

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND  
OTHER DRUGS  
(CAOD)**

**Meeting Summary – July 14, 2021**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Tony Bell, Deena Duncan, Joseph Essavi, Jack Hadjinian, Lou La Monte, Juan Navarro, Sharona R. Nazarian, Gino Roncelli, Bennett Root, Jr., Mark Ryan, John Ho Song, Wendie Warwick, Howard Winkler and G. Lola Worthington

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Commissioners Cruz Baca, Monica Sanchez, Jerry G. Velasco and Jihan Judeh

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:**

**GUEST REGISTER:** Michelle Gibson, Francisco Reyes

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** CAOD July 2021 Agenda; CAOD Meeting Minutes 5.12.21 DRAFT; CAOD Meeting Minutes 6.9.21 DRAFT

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1. Call to Order	First Chair Lou La Monte, County of Los Angeles, to the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.	
2. Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair La Monte asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guest.	
3. Motion to Excuse Absences	Quorum present. Commissioners Cruz Baca, Monica Sanchez, Jerry G. Velasco and Jihan Judeh have asked to be excused.	Chair La Monte entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Mark Ryan seconded by Com. Joseph Essavi. Motion was unanimously carried.
4. Approval of Minutes	Chair La Monte asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2021 and June 9, 2021 meetings.	Chair La Monte entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Sharona R.

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		Nazarian seconded by Com. Joseph Essavi. Motion was unanimously carried.
5. Presentation	<p>Cat Packer Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History on Cannabis Policy in Los Angeles</li> <li>• Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR)</li> <li>• Licensing Program</li> <li>• Commercial cannabis location requirements and sensitive use restrictions</li> <li>• Social equity program</li> <li>• Cannabis in the community</li> <li>• Cannabis public information campaign</li> <li>• City of Los Angeles Complaint portal</li> <li>• Strategies to address unlicensed cannabis facilities</li> <li>• SPARK initiative</li> <li>• Grants</li> <li>• Cannabis facility distribution</li> <li>• Medical cannabis</li> <li>• Cannabis taxation</li> </ul>	Commission liaison to reach out to speaker for PowerPoint, contact information and link to grant program.
6. Report from Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	<p>Presenter – Michelle Gibson, MPH, Deputy Division Director for Treatment Services of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) spoke on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPAC new has begun its new fiscal year</li> <li>• Block grants allocation</li> <li>• Changes to CalAIM</li> <li>• SAPC’s data matrix</li> </ul>	
7. Commission Committees Report	<p>Commissioner Wendie Warwick gave an update on the Al-Impis committee. Is September 2021. Application due date is July 30th.</p> <p>Chair Lou La Monte discussed presentation and discussion given by Commissioner Mark Ryan during the Education and Prevention committee meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Deena Duncan gave a brief update on what was discussed during the Policy and Planning committee meeting.</p>	

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8. Chairs Report	<p>Chair La Monte encouraged commissioners to submit the motion on SB519 to their Health Deputies. He also asked commissioners to inform commission liaison whom their Health Deputies are.</p> <p>Chair La Monte spoke on efforts to fill commission vacancies and asked commissioners for upcoming speaker recommendation.</p> <p>He also made note that the commission will be dark in August. Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021</p>	
9. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	No comments	
10. Public Comments	No public comments.	
11. Adjourn to the next meeting of the Commission	Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.	

**Next meeting date:**  
September 22, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.