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## RESOLUTION 2023-65 CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR, CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURER, AND CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER LICENSES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission"), established pursuant to P.L.2019, c.153, known and cited as the "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act"; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2021, the Commission adopted rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) that established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 outline the application process and requirements for both conditional license applicants and annual license applicants, including eligibility requirements and limitations for social equity businesses, diversely owned businesses, and impact zone businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission issued a Notice of Application Acceptance ("Notice") on November 9, 2021, outlining the specific criteria for the types of applications the Commission would accept, and the dates on which the Commission would begin accepting those applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice also outlined the specific priority by which applications would be reviewed by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Testing Laboratories licenses on December 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as of December 15, 2022, the Commission has received 1,210 conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses, and 285 annual license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator,

Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, Class 5 Cannabis Retailer, and Testing Laboratory licenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review and score conditional and annual cannabis business license applications based on the priority designation of applications as set forth in the regulation and the Notice; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall approve and issue licenses to applicants that receive a full score or greater; and

**WHEREAS**, to review applications thoroughly and efficiently, the Commission developed an application review process that included the following chronological steps for each application received:

- 1. Priority assignment;
- 2. Priority verification;
- 3. Review assignment;
- 4. Completeness review;
- 5. Scoring;
- 6. Qualification, Limitations, Financial/Management Agreement review;
- 7. Quality Control;
- 8. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, for applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was sent back to the applicant with direction on how to appropriately cure any deficiencies in the application; and

WHEREAS, upon resubmission of a cured application, the application was placed in line for review in accordance with its priority designation and the time at which it was resubmitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the below list of conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses have been timely received prior to December 15, 2022, have been cured as necessary, have passed review by Commission staff, and are recommended by Commission staff for approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7, the following applicants have satisfied the requirements set forth in the regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the applicants' applications for a conditional license:

No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Type	Business Category	
1	2399	Buzzy Bee Business Partners LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	2335	Green Family Farm, LLC Cannabis Cultivation Company	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	2414	RYC ENT LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
4	2115	Taste of Earth	Retailer	Microbusiness	
5	2336	Mary Jane's Strains	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
6	1934	Flavors Wellness Farms	Cultivator	Standard	
7	2005	Green AgroLab LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
8	2361	Lucky Buds LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
9	2485	Regal Farms NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
10	1208	Solar Cannabis NJ, LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
11	2400	Buzzy Bee Business Partners LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
12	2478	Freshley Greene LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
13	2487	Iron Falls Growery LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
14	2465	Prolific Growhouse	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
15	2125	The Cannabis Philosophy LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
16	2451	Green Zen Therapy, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
17	2444	Lucky Buds LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
18	2156	Statewide Property Holdings NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
19	2356	Boutique Gardens	Retailer	Microbusiness	
20	2365	Cannabis NJ LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
21	2418	High End Cannabis Corporation	Retailer	Microbusiness	
22	2484	Elevated Esentials's LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
23	2401	Green Paradise Therapy, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
24	2317	Klassic Kush, Inc.	Retailer	Microbusiness	
25	2350	Nary Group LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
26	2158	Project Greenlife LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	

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27	2206	A Higher Ground Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
28	2500	Bloomeri LLC	Retailer	Standard
29	2449	Bud Bazaar LLC	Retailer	Standard
30	2325	Divine Greens NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
31	1637	Gardenmade New Jersey, LLC	Retailer	Standard
32	2440	Green Leaf Wellness Solutions LLC	Retailer	Standard
33	1979	Highland House, LLC	Retailer	Standard
34	2447	Kota Canna LLC	Retailer	Standard
35	2471	Levitate NJ Cannabis LLC	Retailer	Standard
36	2515	Lilac Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
37	2457	Magicae Wellness LLC	Retailer	Standard
38	2443	Maude's Potted Plant	Retailer	Standard
39	2363	Perennial Group Corporation	Retailer	Standard
40	2483	Salus Wellness	Retailer	Standard
41	2355	Shigh LLC	Retailer	Standard
42	2454	Upper Echelons Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard

The following conditions shall apply to the above-listed conditional license awardees:

- 1. Conditional licenses issued in accordance with this Resolution shall be automatically granted the additional 45 days allowed by statute to file a conditional conversion application, extending the conditional license phase to 165 days from the date of license issuance.
- 2. Conditional license-holders shall comply with all relevant provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 regarding conditional licenses, license-holders, and the conditional license phase.
- 3. If issued a conditional license as a social equity business, diversely owned business, or impact zone business, maintaining eligibility as such is a condition of the license and a condition of seeking an annual license through a conditional conversion application.
- 4. Conditional license-holders may add new owners in the conditional license phase; however, a majority of the ownership shall remain with the owners that qualified for the conditional license.
- 5. Conditional license-holders shall provide an attestation certifying that they will submit to a criminal history background check. No license holder or license applicant shall be granted an annual license without submitting to a criminal history background check and satisfactorily demonstrating that all statutory and regulatory requirements have been satisfied.
- 6. Conditional license-holders are not authorized to cultivate, manufacture, sell, or otherwise possess cannabis or cannabis items.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker	X		X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso			X			
Commissioner Delgado			X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash		X	X			