



City of Virginia Beach Cannabis Advisory Task Force 2024-2025 Annual Report to City Council

Chair: Andrew Lock

Date: August 31, 2025

Executive Summary

The City of Virginia Beach Council established the Cannabis Advisory Task Force by Resolution on October 20, 2022. During the fiscal year covering the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, the Virginia Beach Cannabis Advisory Task Force (CATF):

- o met seven **(7)** times
- o held several subcommittee meetings

Our most significant accomplishments are detailed below, along with recommendations for your consideration.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cannabis Advisory Task Force is to serve as a balanced advisory group to City Council regarding cannabis consumption, sale, manufacturing, and cultivation, with respect to public safety, zoning, community, business, and educational concerns

Accomplishment of Goals and Objectives

Over the past fiscal year, the agency, through its appointed volunteers and its liaisons, the CATF worked on the following key matters in furtherance of its mission:

1. Continued to build it's knowledge library with respect to cannabis, cannabis operators, laws, best practices and other considerations regarding Adult Use cannabis programs
2. A number of members toured local medical cannabis facilities to better understand the nature of the business, safety measures, signage considerations and general environment
3. Began building a report for use by the City if and when Adult Use cannabis is legalized in Virginia. The report is broken into three areas: zoning, public safety

and community outreach. The report will focus on issues that City should consider when implementing an Adult Use program and considerations/activities that the City may want to undertake. The report is in process and is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

4. Dealt with significant turnover with members of the Task Force. While currently there are open positions a number of positions have been filled throughout the past twelve months.

Membership and Attendance

The attendance report and the Volunteer hours report are attached to this report.

Financial Report (if applicable)

The Cannabis Advisory Task Force does not have a budget

Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year

Proposed legislation creating an adult use (recreational) market in Virginia was vetoed by Governor Youngkin for a second year. Gubernatorial elections will occur in late 2025 and any incoming administration may view proposed cannabis legislation differently. To that end the CATF has been working on a report with recommendations and considerations for City Council if and when Adult Use legislation is passed. The report will also highlight potential activities the City may wish to undertake with respect to zoning, public safety and community outreach. The goal is to have a finished document prepared by the end of 2025 and potentially review with City officials in early 2026.

Recommendations to City Council

The Task Force is currently building out a report containing recommendations with an anticipated completion by the end of 2025. Upon completion it is recommended that the Task Force brief appropriate City officials as to recommendations. As previously stated, Adult Use legislation was vetoed by the Youngkin administration, meaning the earliest new legislation could be approved is early 2026. It is assumed that after approval there will be an implementation timeline, which probably would be no sooner than six months after a bill is signed into law. It is recommended that the City begin deliberations on Adult Use cannabis issues immediately after any bill is passed to provide time to address issues/recommendations that will be contained in the Task Force's report along with any issues outside the report the City may encounter.

Closing

Should you have any questions or desire a formal City Council briefing from our agency, please contact the CATF Chair, Andrew Lock, at 757-754-9315, alock23451@yahoo.com or CATF Clerk, Vicki Kelley, at 757-385-6449, vkelly@vbgov.com.

City of Virginia Beach
Cannabis Advisory Task Force (CATF)
2024 Attendance Record – Bi-Monthly Meetings

Name	Term Expires on:	Jul 8 th	Jul 19 th	Sep 16 th	Nov 18 th	Total Present
Berlucchi, Michael	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Blanchette, Jason	12/31/2024	C	E	P	P	2/3
Hackney, Brandon	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Katsias, John	12/31/2024	C	E	P	P	2/3
Langaster, Letitia	12/31/2025	C	E	P	P	2/3
Lock, Andrew	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Mauch, Michael	12/31/2024	C	P	P/V	P	3/3
Meister, Michele	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Netzel, Tamara	12/31/2024	C	P	P	P	3/3
O'Toole, Stacey	12/31/2024	C	P	P	P	3/3
Padilla, Jairo	12/31/2026	C	A	P	P	2/3
Suit, Ryan	12/31/2025	N/A	N/A	P	P/V	2/2
Stevens, Mark	12/31/2024	C	P	P	P	3/3
Valentine, Herman Jr	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P/V	3/3
Warren, LaTonya	12/31/2024	C	E	P	P/V	2/3
Wynne, Bradford	12/31/2024	C	P	P	P	3/3
This row indicates if there was a quorum; total number of members in person/total number of appointed members		N/A	10/15	16/16	13/16	

Key: Present (P) Present/Virtually (P/V) Absent (A) Resigned (R) Excused Absence (E) Cancelled (C) Call in (#)
If Commissioners participate P/V, it must be annotated in the Minutes where they remotely attended and the reason – does not apply to City Council or Staff Liaisons. Meetings lacking a quorum of Members attending in person should be designated with an asterisk (★)

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2025 Attendance Record – Bi-Monthly Meetings

Name	Term Expires on:	Jan 13 th	Feb 10 th	Mar 10 th	May 5 th	Total
Blanchette, Jason	12/31/2026	C	P	P	A	2/3
Clark, Michael	12/31/2027	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	1/1
Hackney, Brandon	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Katsias, John	12/31/2026	C	V/P	E	A	1/3
Langaster, Letitia	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Lock, Andrew	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Mauch, Michael	Based on RAC	C	P	A	P	2/3
Netzel, Tamara	12/31/2026	C	P	A	P	2/3
O'Toole, Stacey	12/31/2026	C	P	A	P/V	2/3
Padilla, Jairo	12/31/2026	C	P	P	P	3/3
Suit, Ryan	12/31/2025	C	P	P	P	3/3
Stevens, Mark	12/31/2026	C	P	P	P	3/3
Valentine, Herman Jr	Based on MBC	C	P	E	P	2/3
Warren, LaTonya	12/31/2026	C	P	V/P	P	3/3
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July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, Volunteer Hours

Name	July 2024	Sept 2024	Nov 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	May 2025	June 2025	Total
Blanchette, Jason		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5			6
Katsias, John		1.5	1.5	1.5				4.5
Lock, Andrew	1.5	1.5	1.5	5	7	10	8	34.5
Mauch, Michael	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5	1.5	9
Netzel, Tamara	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5	1.5	9
Stevens, Mark	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5		9
Suit, Ryan		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	9
Valentine, Herman Jr.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5		7.5
Warren, LaTonya		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5		7.5
Wynne, Bradford	1.5	1.5	1.5					4.5
Total Hours	9	15	15	17	13	19	12.5	100.5

The Cannabis Advisory Task Force regularly meets Bi-Monthly. January 2024 Meeting was rescheduled for February. A total of 100.5 Volunteer hours through June 30. 2025.