



## Open Session Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2026  
10:01 am – 11:44 am

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)
- Jim Wood (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
- 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 10:01 am.

Ruben Garza took the roll call vote. Panel Members Diandra Bremond, Cathryn Rivera, Jim Wood, 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 May 21, 2026, meeting. There were no additions or corrections. No comments from the public.

Motion (Newman): Approve the minutes of the May 21, 2026, meeting as submitted. Seconded (Rivera). Ruben Garza took a roll call vote on the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with Wood abstaining.

### **3. Strategic Planning.**

Chairperson Bremond gave the floor to Executive Director Anne Hawley to guide the Panel through the next phase of the strategic planning process.

Hawley and the Panel reviewed all the edits made at the May 21, 2026, meeting. Today's agenda is to review each of the four Goal Areas of the Panel's Strategic Plan, then vote to approve the edits before proceeding with the next steps of the strategic planning process.

The Panel reviewed the four Goal Areas. There were no changes or comments for Goal Area 1 and Goal Area 3. For Goal Area 2, the Panel made one technical revision to Goal Area 2.1.

For Goal Area 4, the Panel made one substantive change to Goal Area 4.2. The Panel pointed out that the phrase "underrecognized communities" is potentially ambiguous. Panel Members Newman and Rivera expressed it is important to have a consistent definition that all members can understand and agree on. Chairperson Bremond then proposed revising "underrecognized communities" to "all communities." The rest of the Panel agreed with this revision.

Hawley completed her presentation. Bremond thanked Hawley for her hard work.

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

Motion (Rivera): Approve the CCAP 2026 Strategic Plan including the above revisions. Seconded (Newman). Ruben Garza took a roll call vote on the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

### **4. Closed Session.**

Open session suspended at 10:15 am—under the authority of Government Code section 11126(c)(6)—for the Panel to deliberate on two pending appeals.

The Panel met in closed session to: (1) continue its deliberations on the Department's Motion to Dismiss Appeal or, in the Alternative, to Vacate Stay in the matter of Euphoric Life, Inc. (CCAP Case No. 2026-04-DCC-0002); and (2) begin its deliberations in the matter of Lucky 13 Ventures Los Angeles, LLC (CCAP Case No. 2025-12-DCC-0005).

Open session resumed at 11:41 am. Chairperson Bremond informed all those present that the Panel completed its deliberations and will take the matters under submission.

Bremond also stated that the parties will be notified when the Panel issues a ruling on the Department's motion in CCAP Case No. 2026-04-DCC-0002 and a preliminary decision in CCAP Case No. 2025-12-DCC-0005.

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. Future Agenda Items.**

Panel Member Wood requested a future discussion on the Panel's preliminary decision process.

Panel Member Rivera stated this is not a future agenda item, but expressed interest in future tours of cannabis licensees. She shared that previous tours were educational for the Panel.

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

#### **7. Adjournment.**

Motion (Wood). Adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Newman). Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.