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RESOLUTION 2023-<u>167</u> CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL 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, 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 includes 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, all annual license applicants must submit all required application materials as outlined on pages 21 through 26 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 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 includes annual license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses that 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 following applications for an annual license:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
1	2753	ENV Growers LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
2	1147	Valley Wellness LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
3	2937	ENV Growers LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
4	3212	Glass Meadows Inc.	Manufacturer	Standard	
5	1145	ZY Labs LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
6	2470	Legal Distribution LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
7	2888	Anka Field LLC	Retailer	Standard	
8	2537	Botera Union LLC	Retailer	Standard	
9	2215	Floro Voorhees LLC	Retailer	Standard	
10	2878	Green Flamingo Dispensary, LLC	Retailer	Standard	
11	2802	Hashstoria NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard	
12	2689	Higher Breed NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard	
13	2432	JHAK Retail LLC	Retailer	Standard	
14	2820	Lotus EHT LLC	Retailer	Standard	
15	2425	MOM New Jersey LLC	Retailer	Standard	
16	2626	Perennial Group Corporation	Retailer	Standard	
17	2709	Sparkology Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
18	2116	Sunrise Holdings 1 LLC	Retailer	Standard	
19	2070	The Garden Cannabis Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
20	2587	Zen Franklin 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 19th day of October 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			