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## RESOLUTION 2023-89 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 March 21, 2023, the Commission has received 1,357 conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses, and 452 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 March 21, 2023, 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	2546	Stargreen Grow LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	2686	Stockbox LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	2701	Celestial Garden	Cultivator	Standard	
4	2738	E-Quality Cannabis	Cultivator	Standard	
5	2772	Fader Farms, LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
6	2744	Garden State Cannabis Greenery	Cultivator	Standard	
7	2708	Grateful Med Dispensary, Inc.	Cultivator	Standard	
8	2716	Green Growth Cultivation	Cultivator	Standard	
9	2699	Halsey Farms LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
10	2704	Heritage Cannabis Farms LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
11	2788	NJ Green Therapeutics	Cultivator	Standard	
12	2163	River Growers NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
13	2665	E.V.LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
14	2243	Matha Lab Inc	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
15	2687	Stockbox LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
16	2669	TLEHL Inc	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
17	1791	West Orange Farms	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
18	1373	Astronaut Planet World, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
19	2702	Celestial Garden	Manufacturer	Standard	
20	2768	Fader Farms, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
21	2706	Grateful Med Dispensary, Inc.	Manufacturer	Standard	
22	2787	Heritage Cannabis Farms LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
23	2164	River Growers NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
24	2697	Atlantic Flower	Retailer	Microbusiness	
25	2732	Cosmic Garden	Retailer	Microbusiness	
26	2736	Endure Exotics LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
27	2458	Green Earth Products LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	

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28	2661	Green Sky Cannabis Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
29	2725	Miss Moxie Inc.	Retailer	Microbusiness	
30	1897	Muncheez n Stuff	Retailer	Microbusiness	
31	2240	New Jersey Cannabis Club	Retailer	Microbusiness	
32	2612	POTUS Franklin Retail LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
33	2749	Reflectionzen	Retailer	Microbusiness	
34	2159	Slamn Sammys LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
35	2658	Station 973	Retailer	Microbusiness	
36	2650	Straight Gas Boys	Retailer	Microbusiness	
37	2226	The Weed Store	Retailer	Microbusiness	
38	2720	Blaze Green LLC	Retailer	Standard	
39	2745	Blaze NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard	
40	2734	Canna Source LLC	Retailer	Standard	
41	2785	Celestial Garden	Retailer	Standard	
42	2786	Citi Roots LLC	Retailer	Standard	
43	2675	Club 420 LLC	Retailer	Standard	
44	2711	East Coast Cannabis Club LLC	Retailer	Standard	
45	2540	Enclave Market LLC	Retailer	Standard	
46	2731	Flame & Flower LLC	Retailer	Standard	
47	2726	Ganja Babe	Retailer	Standard	
48	2696	Green Torch LLC	Retailer	Standard	
49	2759	HerbloCo.	Retailer	Standard	
50	2795	High Times Dispensary	Retailer	Standard	
51	2591	Machu Picchu Cannabis LLC	Retailer	Standard	
52	2776	Magic Garden Botanicals LLC	Retailer	Standard	
53	2700	Releaf Newton LLC	Retailer	Standard	
54	2676	Sky High Buddha LLC	Retailer	Standard	

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55	2715	Sky High Green LLC	Retailer	Standard
56	2685	Sourland Provisions LLC	Retailer	Standard
57	2694	Starbuds Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
58	2679	Toasted New Jersey LLC	Retailer	Standard
59	2678	Tranquility Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
60	2707	Turpz LLC	Retailer	Standard
61	2572	Weed Wagoneers	Retailer	Standard
62	2631	Your High-ness	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 April 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			
Vice Chair Delgado			X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash		X	X			