

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

In the Matter of

**Schedules of Controlled Substances:
Proposed Rescheduling of Marijuana**

**DEA Docket No. 1362
Hearing Docket No. 26-96**

STANDING ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

This Standing Order supplements the Preliminary Order issued in this matter and is directed to inform the public on the means and parameters for attendance at the hearing. As noted, the hearing will begin on June 29, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. Eastern Time (ET) and proceed through July 15, 2026, ending daily at 5:00 P.M. ET, in the North Courtroom of the DEA Hearing Facility, 700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Preliminary Order at 4; *see also* 91 Fed. Reg. 22,777, 22,777-78 (2026). Space and seating in the courtroom are limited, and space will be first reserved for court staff, Designated Parties, security, and a limited number of media members—remaining space will be provided to members of the public on a first-come basis.

I. Arriving at the Hearing

a. Screening at the DEA Visitors Center

Each day of the hearing, members of the public should arrive at the DEA Visitors Center, collocated with the DEA Hearing Facility at 700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. A queue will be set up outside of the Visitors Center for the hearing in this matter. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing should form an orderly, single-file line in that queue to await security processing at the Visitors Center. Security screening of members of the public for attendance at the hearing will begin at approximately 8:00 A.M. ET daily, but will only begin once all hearing participants have been processed through security. Members of the public must present a REAL ID compliant form of identification at the DEA Visitors Center in order to qualify for admission into the hearing. *See* Preliminary Order at 4 n.2. Members of the public will be admitted into the hearing from the queue outside of the DEA Visitors Center on a first-come basis. Once the courtroom is at capacity, no other members of the public will be admitted for that day.

b. Visitor's Badge and Security Escorts

Admitted members of the public will receive a unique visitor's badge, which they must wear at all times while inside of the DEA. Following security screening, admitted members of the public will be escorted by DEA security from the Visitors Center to the North Courtroom in an orderly manner. Similarly, when an admitted member of the public seeks to leave the DEA (either after or during the hearing, including during the lunch break), they must be escorted out by DEA security. Admitted members of the public will have access to public restrooms during the hearing, which are located just outside of the North Courtroom in the lobby area. All visitors will be escorted at all times while inside DEA.

II. During the Hearing

a. Open-Door Hearing

This hearing is being conducted with adherence to a strict schedule. Accordingly, it will not be delayed for an admitted member of the public who may be late arriving or returning from lunch. This hearing will have an open-door policy. This means that, subject to the above escorting requirements, attendees in the gallery will be free to exit and enter the gallery via the main courtroom doors freely while the hearing is ongoing. However, any person exiting or entering the courtroom during the hearing must do so quietly, so as not to disturb the ongoing proceedings.

Unless an actual emergency arises, no person should use the courtroom doors marked as "Emergency Exit."

b. Decorum Rules

This hearing will be conducted with strict adherence to courtroom decorum and deviations will not be tolerated. Excluding water, no food or drinks are permitted in the courtroom. No cell phone use by anyone will be permitted in the courtroom during the hearing. Should an admitted member of the public need to use their cell phone, they should quietly exit the courtroom before doing so. While in the courtroom, all cell phones must be turned off. Prior to entering the North Courtroom, admitted members of the public will be reminded to ensure that their phone is turned off and that they are not in possession of any other recording-capable device (including, but not limited to, any device that can produce a picture, video, or audio capture or recording; *e.g.*, smart watches). If an admitted member of the public is seen using their phone or any other recording

device inside of the courtroom, or if their cell phone is heard during the hearing, they will be removed by DEA security.

Admitted members of the public, and all those in the gallery, are expected to maintain general good manners while in attendance. Outbursts during the hearing or attempts to interrupt or delay the hearing will not be tolerated. Any such person will be removed by DEA security. Any person removed by DEA security will forfeit their opportunity to reenter for the duration of the hearing.

c. Interactions Between Attendees

The safety of all those involved in these proceedings is of the utmost concern to this tribunal. All attendees to this hearing, whether passive participants (admitted media and members of the public) or active participants (court staff, DEA security, and Designated Parties), are expected to maintain civility with one another. Harassment, taunting, or other threatening behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. If any harassment, taunting, or other threatening behavior is witnessed from any person, that person will be removed from the premises by DEA security and will not be readmitted for the duration of the hearing. Furthermore, if DEA security witnesses any harassment, taunting, or other threatening behavior from any person in the queue prior to being processed, that person will not be admitted to the hearing and will forfeit their opportunity to attend any other day.

III. Leaving the Hearing

a. Lunch Break

Admitted members of the public will be permitted to leave the DEA during the lunch break and return to the hearing in the afternoon session, subject to a renewed security screening. If an admitted member of the public wishes to leave the DEA for lunch and return for the hearing, they must retain their visitor's badge and present it upon returning, along with their REAL ID compliant form of identification.

b. End of the Day

As noted above, the hearing will end daily at 5:00 P.M. ET. At that time, or if an admitted member of the public desires to leave earlier, admitted members of the public will be escorted out

of the DEA by DEA security in an orderly manner. When exiting for the day, admitted members of the public must return their unique visitor's badge to any member of DEA security.

IV. Daily Policies and Procedures

The foregoing policies and procedures will control for each day of the hearing. Thus, admittance to one day of the hearing does not guarantee admittance to another day; likewise, non-admittance to one day of the hearing due to space restrictions does not guarantee non-admittance every day. Determinations for public admittance will be made on a daily first-come basis based on courtroom capacity. All admitted members of the public should conform themselves accordingly during each day of the hearing.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Dated: June 24, 2026

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Chief Administrative Law Judge