

# CANNIBIS ADVISORY PANEL

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August 2021

## Background

Introduced by Representative Jason Kropf (D, Bend), sponsored by Representative Jack Zika (R, Redmond), and ultimately adopted by the Oregon Legislature on June 26, 2021, House Bill (HB) 3295 ensures that counties that participate in Oregon marijuana economy receive a share of marijuana revenue. For Deschutes County, to receive marijuana tax revenue, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) must appoint a Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP).

Marijuana tax revenue has not been paid to Deschutes County by the Oregon Department of Revenue since 2019, when the Board passed Ordinance 2019-014, prohibiting the establishment of future (new) marijuana production and processing businesses in unincorporated Deschutes County (commonly referred to as an Opt Out). Ordinance No. 2019-015, adopted on October 16, 2019, further clarified that Ordinance No. 2019-014 has no impact on the County's past marijuana production land use decisions and does not preclude those applicants from moving forward in the licensure process with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). On November 3, 2020, Ballot Measure 9-134 asked voters if they wanted to repeal the opt-out ordinances—a "yes" vote would once again allow new marijuana production and processing businesses in Deschutes County, and a "no" vote would continue to prohibit new marijuana production and processing businesses in Deschutes County. Ultimately, Deschutes County residents voted "no" to Measure 9-134, thereby upholding the opt-out and prohibiting future/new recreational marijuana production and processing businesses from being established in the unincorporated county.

## Mission and Purpose

The Board appointed the CAP in August 2021 to meet quarterly and provide at least three recommendations:

1. The use of moneys transferred to the county under ORS 475B.759;
2. Increases in public safety measures related to marijuana use and marijuana entitles in the county; and
3. Issues presented by the production, processing, wholesaling and distribution of marijuana in the unincorporated area subject to the jurisdiction of the county.

## Structure and Membership

The CAP consists of 7 voting members appointed by the Board. A Project Management Team consisting of county staff will support the CAP in the following areas:

- Meeting facilitation and communications
- Website updates and maintenance
- Provide an overview of public meeting laws and ethics, education (i.e., applicable laws and rules), technical information and memorandums, and options for decision making
- Meeting minutes

## Record Keeping and Transparency

As an official public body, meeting minutes will be taken and posted on a designated website. Meeting minutes will be shared via email with all members prior to the meeting for review, and will be approved as drafted or modified by the CAP at a subsequent meeting. All opinions, perspectives, and views will be captured in meeting minutes and project management teams reports to the Board. This Charter will be posted to the project website and remain a publically available document.

## Membership

The CAP is comprised of members listed in the table below.

Name	Organization / Background
TBD	A person who holds a license issued under ORS 475B.070 for a premises located in the county (i.e. MJ production license)
TBD	A person who holds a license issued under ORS 475B.105 for a premises located in the county (i.e. MJ retail license)
TBD	A designee of the county sheriff
TBD	A designee of the county commission
TBD	A member of the public
TBD	A watermaster, as described in ORS 540.020, who is appointed for a water district in, partially in or near the county
TBD	A representative of the county who is knowledgeable about economic development in the county

## Ground Rules and Expectations

1. Attendance. The CAP strives for full attendance at every meeting.
2. Inclusivity and Civility. CAP members are expected to create space for diverse or contradictory opinions, and support collaboration in all meetings.

## IV. Meeting Times, Quorum, Participation, Tentative Schedule

CAP meetings will be scheduled quarterly starting in October from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Deschutes Services Building, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR. Meeting agendas will be posted on the project website and provided to CAP members via email approximately one (1) week prior to each meeting.

Regular check-ins with the Board may occur monthly or more frequently if necessary.

A quorum (majority) of the members shall be required to make recommendations.

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics of Discussion</b>
October TBD	Orientation, Introductions, Purpose/Charter, Ground Rules, Quarterly Meeting Dates, HB 3295 recommendations
January TBD	HB 3295 recommendations, other issues
April TBD	TBD
July TBD	TBD
The CAP will meet continue to meet quarterly in October, January, April and July.	

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