



The meeting will begin momentarily

We will take public comments at this meeting. Written comments for the record may also be submitted to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission before, during, and after the meeting in writing at nj.gov/cannabis/meetings.



September 9, 2022



Agenda

- Roll Call
- Executive Session (anticipated 30 minutes)
- Approval of prior meeting's minutes
- Executive Director's Report
- Adult-use Cannabis Applications
- Delegated Authority
- Medicinal Cannabis Applications
- Public Comment



Roll Call



Executive Session

Return: Approx. 30 mins



Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes



VOTE: Approving prior meeting's minutes



Executive Director's Report



Executive Director's Agenda

- 1. New Patient Registry
- 2. Compliance Update
- Update on Cannabis Business License Applications
- 4. Workplace Impairment Guidance
- 5. Quarterly Report (Office of Diversity & Inclusion)



New Patient Registry

- Comes online on Monday, 9/12
- Replaces 10-year-old system
- Outreach to ATCs, patients, caregivers and health care practitioners began in July
- Improves patient experience by:
 - Allowing new patients to make a purchase at a dispensary before they have their ID card
 - Giving patients the ability to:
 - check application status
 - view purchase history
 - add/change caregivers



Compliance and Investigations are a core function at CRC.

- Goal is a safe, well-regulated market.
- 48 site compliance staff visits in 2022 at ATCs prior to their expansion; almost as many since their expansion.
- Inspections are conducted at <u>all</u> ATCs and all new permitholders/license-holders <u>prior</u> to licensure.



Compliance and Investigations are a core function at CRC.

- Other periodic on-site visits include:
 - Sample collection
 - Spot checks for security and ID cards
 - Review of inventory management
 - Investigation of complaints



Swift action taken:

- Patient access violations: more than \$300,000 in fines levied for violations
- Product quality: ordered recalls or destructions of all product verified to contain mold

Ensuring:

- **ZERO** reported major adverse events related to legal products, medical or recreational
- **ZERO** cases of vaping lung injury linked to any legal products in NJ



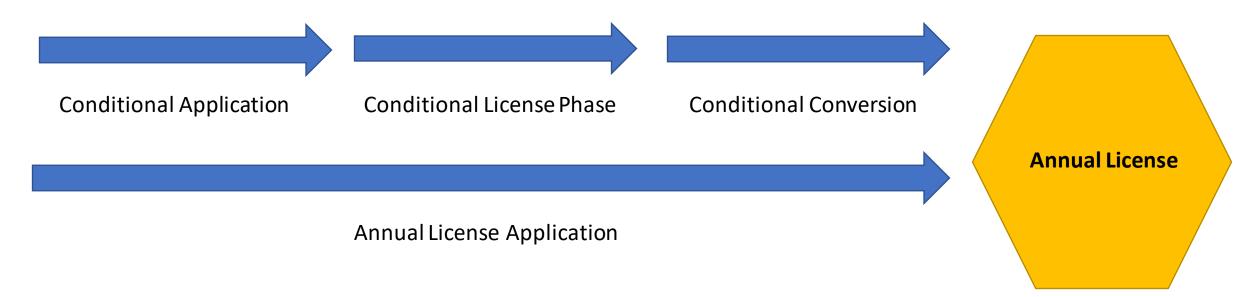
Looking ahead:

- Metrc launches in October.
- Real time tracking throughout entire market in one system.
- Statewide, instantaneous actions able to be taken by CRC Compliance



Review of Cannabis Business Licensure Process

Two paths to full licensure for cannabis businesses:





Overview of Applications Received

Priority	Application Type	Percent of Total Apps
1	Conditional Social Equity	25%
2	Conditional Diversely Owned	52%
3	Conditional Impact Zone	5%
4	Conditional Bonus Points	2%
5	Other Conditional	5%
6	Annual Social Equity	2%
7	Annual Diversely Owned	7%
8	Annual Impact Zone	1%
9	Annual Bonus Points	1%
10	Other Annual	1%



Update on Cannabis Business License Applications

As of September 7, 2022 :

• 1300 applications submitted

Of those applications:

- All applications have started review process
- Only 88 applications have yet to move forward to completeness review.



Overview of Approvals and Cures

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Total Applications	1300	
Approved Applications	313	24%
Application Cures	932	72%

*Some applications are under review and therefore have not received a cure or been approved (55).



Approved Apps with Proposed Awards

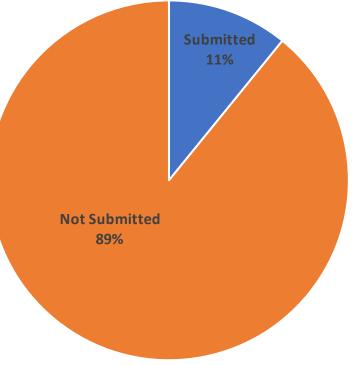
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Total Applications	1300	
Approved Applications (Including proposed September awardees)	505	39%



Number of Conditional Awardees vs Number of Conditional Conversions

Conditional Conversions

Conditional Conversions	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>		2
Submitted	34	11%		
Not Submitted	279	89%		
Total Conditional Awardees thru August	313	100%	Not Submitted	

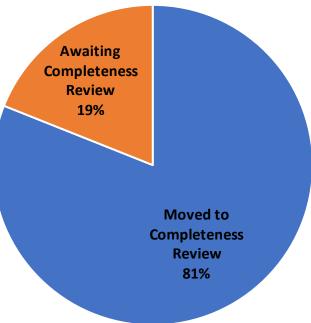




Number of Annual Applications vs Number of Annual Applications that have received Completeness Review

Annual ApplicationsNumberPercentageMoved to Completeness Review18881%Awaiting Completeness Review4419%Total Annual Applications232100%







Workplace Impairment Guidance

- CRC releasing Workplace Impairment Guidance today
- Guidance leverages processes employers should already have in place for establishing "reasonable suspicion" of impairment before utilizing a drug test
 - Have a staff member or staff member(s) responsible for assisting with determinations related to impairment
 - Document evidence/proof of impairment in the workplace to support the use of a drug test to confirm *reasonable suspicion*.
 - CRC has provided a sample form to help employers, but employers can develop forms of their own.
 - Can use tests like cognitive impairment testing.
 - Does not create or restrict statutory rights.



Office Of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI)



ODI Overview of Conditional Awards

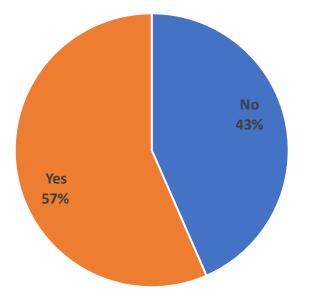
- 1/3 of awardees are majority owned by individuals with qualifying criminal history (marijuana/hashish)
- 2/3 of awardees are majority Diversly-Owned businesses
- 2/3 of awardees are Social Equity businesses
- Minority, Social Equity, Women & Disabled Veterans
 - Increasing Outreach
 - Expanding Partnerships
 - Targeted Stakeholder Engagement
 - Building Community Trust



Awarded Social Equity Business

Awardees as of August 10th, 2022

Social Equity Business	<u>Number</u>	Percentage
No	136	43%
Yes	177	57%
Grand Total	313	100%



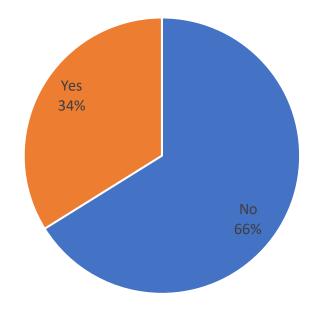
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<u>License Type</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cultivator	58	73	131
Manufacturer	34	34	68
Retailer	40	70	110
Testing Laboratory	4	0	4
Grand Total	136	177	313



Majority-owners from Impact Zones and Economically Disadvantaged Areas

Awardees as of August $10^{\text{th}},2022$

<u>Owner in IZ/EDA</u>	<u>Number</u>	Percentage
No	207	66%
Yes	106	34%
Grand Total	313	100%

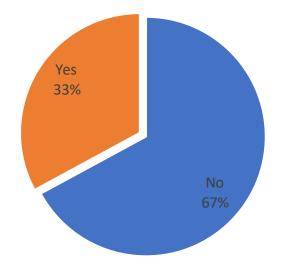




Majority Owned Qualifying Criminal History

Awardees as of August 10th, 2022

Yes Grand Total	103 313	<u> </u>
No	210	67%
<u>Criminal History</u>	Number	Percentage

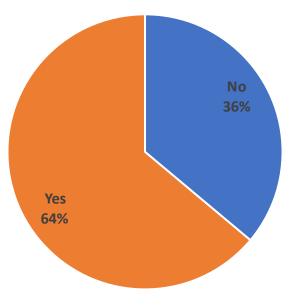




Awarded Diversely-Owned Business

Awardees as of August 10th, 2022

Diversely Owned	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
No	113	36%
Yes	200	64%
Grand Total	313	100%



	Diversely Owned			
License Type	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Cultivator	55	76	131	
Manufacturer	28	40	68	
Retailer	26	84	110	
Testing Laboratory	4	0	4	
Grand Total	113	200	313	



Awardees Diversely-Owned Benchmark Data

	<u>Number</u>	Percent of Licensees	<u>Benchmark</u>	<u>Plus/(Minus)</u>
Minority Owned	148	47%	15%	32%
Woman or Disabled Veteran Owned	109	35%	15%	20%

Diversely Owned Category	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Disabled Veteran Owned	3	1%
Minority Owned	91	29%
Minority & Woman Owned	57	18%
Woman Owned	49	16%
Not Diversely Owned	113	36%
Grand Total	313	100%



Awardee Microbusiness Benchmark Data

	<u>Total Number</u>	Percent of Licensees	<u>Benchmark</u>	<u>Plus/(Minus)</u>
Micro Businesses	168	54%	25%	29%

License Type	Number of Microbusinesses	Percent of License Class	<u>Benchmark</u>	Plus/(Minus)
Class 1 Cultivator	56	43%	15%	28%
Class 2 Manufacturer	32	47%	15%	32%
Class 5 Retailer	80	73%	15%	58%
Testing Laboratory	0	0	None	N/A



Overview of Proposed September Awardees (192)

Total Certifications (More than one category may apply)	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
MinorityOwned	91	47%
Disabled Veteran Owned	10	5%
Woman Owned	97	51%

*Note proposed awardees held certifications in multiple categories.



Inter-Agency Work Groups

• CRC Social Equity Excise Fee Report calls for investment in social equity businesses with tax revenue.

- Programs being developed to address:
 - Access to capital
 - Technical assistance



Adult-Use Cannabis



Adult-Use Cannabis

- Adult-use cannabis applications
 - Consideration of applications for conditional licenses



Consideration of Conditional License Applications

No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Type	Business Category
1	1368	Garden State Harvest LLC	Cultivator	Micro
2	1326	Magic Crystal LLC	Cultivator	Micro
3	2168	Magic Garden Botanicals LLC	Cultivator	Micro
4	1218	Prince Garden LLC	Cultivator	Micro
5	1380	Smart Buds 7	Cultivator	Micro
6	1302	The Happy Farmer	Cultivator	Micro
7	1343	The Loud Factory LLC	Cultivator	Micro
8	1175	Aeterna LLC	Cultivator	Standard
9	1228	Arise Cannabis NJ, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
10	1167	Cannachai, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
11	1807	ENV Growers LLC	Cultivator	Standard
12	1172	Essayons Greenery, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
13	1090	Glass Meadows Inc.	Cultivator	Standard
14	1179	Illtown Growers LLC	Cultivator	Standard
15	1408	Jersey Island Wellness	Cultivator	Standard



No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Type	Business Category
16	1307	Joia NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard
17	1310	Mollitiam NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard
18	1148	North Lake Supply LLC	Cultivator	Standard
19	1333	Pot of Gold LLC	Cultivator	Standard
20	1391	Sesshin NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard
21	2100	The Smiling Bud, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
22	1813	Triple G Farms OZ LLC	Cultivator	Standard
23	1221	Vetae Pharms NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard
24	1056	Vidu Brothers Cannabis Inc	Cultivator	Standard
25	1235	EarthE CBD LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
26	1227	Hearth Wellness LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
27	1327	Magic Crystal LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
28	1381	Smart Buds 7	Manufacturer	Micro
29	2037	Canfections NJ, Inc.	Manufacturer	Standard
30	1197	Essayons Greenery, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard



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31	1749	Fernway Garden State LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
32	2147	Garden Greens, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
33	1067	Garden State Born LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
34	1362	Greater Purpose	Manufacturer	Standard
35	1294	Grow Equity Ventures, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
36	2162	Herb-a-More LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
37	1265	Illicit Extracts LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
38	2078	Kushi Labs LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
39	1952	Navigator Wellness Group, Inc.	Manufacturer	Standard
40	1262	Piff Industries LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
41	2094	The Smiling Bud, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
42	1030	Vidu Brothers Cannabis Inc	Manufacturer	Standard
43	1940	Wiseco NJ	Manufacturer	Standard
44	1440	A21 Health & Wellness	Retailer	Micro
45	2063	Allstar Development	Retailer	Micro



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46	1463	Baked Goodz	Retailer	Micro
47	1801	BKVLG, LLC	Retailer	Micro
48	1501	Budflow, LLC	Retailer	Micro
49	1943	Buku Culture	Retailer	Micro
50	1684	Butler & Baldwin LLC	Retailer	Micro
51	1397	Cannabis Oasis	Retailer	Micro
52	1490	CannaBoy TreeHouse, LLC	Retailer	Micro
53	1647	Central Dispensary, LLC	Retailer	Micro
54	1458	Dazed & Confused LLC	Retailer	Micro
55	2140	Elevate Organics LLC	Retailer	Micro
56	1670	Garden Greenz	Retailer	Micro
57	1951	Ginger Hale	Retailer	Micro
58	1668	Grateful Med Dispensary, LLC	Retailer	Micro
59	1583	Hall Weed Wonderland LLC	Retailer	Micro
60	1666	Happy Bud LLC	Retailer	Micro



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61	1509	Hazy Harvest	Retailer	Micro
62	1456	Jersey Shore Dispensary	Retailer	Micro
63	1982	Level Up Cannabis, Inc	Retailer	Micro
64	1639	Lucky Pot LLC	Retailer	Micro
65	1895	Millenium Cannabis, LLC	Retailer	Micro
66	2176	Mr. Happy Face, LLC	Retailer	Micro
67	2023	Mrs Happy Face	Retailer	Micro
68	1655	Munsee Three Sisters Medicinal Farm	Retailer	Micro
69	1478	Noire Dispensary Inc	Retailer	Micro
70	1690	On the Other Side LLC	Retailer	Micro
71	1443	Original Scarlet Reserve NJ	Retailer	Micro
72	1510	Queen Green LLC	Retailer	Micro
73	2072	Roll Models	Retailer	Micro
74	1650	SATICA	Retailer	Micro
75	1714	Scyfli Wellness Institute LLC	Retailer	Micro



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76	1852	Skylo Gardens	Retailer	Micro
77	1420	Stoke Industries	Retailer	Micro
78	1414	Sweetspot West Orange LLC	Retailer	Micro
79	1713	The Cannabis Clubhouse LLC	Retailer	Micro
80	1633	The Green Company LLC	Retailer	Micro
81	1537	The Healing Side LLC	Retailer	Micro
82	1628	The Lucky Leaf LLC	Retailer	Micro
83	1417	Timber 5 LLC	Retailer	Micro
84	1499	Tree Breeze	Retailer	Micro
85	2184	Ace Cannabis Corp.	Retailer	Standard
86	2053	Altius NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
87	1661	Atelier Green Incorporated	Retailer	Standard
88	1750	Aunt Mary's Inc.	Retailer	Standard
89	1764	Barthelemy Farms	Retailer	Standard
90	1586	Best Buds Union LLC	Retailer	Standard



No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Type	Business Category
91	2191	Best Budz NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
92	1747	Blessedhaze LLC	Retailer	Standard
93	1432	Boone Town Provisions LLC	Retailer	Standard
94	2113	Bridge City Collective Highlands LLC	Retailer	Standard
95	2170	Brotherly Bud	Retailer	Standard
96	1427	Budz Prime, LLC	Retailer	Standard
97	2186	Cannabis MD	Retailer	Standard
98	1727	Cannis Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
99	2117	Central Ave Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
100	1677	Central Jersey Dispensary	Retailer	Standard
101	1730	Chilltown Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
102	1405	Cre8 Balance LLC	Retailer	Standard
103	2132	Cure Wellness NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
104	1797	DAS Strategies LLC	Retailer	Standard
105	1798	DASCO Solutions LLC	Retailer	Standard



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106	1469	DET, LLC	Retailer	Standard
107	2058	El Verde LLC	Retailer	Standard
108	2131	FFD NJ Holdings LLC	Retailer	Standard
109	2065	Flower & Flame LLC	Retailer	Standard
110	2165	Friendly Uncle Bob LLC	Retailer	Standard
111	1448	Garden State Green, LLC	Retailer	Standard
112	1590	Garden State Grow Labs LLC	Retailer	Standard
113	2148	Garden State Marijuana LLC	Retailer	Standard
114	1847	Genesis Technologies	Retailer	Standard
115	1799	G Ma Bert Concepts LLC	Retailer	Standard
116	1467	Gold Harmony LLC	Retailer	Standard
117	1930	Green Bar NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
118	1839	Green Duck LLC	Retailer	Standard
119	1533	Green Origin Solutions LLC	Retailer	Standard
120	1476	Green Republic LLC	Retailer	Standard



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121	2172	Green Therapuetics LLC	Retailer	Standard
122	1873	GreenStop Wellness LLC	Retailer	Standard
123	1442	Gynsyng LLC	Retailer	Standard
124	1464	Herbal Botanicals LLC	Retailer	Standard
125	1782	High Rollers Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
126	1429	High Street Wellness LLC	Retailer	Standard
127	1729	Higher Leaf LLC	Retailer	Standard
128	1900	Highlights NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
129	2055	HofC NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
130	2139	Hype Society, Inc.	Retailer	Standard
131	1433	Hyze Cannabis, LLC	Retailer	Standard
132	1822	Indakure LLC	Retailer	Standard
133	2121	Indica Leaf LLC	Retailer	Standard
134	1454	Indoveda LLC	Retailer	Standard
135	1479	J & J Flowers LLC	Retailer	Standard



No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Type	Business Category
136	1689	Jersey Passion, LLC	Retailer	Standard
137	1438	Joy Leaf NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
138	1817	Kush Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
139	1955	La Herbalista LLC	Retailer	Standard
140	1722	Lucys Shop LTD	Retailer	Standard
141	1717	Mary's Tree Market	Retailer	Standard
142	1890	Maze NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
143	1453	McBUDZ, LLC	Retailer	Standard
144	1767	Mellow Vibez LLC	Retailer	Standard
145	2192	Mister Jones, LLC	Retailer	Standard
146	1760	Molly Ann Farms LLC	Retailer	Standard
147	1578	Natural Apothecary	Retailer	Standard
148	1746	Natural Selections Dispensary	Retailer	Standard
149	2106	Nelson and Rawles, LLC	Retailer	Standard
150	1752	New Era Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard



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151	1493	Nightjar Holdings LLC	Retailer	Standard
152	1786	Nimbus Holdings LLC	Retailer	Standard
153	1718	Notorious Tree LLC	Retailer	Standard
154	2141	October Gold LLC	Retailer	Standard
155	1553	Ohm Theory LLC	Retailer	Standard
156	1759	Plantabis Dispensary	Retailer	Standard
157	1445	Phula LLC	Retailer	Standard
158	2127	Public Absecon Inc.	Retailer	Standard
159	1439	Queen City Remedies LLC	Retailer	Standard
160	2090	Rattan Corporation	Retailer	Standard
161	2154	Relyxr LLC	Retailer	Standard
162	2057	Rooted of Evesham LLC	Retailer	Standard
163	1577	Rootly, LLC	Retailer	Standard
164	2052	Sea & Leaf LLC	Retailer	Standard
165	2102	Simple Pure Keyport LLC	Retailer	Standard



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166	1921	Somerset Green	Retailer	Standard
167	1809	Springfield Ave Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
168	1617	Sterling Property Holdings NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
169	1492	Stiiizy New Jersey LLC	Retailer	Standard
170	1455	Sugar Leaves LLC	Retailer	Standard
171	1425	Sweetspot Garden State LLC	Retailer	Standard
172	1452	The Arbory, LLC	Retailer	Standard
173	1473	The Bud Shop, LLC	Retailer	Standard
174	1741	The Cannabis Edge LLC	Retailer	Standard
175	1543	The Green Ashram	Retailer	Standard
176	2146	The Highed Out LLC	Retailer	Standard
177	1430	The Honorable Plant LLC	Retailer	Standard
178	1698	The Jersey Joint Inc.	Retailer	Standard
179	1581	The May Queen NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
180	1539	The Skunk Father LLC	Retailer	Standard



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181	1481	This BUDZ 4 U, LLC	Retailer	Standard
182	1781	Tranquility Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
183	1457	Uma Flowers NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
184	1958	Unity Rd. of Montclair LLC	Retailer	Standard
185	1428	Vigor Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
186	1694	Voltaire NJ Inc	Retailer	Standard
187	1487	Wavecrest Botanicals, LLC	Retailer	Standard
188	1850	Wavez LLC	Retailer	Standard
189	1954	Wellness For Sale LLC	Retailer	Standard
190	1605	Williamstown Dispensary	Retailer	Standard
191	1771	Wizzy's NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
192	1927	Woodbury Wellness LLC	Retailer	Standard



VOTE: Approval of 192 conditional license awards



Adult-Use Cannabis Conditional License Extensions



VOTE: Conditional License Extensions



Adult-Use Cannabis Requests for expanded ATCs



Adult-Use Cannabis

- Adult-use cannabis applications
 - Consideration of requests for expanded ATCs
- Required conditions include:
 - Municipal approval
 - Proof of sufficient supply to continue to meet patient need after expansion.
 - Plans to ensure patient access.
 - Plans to address social equity and safety.



Consideration of ATC Expansion - to also sell personal-use cannabis

CRC's consideration:

- Focused on patients
- Number of patients enrolled statewide
- Patient enrollment at the specific ATC
- Inventory statewide and at ATC
- Sales statewide and at ATC
- Current medicinal cannabis canopy
- Canopy needed to serve enrolled patients
- ATC's production capacity



Consideration of ATC Expansion - to also sell personal-use cannabis

Candidates:

- Region: North
 - Ascend (Fort Lee)



Consideration of ATC Expansion - Recommendations - North

ATC/Certification Requirement	Recommendation for Commission
Ascend (Fort Lee)	Approve for Expansion
Certification of Adequate Supply	Accept
Certification of Patient Access	Accept
Municipal Compliance & Approval	Accept



VOTE: Approval of Ascend's expansion into recreational sales



Authority Delegation



Authority Delegation to Audit Committee

- NJ-CRC authority delegation
 - Review of and decision-making on proposed expenditures to support interagency programs



Authority Delegation to Audit Committee

Funding to support programs or projects developed in collaboration with other State Departments or Authorities that expand access to entering the regulated cannabis industry in New Jersey.

- Audit Committee is charged with the Cannabis Regulatory Commission's finances. Has the ability to review and act on funding requests in a timely manner so that important projects are not delayed.
- Projects may include but are not limited to the establishment of a Cannabis Business Technical Assistance Program, collaborations with other agencies or authorities to expand access to entering the regulated cannabis industry.



VOTE: Approval of agency authority delegation to Audit Committee



Authority Delegation to the Executive Director



VOTE: Approval of agency authority delegation



Medicinal Cannabis



Medicinal Cannabis

- Medicinal cannabis applications
 - Name change requests:
 - 1 ALTUS NEW JERSEY LLC

Proposed New Name:

Aunt Mary's Dispensary LLC

SUBMISSION	Letter w/ Request	Yes
	Filed Amendment	Yes
	with New Jersey	
	Department of	
	Treasury, Division of	
	Revenue and	
	Enterprise Services	



VOTE: Approval of name change for ATC



Medicinal Cannabis

- Medicinal cannabis applications
 - New Owner Approval request:

Change in ownership adding the below as new owners of iAnthus Capital Holdings, Inc., the parent company of iAthus New Jersey LLC, which is the 100 percent owner of the MPX New Jersey LLC ATC permit.

- 1. Gotham Green Partners;
- 2. Senvest Management, LLC; and
- 3. Oasis Management Company Ltd.



VOTE: Approval of New Owner Request for ATC



Public Comment



- 1. Speakers signed up in advance.
- 2. 3 minutes per speaker.
- 3. Please be respectful, concise and on-topic to issues the Commission has the power to address and/or should be aware of.
- 4. Do not use this time to market or advertise private businesses.
- 5. Must be listed by name or phone number submitted on request to speak.
- 6. Host will ask you to unmute when it is your turn.
- 7. On phone *6 to mute or unmute when it is your turn
- 8. May also submit comments in writing at NJ.gov/cannabis/meetings



Adjournment

Next meeting: October 20 at 1 p.m. Details will be posted on nj.gov/cannabis/meetings