





The meeting will begin momentarily

We will take public comments at this meeting. Written comments for the record may also be submitted to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission before, during and after the meeting at nj.gov/cannabis.



December 12, 2024



Agenda

- Roll Call
- Executive Session (Anticipated 2 hours)
- Approval of prior meeting minutes
- Chair's remarks
- Executive Director's report
- Committee reports
 - Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee
- Consideration of public notices and publications
 - SEEF adjustment for 2025
 - Notice of Application Acceptance: Cannabis Consumption Areas
 - Annual Report on Adult-Use Cannabis, 2022-2023
 - 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule



Agenda

- Consideration of applications for permit or license changes
 - Ownership change
- Consideration of cannabis business applications
 - Medicinal cannabis permit renewals
 - Conditional licenses
 - Conditional-to-annual conversions
 - Annual licenses
 - Annual license renewals
- Cases, Claims, and Petitions
 - Determination of rehabilitation
 - Rule waiver requests
- Public Comment
- Adjournment



Roll Call



Executive Session

(Approximately 2 hours)



Approval of prior meeting minutes



Chair's Report



Chair's Report: 2024 Priorities Recap

	Getting Started	In Progress	Complete
■ Bolster Agency resources.	✓	✓	✓
■ Enhance enforcement to detect and prevent unlawful activities.	✓	✓	✓
■ Commission a review of the agency as required by law.	✓	✓	✓



Chair's Report: 2024 Priorities Recap

	Getting Started	In Progress	Complete
■ Conduct roundtables to identify opportunities for improvements.	✓	✓	✓
■ Establish ad hoc committee to recommend updates to bylaws.	✓	✓	✓



Chair's Report: 2024 Priorities Recap

	Getting Started	In Progress	Complete
■ Solicit industry feedback on licensing processes.	✓	✓	✓
■ Adopt required annual reports.	✓	✓	✓
■ Recommend improvements to license renewal process.	✓	✓	



Chair's Report: 2024 Priorities Recap

	Getting Started	In Progress	Complete
■ Analyze customer complaints for safety concerns.	✓	✓	
■ Update medical cannabis regulations.	✓	✓	



Executive Director's Report



Updates on Dispensary Openings

More than 190 medicinal and recreational dispensaries open in 21 counties.



New Recreational-only Dispensaries

- Bud 2 Bloom, Netcong
- Everest Dispensary, Atlantic City
- Evergreen Nature’s Remedy, Butler
- Feels of Green, Newton
- Green Wellness Haven, Pleasantville
- Hashtoria, Newark
- Main Street Dispensary, Highland Park
- Red Oak Dispensary EHT, Egg Harbor Township
- ReLeaf Cannabis, Williamstown
- Springfield Ave Dispensary, Irvington
- The Other Side Dispensary, Jersey City
- Tree House Co-Op Dispensary, Voorhees





Licensing Update – Total Licenses Approved

- as of November 25, 2024

- **Total 2,805 applications submitted**
- 2,145 applications have been approved
- 115 applications are under review in the Office of Licensing
- 361 applications are pending resubmission following cure
- 180 applications under review in the Office of Compliance & Investigations



Licensing Update – Total Recreational Licenses Approved

- as of November 25, 2024

- 1,524 conditionals
- 395 conditional-to-annual conversions
- 220 annuals
- 80 expanded ATCs
- **338 Total: operating licenses (AU) and permits (Med) issued**



Applications up for consideration

- 87 permit renewal applications
- 25 conditional applications
- 19 conditional-to-annual conversion applications
- 10 annual applications
- 21 annual renewal applications



Current Patient Enrollment Numbers

- as of December 9, 2024

- Total patients: 66,374
- Caregivers: 4,461
- Doctors: 1,559



Committee Reports



Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee



Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Recommendations

- Bylaws govern the activities of the NJ-CRC
- To align with the Commission’s current authorities, responsibilities, and structure, the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee recommends amending:
 - **Section 2.02: Powers, Duties, and Functions Related to Personal-Use and Medicinal Use**
 - Recommendation: Expand powers and activities associated with the oversight, development, and enforcement of P.L.2021, c.16 to mirror those authorized in the P.L.2021, c.16.
 - **Section 3.01: Commission Members**
 - Recommendation: Update Bylaws to replace references to the “Board of Commissioners” or “Board” with “Commission Members” and clarify that the “Commission” collectively includes the Commission Members, Executive Director, and staff.



Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Recommendations

- **Section 3.12: Delegation of Authority**
 - Recommendation: Allow the Commission Members to delegate authority to Commission Members with relevant experience in the matter at hand, Commission staff or Standing Committees.
- **Section 4.04: Quorum**
 - Recommendation: Redefine a quorum as three (3) Commission Members. The enabling statute has been interpreted to require at least three Commission Members to vote to action, not just a simple majority of those present at a Board meeting.
- **Section 4.05: Votes**
 - Recommendation: Remove proxy voting since agencies need statutory authority for proxy voting, which the Commission's statute lacks.



Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Recommendations

- **Section 5.02: Standing Committees**
 - Recommendation:
 - Add responsibility of developing and approving the Commission's annual budget, previously handled by the Office of the Executive Director.
 - Add responsibility of developing public awareness campaigns to the Public Engagement and Education Committee.
 - Add responsibility of developing testing guidance to the Product, Safety, Packaging, and Labeling Committee.



Consideration of public notices and publications



Social Equity Excise Fee adjustment for 2025



SEEF Adjustment for 2025

- Fee imposed on licensed adult-use market cannabis cultivators
 - Fee determination based on:
 - N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.4(c)(2)... If the average retail price of an ounce of usable cannabis in the current calendar year is at least \$250.00, but less than \$350.00, the excise fee shall be:
 - i. \$30.00 per ounce of usable cannabis; and
 - ii. \$8.00 per ounce of unusable cannabis sold for the purpose of manufacturing.



SEEF Adjustment for 2025

- NJ-CRC staff recommendation:
 - Fee set at \$30 per ounce of usable cannabis due to statewide average retail price of \$330.68
 - Fee set at \$8 per ounce of unusable cannabis sold for the purpose of manufacturing



Vote:

**To approve the adjustment of Social
Equity Excise Fee for 2025**



Consideration of Notice of Application Acceptance: Cannabis consumption areas



NOAA: Cannabis consumption areas

- NJ-CRC approved a Notice of Adoption of the Cannabis Consumption Area Rules on January 17, 2024.
- All applications for a cannabis consumption area endorsement must be submitted through the application portal.
- Applications will be reviewed and investigated in the order in which they are submitted (subject to priority designation).
- No established limit on the number of cannabis consumption areas available statewide but limits how many cannabis consumption area endorsements a regulated entity may hold.
- NJ-CRC will maintain on its website a list of all approved cannabis consumption areas in the state.



NOAA: Cannabis consumption areas

- NJ-CRC will begin accepting applications for cannabis consumption area endorsements according to the following schedule:

Date	Applications Accepted
9:00 a.m. EST on January 2, 2025	The Commission will begin accepting applications from Social Equity Businesses only.
9:00 a.m. EST on April 2, 2025	The Commission will begin accepting applications from Diversely Owned Businesses and any microbusiness, while still accepting applications from Social Equity Businesses.
9:00 a.m. EST on July 2, 2025	The Commission will begin accepting applications from all other applicants.

There is no deadline for license application submissions and are accepted on a rolling basis



NOAA: Cannabis consumption areas

- Applications for a cannabis consumption area endorsement must include:
 - An oath/attestation that the information provided in application is true and accurate
 - Municipal approval, submitted on a form designated by the NJ-CRC
 - Detailed floor plans
 - Standard operating procedures
 - The \$200 application submission fee
- Municipalities are authorized under the CREAMM Act to authorize or prohibit, through the act of an ordinance or regulation, the operation of a locally endorsed cannabis consumption area.



NOAA: Cannabis consumption areas

Application approval

- To be eligible for consideration for final agency approval, a cannabis consumption area endorsement must:
 - Be deemed complete and responsive to the full application requirements by N.J.A.C. 17:30 and the Notice;
 - Have received a score required for approval of a cannabis consumption area endorsement;
 - Meet the qualification requirements as outlines in the relevant sections of N.J.A.C. 17:30; and
 - Be submitted with all required fees.



NOAA: Cannabis consumption areas

- Framework for the fees associated with cannabis consumption area endorsements is:
 - \$1,000 for the initial or renewal fee for a microbusiness cannabis consumption area endorsement.
 - \$5,000 for a standard cannabis consumption area endorsement.
- Consumption area endorsements are valid for one (1) year and must be renewed annually.



Vote:

**To approve Notice of Application
Acceptance for cannabis
consumption areas**



Consideration of annual report on adult-use cannabis, 2022-2023



Report on adult-use cannabis activities, 2022-2023

- Summarizes the regulatory and operational activities related to adult-use cannabis from 2022-2023
- NJ-CRC required to annually report to the Governor and Legislature on adult-use cannabis activities
- Reports do not contain personal identifying information
- NJ-CRC has prepared annual reports and met all statutory requirements



Vote:

**To approve annual report on
adult-use cannabis, 2022-2023**



Consideration of 2025 regular meeting schedule



2025 regular meeting schedule

- All in person meetings will take place at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton
- All meetings will be 11 a.m.
- Thursday, February 6
- Thursday, March 6 (**virtual**)
- Thursday, April 3
- Thursday, May 1 (**virtual**)
- Thursday, June 5
- Thursday, July 10 (**virtual**)
- Thursday, August 7
- Wednesday, September 10 (**virtual**)
- Thursday, October 2
- Thursday, December 11



Vote:

**To approve 2025 regular
meeting schedule**



Consideration of Application for Ownership Changes



Ownership transfer applications:

- Garden State Botanicals LLC
 - **Change in ownership structure**



Vote:

**To approve ownership change
application**



Consideration of cannabis business applications



Consideration of Medicinal Cannabis Permit renewal applications



Medicinal Cannabis Permit renewal applications:

- **87 permit renewals**
 - **22 cultivators**
 - **12 manufacturers**
 - **53 retailers**



Medicinal Cannabis Permit renewals:

- Acreage CCF of New Jersey (5)
- Ascend NJ (5)
- Aunt Mary's Dispensary (2)
- Ayr Wellness (6)
- BLOC (4)
- Breakwater Treatment & Wellness (4)
- Brute's Roots (3)
- Columbia Care NJ (5)
- Curaleaf NJ (6)
- Design 710 (1)
- downtown FLWR (1)
- Eastern Green (1)
- Garden State Botanicals (1)
- Garfield Dispensary (1)
- Green Medicine NJ LLC (1)
- GSCC Management (1)
- GTI (6)
- Hillview Med (1)
- Holistic Solutions (1)
- Honeygrove South Corp (1)
- Illicit Gardens (2)
- Monteverde (1)
- MPX NJ (5)



Medicinal Cannabis Permit renewals:

- Niche (1)
- NJ Leaf (1)
- Restore NJ LLC (1)
- RIPT Dispensary (1)
- Roots Dispensary (1)
- Sanctuary Cannabis (1)
- Silverleaf Wellness (1)
- Sweetspot Dispensary (1)
- TerrAscend (5)
- The Station, Hoboken (1)
- Theo A Cannabis (1)
- Theory Wellness of NJ LLC (1)
- URB'N Dispensary (1)
- Valley Wellness (1)
- Verano NJ (5)



Vote:

**To approve 87 Medicinal Cannabis
Permit renewal applications**



Consideration of Conditional license applications



Conditional applications:

- **25 conditional licenses**
 - **7 cultivators**
 - **1 delivery**
 - **7 manufacturers**
 - **10 retailers**



Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	1330	Alltechneeds Corporation	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	11521	Blazin Buddiez	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	13467	Global Grown, Inc	Cultivator	Microbusiness
4	14108	High Grade Farms LLC	Cultivator	Standard
5	14451	Hi Cannabis LLC	Cultivator	Standard
6	14968	Fresh Frozen Factory LLC	Cultivator	Standard
7	15034	Fresh Start Farmers	Cultivator	Standard
8	13772	Global Grown, Inc	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
9	10755	Canna Source LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
10	13695	Hashery, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard



Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
11	14450	Hi Cannabis LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
12	14966	Fresh Frozen Factory LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
13	15076	Fresh Start Farmers	Manufacturer	Standard
14	15057	High Grade Farms LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
15	4674	Anything Else LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
16	13465	Collective Beleaf, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
17	14883	Dank the bear	Retailer	Microbusiness
18	15359	Victorious Gardens LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
19	12686	Canna Bloom Corporation	Retailer	Standard
20	11162	Dr. Nugz	Retailer	Standard



Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
21	7508	Flower Town LLC	Retailer	Standard
22	13186	Friendly Uncle Bob LLC	Retailer	Standard
23	14448	Hi Cannabis LLC	Retailer	Standard
24	14400	High Horse Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
25	13898	Get It All Delivery	Delivery	Microbusiness



Vote:

To approve 25 Conditional license applications



Consideration of Conditional-to-Annual Conversion applications



Conditional-to-Annual license conversion applications

- **18 conditional-to-annual conversion licenses**
 - **5 cultivators**
 - **1 manufacturers**
 - **12 retailers**



Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional-to-annual license conversion applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	Conditional Application ID	License Class	Business Category
1	9649	A Grow Culture LLC	2008	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	4972	Happy Kola Brands, LLC	3252	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	11211	Proper Releaf LLC	1838	Cultivator	Microbusiness
4	11692	Greenway Systems LLC	5083	Cultivator	Standard
5	2107	GTE NJ	1106	Cultivator	Standard
6	10785	Greenway Systems LLC	2183	Manufacturer	Standard
7	8471	BUKU Culture LLC	1943	Retailer	Microbusiness
8	9921	Green Eyed Chief	4145	Retailer	Microbusiness
9	2864	Legacy Leaf	1985	Retailer	Microbusiness
10	10780	Liberty City Weed Deliveries	2119	Retailer	Microbusiness



Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional-to-annual license conversion applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	Conditional Application ID	License Class	Business Category
11	11021	Memes Danckk World	2452	Retailer	Microbusiness
12	11526	Organic Fusions LLC	3477	Retailer	Microbusiness
13	5552	Premium Dispensary LLC	1706	Retailer	Microbusiness
14	9268	Tangerine Tree Dispensary LLC	1466	Retailer	Microbusiness
15	10757	The Number Spot Inc	3652	Retailer	Microbusiness
16	7794	Bridgeton Cannabis	1585	Retailer	Standard
17	10920	INSA Middle Township LLC	4747	Retailer	Standard
18	11834	Salus Wellness	2483	Retailer	Standard



Vote:

**To approve 18 Conditional-to-Annual
Conversion license applications**



Conditional-to-Annual license conversion applications

- 1 conditional-to-annual conversion licenses
 - 1 retailer



Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional-to-annual license conversion applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	Conditional Application ID	License Class	Business Category
1	2808	Story Dispensary of Springfield LLC	1615	Retailer	Standard



Vote:

**To approve 1 Conditional-to-Annual
Conversion license application**



Consideration of Annual applications



Annual license applications

- **10 annual licenses**
 - **4 manufacturer**
 - **6 retailers**



Adult-Use: Consideration of annual license applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	10063	Boutique Gardens	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
2	10801	Capitol Extracts NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
3	8877	Denver Cole Farms New Jersey, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
4	2733	GTE NJ	Manufacturer	Standard
5	6579	City Farms LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
6	2893	Atlantic License Development, LLC	Retailer	Standard
7	13136	Gas & Grass LLC	Retailer	Standard
8	12755	HZY Goods LLC	Retailer	Standard
9	7387	Root 22 Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
10	9825	Star Leaf Dispensary	Retailer	Standard



Vote:
**To approve 10 Annual
license applications**



Consideration of Annual Renewal applications



Annual license renewals

- MPX New Jersey LLC (1)
- The Station, Hoboken (1)
- Monteverde NJ, Inc (1)



First year of operations



Annual license renewals

- Trichome Analytical (1)
- Green Analytics East LLC (1)
- New Jersey Cannalytics LLC (1)
- Sriven Labs LLC (1)
- Smithers CTS NJ (1)
- Highgrade Labs of New Jersey (1)
- Prolific Growhouse (1)
- Dank Poet Society (1)
- Gynsyng (1)

Adult-Use
Licenses



Annual license renewals

- The Leaf Joint LLC (1)
- Holistic Re-Leaf (1)
- Little Leaf Labs (1)
- Jersey Roots Dispensary (1)
- Hera Solutions (1)
- Blue Oak NJ 1 LLC (1)
- Lemon 22 Dispensary LLC (1)
- High Profile Lakehurst LLC (1)
- Legal Distribution LLC (1)

Adult-Use
Licenses



Vote:

**To approve 21 Annual
Renewal license applications**



Cases, claims and petitions



ATC Identification Cards

Recommendation on Rehabilitation:

- *Reinstatement of employee identification cards*
- Regarding 3 ATC employees
- Received notice that criminal history check revealed disqualifying conviction
- Employee was given opportunity to challenge the accuracy of their criminal history results and/or request a determination of rehabilitation



Vote:

**To approve rehabilitation
for 3 ATC employee ID cards**



Consideration of rule waiver requests



WR001

New Jersey
Cannabis Trade
Association

Patient-only
hours Requirement

- Requested waiver and/or removal of patient-only hours

Vote:



WR002

Simply Pure
Trenton NJ

N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(g)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(g) to waive that “a person or entity shall be an owner of only one license application or license holder.”

Vote:



Nevaeh Verde

WR003

LLC

N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(g)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(g) to waive that “a person or entity shall be an owner of only one license application or license holder.”

Vote:



WR004

Cannabis MD,
LLC

N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(k)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(k) to waive requirement that majority share of the license applicant's ownership interest to remain the same from the submission of a conditional license application until two years after commencement of operations.

Vote:



WR005

Organic Farms
Corp

N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.15(a)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.15(a) to waive the one-year waiting period to submit a microbusiness to standard conversion application.

Vote:



WR006

Neptune's
Garden LLC

N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.15(a)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.15(a) to waive the one-year waiting period to submit a microbusiness to standard conversion application.

Vote:



WR007 Shnicks Shnacks
 LLC N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.15(a)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.15(a) to waive the one-year waiting period to submit a microbusiness to standard conversion application.

Vote:



WR009 Aunt Mary's
Dispensary LLC N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.17(d)(5)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.17(d)(5) to waive the expanded Alternative Treatment Center (ATC) certification fee for medicinal cannabis cultivators.

Vote:



Hudson

Distribution

WR010

Services LLC

N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.15(n)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.15(n) to waive the requirement that staff members of cannabis businesses transporting cannabis items can only travel between originating cannabis business premises and receiving business premises with the exception of an emergency or necessary deviation.

Vote:



WR011

NJ Weedman's
Dispensary LLC

N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(g)(1)

- Requested waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.8(g)(1) to waive limitation on family member licenses.

Vote:



Public comment

1. Speakers signed up in advance.
2. 3 minutes per speaker.
3. Please be respectful, concise and on-topic to issues the Commission has the power to address and/or should be aware of.
4. Do not use this time to market or advertise private businesses.
5. May also submit comments in writing at NJ.gov/cannabis/meetings



Adjournment

Details for our next meeting will be posted
on nj.gov/cannabis/meetings