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TAHESHA L. WAY Lt. Governor DIANNA HOUENOU, Chair KRISTA NASH, Commissioner MARIA DEL CID-KOSSO, Commissioner SAMUEL DELGADO, Commissioner CHARLES BARKER, Commissioner JEFF BROWN, Executive Director

## RESOLUTION 2023-<u>166</u> CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT FROM CONDITIONAL TO ANNUAL 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**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review and score 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**, N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.8 sets forth the requirements for a conditional licensee to convert to an annual license; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.8, the mandatory application requirements for all conditional conversion license applicants include:

- 1. Submission of any updates to Persons of Interest or Entities of Interest, and any other changes to mandatory information previously submitted as part of the conditional license application;
- 2. A site plan of the proposed location, including a floor plan and a description of the suitability of the location, which may include renderings, architectural plans, or engineering plans;
- 3. Evidence of compliance with local codes and ordinances for the proposed location, which may include, but not be limited to: (a) the distance from the closest church, synagogue, temple, or other place used exclusively for religious worship; or (b) the distance to the closest school, playground, park, or child daycare facility;
- 4. Zoning approval, which shall consist of a letter or affidavit from appropriate municipal officials that the location will conform to municipal zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis cultivator,

cannabis manufacturer, or cannabis retailer, as will be conducted at the proposed cannabis business premises, and any variances granted concerning the operation of a cannabis business;

- 5. Proof of local support for the license applicant, which shall be demonstrated by a resolution adopted by the municipality's governing body, or, where the municipality has no governing body, a written letter of support from the municipality's executive;
- 6. Documentation demonstrating that the license applicant will have final site control of the premises upon approval of the application;
- 7. An attestation signed by a bona fide labor organization stating that the license applicant has entered into a labor peace agreement with such bona fide labor organization, except that a conditional license holder operating as a microbusiness is exempt from this requirement; and
- 8. For a Social Equity Business, Diversely Owned Business, or Impact Zone Business, evidence the license applicant is still in compliance with the requirements of the designations; and

WHEREAS, conditional conversion license applicants must submit all required application materials as outlined on pages 18 through 21 in the Commission's Notice, receive full points for all scored application measures, and satisfy all criminal history background check requirements under N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12; and

WHEREAS, for conditional conversion 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 licensees have submitted applications to convert their conditional Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses to annual licenses, have cured their application 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 conditional licensees have satisfied the requirements set forth in regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the licensees' conditional cannabis business conversion applications to convert to an annual license:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
1	2971	Achira Inc	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	2227	City Soleil LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	3051	Genuine Grow LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
4	3420	Little Leaf Labs, LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
5	2523	ABCO Garden State LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
6	2730	Fresh Grow LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
7	2981	Garden State Exotix LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
8	3093	Glass Meadows Inc.	Cultivator	Standard	
9	2919	Kana Grove New Jersey LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
10	2974	Mojo Botanica LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
11	3244	Mollitiam NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
12	2969	Sara's Buds LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
13	2714	TGC New Jersey	Cultivator	Standard	
14	2972	Achira Inc	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
15	2998	Pulse Manufacturing LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
16	3110	Cedar Fairmont Health Cultivators	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
17	2637	Creative Flavors by Esther LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
18	2980	Garden State Exotix LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
19	2287	GDBS Distributors LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
20	2782	Kushi Labs LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
21	3003	Mojo Botanica LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
22	2970	Sara's Buds LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
23	2721	TGC New Jersey	Manufacturer	Standard	
24	2817	Cannabis NJ LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
25	3017	Cannaboutique by Greenhouse LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
26	2873	CannaBoy Treehouse LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
27	2898	Dank Poet Dispensary	Retailer	Microbusiness	

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category Microbusiness	
28	2703	Jersey Meds Management LLC	Retailer		
29	3306	Roll Models LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
30	2583	The Cannabis Clubhouse, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
31	2870	Treeotics LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
32	2915	Urge New Jersey LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
33	2662	Legacy to Lifted, LLC	Retailer	Standard	
34	2504	4Twenty Somewhere	Retailer	Standard	
35	2914	77 Main Street LLC	Retailer	Standard	
36	3012	BestBuds LLC	Retailer	Standard	
37	3154	Brotherly Bud	Retailer	Standard	
38	3009	Cannis Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
39	2737	DOCANNA LLC	Retailer	Standard	
40	3250	Flower & Flame LLC	Retailer	Standard	
41	3040	Green Leaf Wellness Solutions LLC	Retailer	Standard	
42	2791	Gynsyng LLC	Retailer	Standard	
43	2942	Herbalcity LLC	Retailer	Standard	
44	2640	Lifted Vision LLC	Retailer	Standard	
45	3029	Local Modiv, LLC	Retailer	Standard	
46	2779	PPP Dispensary	Retailer	Standard	
47	2610	Rootly LLC	Retailer	Standard	
48	3041	Sweet Leaves LLC	Retailer	Standard	
49	2717	The Honorable Plant LLC	Retailer	Standard	
50	2944	The Jersey Joint Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
51	2978	Uma Flowers	Retailer	Standard	
52	2901	Wellness for Sale LLC	Retailer	Standard	

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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