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Open Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
10:32 am – 12:35 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)
- 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
- 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 10:32 am.

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

2. Hearing.

The Panel heard oral argument on CCAP Case No. 2025-08-DCC-0003. Appellant is Santa Ana Main Distro, LLC (dba O'Mina Distribution, Inc.) and Respondent is the Department of Cannabis

Control. This is an appeal from Department Case No. DCC23-0002236-INV. Both parties were represented by counsel. Appellant was represented by Raza Lawrence, who appeared remotely before the Panel. The Department was represented by Matthew Beasley, who appeared in person before the Panel.

Following oral argument, open session suspended at 11:40 am for Panel deliberation in closed session, under the authority of Government Code section 11126(c)(6). Open session resumed at 12:34 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 its Final Decision.

3. Approval of the Minutes.

Chairperson Bremond asked the Panel if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 17, 2025, meeting. There were no additions or corrections. No comments from the public.

Motion (Wood): Approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025, meeting as submitted. Seconded (Newman). Melita Deci took a roll call vote on the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Executive Management Report.

Executive Director Hawley deferred presenting the report and submitted it for the record. Hawley explained the report would be uploaded to CCAP's website as soon as feasible. Hawley then opened the floor for questions.

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

5. Election of the Chairperson.

As this is the first meeting of the year, Chairperson Bremond stated it is time to elect the next Chair. Bremond then handed the floor to Chief Counsel Phillips to oversee the voting process.

Phillips explained the election process. The first step is to identify the candidates, including self-nominations. Once all candidates are determined, each may provide a statement or speech in support of their candidacy. There will then be a roll call vote in which each Panel member may vote for only one candidate. Tie-breaking procedures will be explained later – if necessary.

Phillips opened the floor for nominations. Panel Member Newman nominated Bremond to continue serving as Chairperson. There were no other candidates. Melita Deci then took a roll call vote on Bremond being re-elected as Chairperson. The Panel voted 4-0 in favor of Bremond's re-election.

6. 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.

7. Future Agenda Items.

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

8. Adjournment.

Motion (Newman). Adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Wood). Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.