



Board Committee Report

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2022 ITEM NO: 8D(iv)

SUBJECT: Governance Committee

DATE: February 18, 2022

FROM: Director Cervantes and Director Rubalcava-Garcia

PRESENTATION BY: Director Cervantes and Director Rubalcava-Garcia

Purpose:

This committee ensures compliance with all Board policies and regulatory requirements.

Focus:

- Policy updates
- Bagley-Keene open meeting compliance
- Annual form 700 reporting
- Annual required Board training

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING

- The committee met on February 10th to review current Board governance policies, and selected two for the Board to consider:
 - High Profile Event Policy 6.04 – Staff shared with the committee some of the operational challenges with just a minimum seven (7) business days' advance notice for events that might have a significant impact on internal resources and the surrounding neighborhoods. In order to properly prepare for the event, schedule employees and coordinate with outside agencies, staff recommends amending the policy to include a minimum ten (10) days' advance notice.
 - Cannabis Event Policy 6.05 – Staff shared that the original Cannabis Event Policy was approved by the Board in February 2018. Prior to approval, the State recommended fair Boards consider several factors in considering cannabis events at State fairgrounds, including the fair's proximity to schools, parks and places where minors gathered; the local

city ordinances related to cannabis; the fairground's relationship with local law enforcement agencies, and the sentiments of neighbors in the local area. Staff provided detailed research to the Board on all the State's recommended considerations and the first Cannabis Event Policy was approved in February 2018.

The policy was amended later that year in November to allow for products derived from hemp seeds or hemp seed oil as they do not contain any amount of THC.

Since that time, CBD products – which contain trace amounts of THC – have become widely acceptable and available throughout Orange County. Staff shared that many of OC FEC's event promoters would like to include vendors at their events that sell CBD products, but are prohibited by the current policy.

The Governance Committee recommends the Board direct staff to bring back updated research for consideration at a later Board meeting.

- The committee also discussed the status of mandatory Board member training and requested that staff provide each Board member with information on outstanding training so all requirements can be met.

Follow-up

- The next meeting of the Governance Committee is TBD.