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## **MENDOCINO COUNTY GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES – October 30, 2023**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO - STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
(PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §25150)**

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### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN SESSION (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL 9:00 A.M.)**

**Present:** Committee Member/Supervisor Maureen Mulheren and Committee Member/Chair John Haschak. Chair Haschak presiding.

**Staff Present:** Steve Dunicliff, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Christian M. Curtis, County Counsel; Atlas M.A. Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board; and Lillian Bearden, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by:** Supervisor Mulheren.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REGULAR CALENDAR**

**2A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF AND A REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO CANNABIS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 - SPONSOR: CANNABIS**

**Presenter/s:** Sara McBurney, Senior Program Manager, Cannabis; Jared Schwass, Deputy County Counsel; and Steve Dunicliff, Interim Cannabis Director.

**Public Comment:** Michael Katz; Tamara; Hannah Nelson; Chantal Simonpietri; Corrin Powell; Rick Foltz; and Susan Tibbons.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, IT IS ORDERED that the General Government Committee receives the County of Mendocino Cannabis Department Monthly Update for September 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 – Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Haschak

No: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

**2B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF REGARDING LOCAL EQUITY PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - SPONSOR: CANNABIS**

**Presenter/s:** Sara McBurney, Senior Program Manager, Cannabis; and Steve Dunicliff, Interim Cannabis Director.

**Public Comment:** Michael Katz; Hannah Nelson; Chantal Simonpietri; and Tamara.

**Committee Action:** : Upon motion by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, IT IS ORDERED that the General Government Committee provides recommendations to staff and recommends approval of the County of Mendocino Cannabis Department aligning their Equity Criteria with the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC), subject to approval from relevant partner agencies. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 – Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Haschak

No: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Break: 10:51 A.M. to 11:01 A.M.

**2C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE OF INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF REGARDING THE LOCAL JURISDICTION ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM DIRECT GRANT AND FEE WAIVER PROGRAM MANUAL (LJAGP PROGRAM MANUAL) - SPONSOR: CANNABIS**

**Presenter/s:** Sara McBurney, Senior Program Manager, Cannabis.

**Public Comment:** Hannah Nelson; Michael Katz; Corrine Powell.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, IT IS ORDERED that the General Government Committee accepts the presentation regarding the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program Direct Grant and Fee Waiver Program Manual. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 – Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Haschak

No: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

**2D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF AND A REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE STREAMLINING OF CANNABIS DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND CHAPTER 10A.17 - SPONSORS: COUNTY COUNSEL AND CANNABIS**

**Presenter/s:** Jared Schwass, Deputy County Counsel; and Christian M. Curtis, County Counsel.

**Public Comment:** Michael Katz; Corrine Powell; Hannah Nelson; Tamara; and Rick Foltz.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, IT IS ORDERED that the General Government Committee provides a referral to the Board of Supervisors regarding the streamlining of Cannabis Department programs and Chapter 10A.17. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 – Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Haschak

No: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – OTHER BUSINESS**

**3A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 REGULAR MEETING - SPONSOR: EXECUTIVE OFFICE/CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**Presenter/s:** Atlas M.A. Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, IT IS ORDERED that the General Government Committee approves minutes of September 25, 2023, regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 – Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Haschak

No: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

**3B) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING - SPONSOR: EXECUTIVE OFFICE/CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**Presenter/s:** Atlas M.A. Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, IT IS ORDERED that the General Government Committee approves minutes of October 10, 2023, special meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 – Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Haschak

No: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

**3B) PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

**Presenter/s:** None.

3C) ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, THE MENDOCINO COUNTY GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 12:06 P.M.

Attest: ATLAS M.A. PEARSON  
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board

  
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JOHN HASCHAK, Chair

  
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