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RESOLUTION 2023-<u>183</u> CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR, CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURER, CLASS 3 CANNABIS WHOLESALER, CLASS 4 CANNABIS DISTRIBUTOR, CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER, AND CLASS 6 CANNABIS DELIVERY 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 July 18, 2023, 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 the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery

licenses for Social Equity Business applicants only on September 27, 2023; 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, Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, Class 5 Cannabis Retailer, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery, licenses 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.	Applicatio n ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category Microbusiness	
1	2987	Inhale Industries Inc	Cultivator		
2	2568	Premium Boyz NJ	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	4857	The Chandler Collection, Inc	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
4	4631	My Baby Buds LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
5	3721	the lucky leaf llc	Cultivator	Standard	
6	4518	Canna Cafe NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
7	4375	Gotham Manufacturing NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
8	5051	Sinsemilla Labs LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
9	5015	Elevate Holdings LLC	Wholesaler	Standard	
10	4690	Dubs R Us	Distributor	Standard	
11	5016	Elevate Holdings LLC	Distributor	Standard	
12	4641	Cloud 99 Smoke Shop	Retailer	Microbusiness	
13	1787	Faith Brothers LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
14	3816	Hazlie Corri-Ahna	Retailer	Microbusiness	
15	4068	Leafy Ventures Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
16	4908	Sprout Dispensary	Retailer	Microbusiness	
17	4458	Stoners Club LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
18	3794	Wellness Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
19	4469	GreenLeaf Boutique LLC	Retailer	Standard	
20	4830	MCNJ Group LLC	Retailer	Standard	
21	4560	Mr. Greens Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
22	4779	New Jersey Bound Inc.	Retailer	Standard	
23	4164	Nice Dreamz	Retailer	Standard	
24	3776	Premium Genetics Partners LLC	Retailer	Standard	
25	5110	The Joint Spot, LLC	Retailer	Standard	

No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
26	2245	Venice Park Investment Group LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness
27	4689	Cannahigh Transports LLC	Delivery	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 7th day of December 2023.

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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			
Commissioner Delgado			Х			
Chairwoman Houenou			Х			
Commissioner Nash		Х	Х			