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JEFF BROWN, Executive Director

## RESOLUTION 2024-<u>194</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.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
1	3437	Elevated Esentials's	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	3043	Endure Exotics LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	5644	Equality Richman Estates	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
4	4364	Garden River Inc	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
5	4939	High End Gardens	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
6	5083	Greenway Systems LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
7	2954	Suave Genetics LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
8	5517	Garden River Inc	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
9	5222	The Chandler Collection	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
10	5545	Green Street Cultivation LLC	Wholesaler	Microbusiness	
11	5086	87K Transport	Wholesaler	Standard	
12	5087	87K Transport	Distributor	Standard	
13	5241	Endure Exotics LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
14	5004	feels good dispensary	Retailer	Microbusiness	
15	4145	Green Eyed Chief	Retailer	Microbusiness	
16	5366	Axis Wellness LLC	Retailer	Standard	
17	5973	Emerald Isle Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
18	5708	Green Hill NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard	
19	4747	INSA Middle Township LLC	Retailer	Standard	
20	5425	New Day Neighborhood Dispensary	Retailer	Standard	
21	5712	Temporary Trichom LLC	Retailer	Standard	
22	5494	California Honey Corp.	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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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			