with the Panel: (1) Decision Making; (2) Outreach & Education; (3) Organizational Effectiveness; and (4) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. They had the Panel identify multiple objectives per goal. The Panel identified 13 total objectives with an initial timeline of three years to meet the objectives.

DCA SOLID closed by discussing the next steps of the process. They will formulate a draft plan, send the draft to the Executive Director for additional edits and approval, then schedule a follow-up action planning with Panel staff to develop a plan for accomplishing the objectives.

Following the workshop, Bremond thanked Irani and St. Clair for their assistance and hard work on this project.

No comments from the Panel. No comments from the public.

7. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda.

Chairperson Bremond warned any comment should not involve pending or future appeals, complaints, applications, or any disciplinary actions that may come before the Panel.

No comments from the public.

8. Future Agenda Items.

No comments from the Panel. No comments from the public.

9. Adjournment.

Motion (Newman). Adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Rivera). Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Strategic Planning

CANNABIS CONTROL APPEALS PANEL

STAFF REPORT

PANEL MEETING

June 25, 2026

SUBJECT: CCAP Strategic Plan Update

BACKGROUND:

In the summer of 2019, Panel Members and staff collaborated with the Department of Consumer Affairs' SOLID Training and Planning Solutions Unit to develop CCAP's draft Values, Goals, and Mission Statement. The CCAP Strategic Plan 2022–24 was formally adopted in April 2022.

On May 21, 2026, the SOLID Planning Unit facilitated a strategic-planning brainstorming session with Panel Members. During this session, participants reviewed and refined the objectives within CCAP's four strategic goal areas, drawing on insights from internal and external environmental scans to guide updates to the plan. Attachment 3.1 reflects the edits made during this meeting.

ACTION ITEM

Panel Members are asked to review both attachments and be prepared to discuss and provide any additional edits. A vote will be taken to finalize the updated strategic plan.

BUDGET AND FISCAL IMPACTS:

CCAP has contracted with the SOLID Training and Planning Solutions Unit to support the strategic planning process. The total cost for these services is \$8,174.30.

ATTACHMENTS:

3.1: *Draft CCAP 2026 Strategic Plan with tracked edits*

This attachment reflects all revisions made during the May 21, 2026, meeting.

3.2: *Draft CCAP 2026 Strategic Plan with edits incorporated*

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The Panel's review is limited and focuses on whether the Department acted within its legal authority, followed required procedures, issued findings that support its decision, and based those findings on substantial evidence. Through this process, the Panel ensures fairness, due process, and accountability in the State's cannabis licensing system.

The Panel consists of five full-time members: one appointed by the Senate, one by the Assembly, and three by the Governor, with the Governor's appointees subject to Senate confirmation.

To find resources on how to file an appeal, please go to the Panel's website at www.ccap.ca.gov.

Message from the Panel Chair

On behalf of the Cannabis Control Appeals Panel, I am pleased to present the Panel's Strategic Plan for 2026–2029. This plan reflects the dedicated work and collaboration of our Panel Members and staff, supported by the Department of Consumer Affairs' SOLID Planning Unit.

Strategic planning allows us to look ahead, assess our environment, set clear goals, and determine the most effective path to fulfill our mission. This plan is the product of thoughtful discussion and careful analysis, and it establishes our priorities for the years ahead.

The strategic plan will serve as a roadmap for the Panel and staff, guiding our efforts as we work to advance our mission and uphold our core values. Its development was a team effort and represents a shared vision for the future of the Panel.

We believe this plan builds on our accomplishments and sets meaningful goals that will support our mission to provide fair, accessible, and timely quasi-judicial resolution of appeals.

As Chairperson, I am honored to present this plan and grateful to everyone who contributed to its development.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diandra Bremond

Chairperson, Cannabis Control Appeals Panel

Panel Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

To provide fair, accessible, and timely quasi-judicial resolution of appeals from the Department of Cannabis Control's licensing decisions.

Vision

A fair forum for licensed cannabis appeals within California.

Values

- Efficiency
- Fairness
- Professionalism
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Goal 1: Decision Making

Ensuring appeals from decisions of the Department of Cannabis Control are resolved in a fair and timely manner.

- 1.1 Develop and implement a n internal communication plan to improve the decision-making process to bridge gaps in communication.
- 1.2 ~~Develop and implement~~ Establish an standard onboarding process for new panel members.
- 1.3 ~~Review~~ Evaluate and enhance the decision-making process ~~and implement improvements to ensure improve~~ timeliness ~~of decisions~~.
- 1.4 Provide ~~background context on the basis of for~~ the Panel's decisions to improve for clarity and promote transparency.

Goal 2: Outreach and Education

To provide education on the appeals process for cannabis stakeholders.

- 2.1 Create and implement an outreach plan to ~~increase-improve the public's stakeholder knowledge-understanding~~ of the appeals process and the ~~purpose of the Panel's role~~.
- 2.2 Create a ~~searchable-public~~ database ~~listing the Panel's deliberations and decisions on the Panel's website of deliberations and decisions made by the Panel~~.

Goal 3: Organizational Effectiveness

Maintain an effective and collaborative work environment while maximizing resources.

- 3.1 ~~Develop and d~~Document internal ~~staff processes procedures~~ to ensure ~~a~~ ~~the consistency consistent~~ and effectiveness ~~of the Panel operations~~.
- 3.2 ~~Identify and e~~Explore ~~methods opportunities~~ to ~~increase enhance~~ the self-sufficiency of the Panel's internal administrative functions.

Goal 4: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

Ensure equitable practices exist in operations, programs, and policies.

- 4.1 ~~Research~~Identify and implement methods to improve accessibility of ~~online-public~~ Panel meetings.
- 4.2 ~~Review-Evaluate~~ Panel materials and the website to ensure ~~necessary~~ they offer clear information ~~education~~ and accessible resources for ~~is being provided to~~ underrecognized communities.
- 4.3 Review and update Panel forms and documents to ensure gender-neutral language is used.

Strategic Planning Process

To understand the environment in which the Panel operates as well as identify factors that could impact the Panel's success in carrying out its regulatory duties, the Department of Consumer Affairs' SOLID Planning Unit (SOLID) conducted an environmental scan of the Panel's internal and external environments. Information for the scan was collected through interviews and online surveys distributed to the listed stakeholder groups during December 2025 and January 2026:

- Internal staff¹: interviews and online survey.
- Panel members: interviews and online survey.

The most significant themes and trends identified from the environmental scan were discussed by panel members, panel leadership and staff, and members of the public during a strategic planning session facilitated by SOLID on May 21, 2026. This information guided the Panel in the development of its strategic objectives outlined in this 2026–2029 strategic plan.

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