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**NEW JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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3 DIANNA HOUENOU, Chair

4 KRISTA G. NASH, Vice Chair

5 AMELIA MAPP

6 CHRISTOPHER RIGGS

7 DANIEL SAID, Secretary

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1 CHAIR: The time is 11:08 and I call this meeting of  
2 the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to  
3 order. Mr. Said, can you please read the notice of  
4 the public meeting?

5 THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman, this is a  
6 rescheduled meeting of a regularly scheduled meeting of  
7 the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission's 2025  
8 annual meeting schedule.

9 Adequate notice of this meeting has been  
10 provided in accordance with the Senator Byron M. Baer  
11 Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the rescheduled  
12 meeting was provided to the Asbury Park Press, Bergen  
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1 Record, Courier Post, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times  
2 on July 3rd, 2025.

3 The agenda and information regarding the  
4 virtual nature of the meeting and the ability to live  
5 stream was also posted on the CRC website. The meeting  
6 time and location has also been posted on the website  
7 of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission and  
8 with the office of the Secretary of the State.

9 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said. Can you  
10 please take a roll call.

11 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

12 MS. AMELIA MAPP: Present.

13 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

14 VICE CHAIR: Present.

15 THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman Houenou?

16 CHAIR: Present.

17 THE SECRETARY: We now have a quorum. The  
18 first order of business is for the commission to go  
19 into executive session to discuss legal matters and  
20 litigation and investigation updates. These are  
21 discussions that are not shared with the public. We  
22 believe the executive session should take about 60  
23 minutes.

24 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said. I move that  
25 we enter executive session to discuss litigation

1 updates, investigation updates, and other matters  
2 appropriate for Executive session -- Executive session.  
3 Is there a second?

4 MS. MAPP: Second.

5 CHAIR: Seconded by Commissioner Mapp. Is  
6 there any discussion on this motion? Hearing none, all  
7 those in favor say aye?

8 THE COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIR: All those opposed say nay. Any  
10 abstentions? Motion passes. So as Mr. Said mentioned,  
11 we expect the Executive session to last approximately  
12 60 minutes. We will leave the live stream running  
13 during that time. So we can expect to resume the  
14 public session at 12:10. Thank you everyone.

15 [MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 00:08:34]

16 [RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 01:32:20]

17 CHAIR: All right. Welcome back everyone.  
18 Thank you for your patience. The time is 12:34 and  
19 we'll resume the public portion of this meeting.

20 Mr. Said, can you please announce the next  
21 agenda item?

22 THE SECRETARY: Next up on the agenda is  
23 approving the minutes of both the commission's open and  
24 executive session held on June 12th 2025. The minutes  
25 have been shared with the members of the commission

1 prior to this meeting.

2 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said. If there are  
3 no edits or changes requested to the meeting minutes,  
4 is there a motion on the matter?

5 MS. MAPP: So move, madam chair.

6 CHAIR: Commissioner Mapp moves to approve  
7 the meeting minutes.

8 VICE CHAIR: Second.

9 CHAIR: Seconded by Commissioner Nash.  
10 Is there any discussion on this motion?  
11 Hearing none, all those in favor of approving the  
12 meeting minutes for July 12th, say, aye?

13 MS. MAPP: Aye.

14 CHAIR: Aye.

15 VICE CHAIR: Aye.

16 CHAIR: All those opposed say, nay?  
17 Any abstentions? Motion passes.

18 THE SECRETARY: The next item up for  
19 consideration is the election of a vice chair.

20 CHAIR: All right. So with the sad  
21 departure of our prior vice chair, Mr. Delgado, we now  
22 need to elect a new vice chair. I nominate  
23 Commissioner Krista Nash for the position of vice  
24 chair.

25 Are there any for -- other nominations for

1 the position? Hearing no additional nominations, the  
2 nominations are now closed and the chair recognizes  
3 Commissioner Nash for any remarks before we proceed to  
4 voting.

5 VICE CHAIR: Yes. Thank you, chair.  
6 Thank you for nominating me. It would be my honor to  
7 serve as the vice chair of this commission, which has  
8 been instrumental in building a thriving cannabis  
9 industry and most importantly, it has created numerous  
10 jobs and economic opportunities for New Jersey  
11 residents. I thank you again.

12 MS. MAPP: Congratulations, Krista.

13 VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

14 CHAIR: Thank you, Commissioner Nash. All  
15 right.

16 So there being no other, other  
17 nominations, I move that we elect Commissioner Nash as  
18 vice chair of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission. Is  
19 there a second?

20 MS. MAPP: I second.

21 CHAIR: Seconded by, Commissioner Mapp.  
22 Is there any discussion on this motion? Hearing no  
23 discussion, Mr. Said, can you please call the vote?

24 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

25 MS. MAPP: Yes.

1 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash.

2 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

3 THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman Houenou?

4 CHAIR: Yes.

5 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

6 CHAIR: Congratulations, Vice Chair Nash.

7 VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

8 THE SECRETARY: The next item up -- sorry.

9 The next item up for consideration are the Adult-Use  
10 Cannabis Business Conversion License applications.

11 CHAIR: For this, we'll turn over -- the  
12 floor over to Director Riggs to give us a summary of  
13 the applications received.

14 MR. CHRISTOPHER RIGGS: Thank you, madam  
15 chair. We have three conditional to annual conversion  
16 applications, 13 annual applications. We'll have four  
17 Cannabis consumption area endorsements today. One  
18 expanded ATC Certification and 28 annual license  
19 renewals.

20 The first item, I believe is conditional  
21 on annual conversion applications. As I stated  
22 previously, there are three of them. We have a  
23 manufacturer, a retailer, and a delivery service. All  
24 of these licenses have come in through the portal and  
25 have followed our licensing process as articulated in



1 our regulations and notice of application acceptance.

2           Priority assignment was given where we've  
3 confirmed that each application is assigned to the  
4 appropriate review priority. We look for diversity on  
5 business status. We look at taxes, residency if  
6 required, and cures are sent if needed.

7           The next step is priority verification,  
8 where that priority is confirmed through the  
9 appropriate documentation that is submitted to support  
10 that priority and cures are sent if needed.

11           The next step is the completeness review,  
12 where our Office of Licensing confirms that all the  
13 required documents are submitted. The application is  
14 then deemed complete, and we confirm that each document  
15 is filled out and all the required information has been  
16 submitted.

17           The applications are then scored where  
18 these documents that were reviewed to ensure that we  
19 submitted them and these -- and then they're scored to  
20 make sure that they passed the regulations and the  
21 standards articulated in the notice of application  
22 acceptance.

23           The next step would be moving on to the  
24 Office of Compliance and Investigations, where a  
25 qualification review is conducted, individuals,

1 financial sources and any other agreements are reviewed  
2 for regulatory compliance. Background checks are  
3 reviewed to ensure that owners and all persons of  
4 interest are qualified to operate in the cannabis  
5 space.

6 And then we have a quality control with  
7 our licensing, Office of Compliance and Investigation  
8 team and our legal team, and then we get to this step  
9 where we recommend to the board for action.

10 All three of these applications have been  
11 reviewed, scored, and are now recommended to the board  
12 for approval. Thank you.

13 CHAIR: Thank you, Director Riggs.

14 Are there any questions from the board for  
15 Director Riggs regarding these conditional to annual  
16 license conversions? Hearing no questions, is there a  
17 motion on this matter?

18 VICE CHAIR: Madam Chair, I move to  
19 approve the conversion applications presented before  
20 the board today.

21 MS. MAPP: I second.

22 CHAIR: Moved by Vice Chair Nash and  
23 seconded by Commissioner Mapp.

24 Is there any discussion on this motion?  
25 Hearing no discussion, Mr. Said, can you please call

1 the vote?

2 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

3 MS. MAPP: Yes.

4 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Nash?

5 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman Houenou?

7 CHAIR: Yes.

8 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

9 The next item up for consideration are the  
10 Adult-Use Cannabis Business Annual License  
11 applications.

12 CHAIR: Thank you. Director Riggs, the  
13 floor is yours.

14 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, madam chair.

15 We have 13 annual applications before the  
16 board today, two cultivators, two manufacturers, one  
17 distributor, and eight retailers. These licenses all  
18 came through the portal and followed the licensing  
19 process that I previously articulated, priority  
20 assignment, priority verification, a completeness  
21 review. The applications are then scored. A  
22 qualification review is conducted by the Office of  
23 Compliance and Investigations. There's a quality  
24 control review and now the recommendation to the board  
25 for action.

1 All 13 of these applications have been  
2 reviewed, scored, and are now recommended to the board  
3 for approval. Thank you.

4 CHAIR: Thank you, Director Riggs.

5 Are there any questions from the board  
6 regarding these applications? Hearing no questions  
7 from the board, is there a motion on this matter?

8 VICE CHAIR: Madam Chair, I move to  
9 approve the 13 annual applications presented today.

10 CHAIR: Vice Chair Nash moves to approve  
11 the 13 applications. Is there a second?

12 MS. MAPP: I second.

13 CHAIR: Seconded by Commissioner Mapp.

14 Is there any discussion on this motion?  
15 Hearing no discussion, Mr. Said, can you please call  
16 the vote?

17 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

18 MS. MAPP: Yes.

19 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Nash?

20 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

21 THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman Houenou?

22 CHAIR: Yes.

23 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

24 The next item up for consideration are the  
25 cannabis consumption area endorsements.

1 CHAIR: Thank you.

2 Director Riggs, this -- well, sorry. The  
3 -- before I turn the floor over to Director Riggs to  
4 describe those applications for cannabis consumption  
5 area endorsements, I'd want to note, you know, this is  
6 a long time coming. I know a lot of people were very  
7 eager to see cannabis consumption areas open up here in  
8 New Jersey. Our applications opened up earlier this  
9 year. Now, all retailers are able to submit their  
10 applications for cannabis consumption area  
11 endorsements. So we are excited to -- we at the  
12 commission are excited and look forward to these safe  
13 spaces opening up and operating responsibly to give  
14 people options for safe and responsible cannabis  
15 consumption.

16 So with that, Director Riggs, can you  
17 please provide us a summary of our first set of  
18 cannabis consumption area endorsement applications?

19 MR. RIGGS: Sure. There are four  
20 consumption area endorsement applications that are  
21 before the board today, Gynsyng LLC, High Rollers  
22 Dispensary, SunnyTien LLC, and URB'N Dispensary. All  
23 five, Class 5 retailers -- all four are class 5  
24 retailers. All four are diversely owned businesses as  
25 -- as you know, we had the staggered application

1 process where diversely owned businesses were the  
2 second class of businesses in line. These businesses  
3 are the first ones that are having this opportunity.  
4 It's an exciting opportunity for these four diversely  
5 owned businesses.

6 Just a reminder that this is an  
7 endorsement. It must be associated with a brick and  
8 mortar classified retail establishment. Municipal  
9 approvals are required. A site inspection is required  
10 by our Office of Compliance and Investigations, and  
11 there are fees associated with paying for having this  
12 consumption area endorsement.

13 Site plan and municipal approvals were  
14 submitted by all four of these entities and reviewed by  
15 OCI. It's been determined that they're in good  
16 standing with the CRC. The recipes have been reviewed  
17 to ensure regulatory compliance and therefore we are  
18 recommending that these four applications for  
19 consumption area endorsement are approved today. Thank  
20 you.

21 CHAIR: Thank you, Director Riggs.

22 Are there any questions from the board for  
23 Director Riggs? Hearing no questions, is there a  
24 motion on this matter?

25 MS. MAPP: Madam Chair, I move to approve

1 the four applications presented today for the cannabis  
2 consumption areas.

3 VICE CHAIR: Second.

4 CHAIR: Moved by Commissioner Mapp and  
5 seconded by Vice Chair Nash.

6 Is there any discussion on this motion to  
7 approve the applications? Hearing no discussion, Mr.  
8 Said, can you please call the vote?

9 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

10 MS. MAPP: Yes.

11 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Nash?

12 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

13 THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman Houenou?

14 CHAIR: Yes.

15 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

16 The next item up for consideration are the  
17 expanded alternative treatment center certifications.

18 CHAIR: Thank you.

19 Director Riggs, the floor's yours.

20 Director Riggs, you are on mute.

21 MR. RIGGS: Wow. Thank you, madam chair.

22 All those good things that I said, I will repeat.

23 We have one expanded ATC certification  
24 before the board today. That is BLOC. They're a Class  
25 2 manufacturer located in Ewing, New Jersey. They've

1 submitted the required zoning and municipal approvals  
2 for a Class 2 manufacturing facility in that location.  
3 As required by law, the certifications and standards  
4 have been met for them to move from the medical  
5 cannabis space into the adult-use space. \$300,000 fee  
6 will be associated with expanding this manufacturing  
7 facility, and we are recommending that it be approved  
8 for expansion at this time. Thank you.

9 CHAIR: Thank you, Director Riggs.

10 Are there any questions from the board for  
11 Director Riggs? Hearing no questions, is there a  
12 motion on this matter?

13 MS. MAPP: Madam Chair, I move to approve  
14 the application submitted for expansion as presented  
15 today.

16 CHAIR: Moved by Commissioner Mapp. Is  
17 there a second?

18 VICE CHAIR: Second.

19 CHAIR: Seconded by Vice Chair Nash.

20 Any discussion on this motion? Hearing  
21 none, Mr. Said, can you please call the vote?

22 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

23 MS. MAPP: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Nash?

25 VICE CHAIR: Yes.



1 THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman Houenou?

2 CHAIR: Yes.

3 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

4 The next item up for consideration are the  
5 Adult-Use Cannabis Business Annual License renewal  
6 applications.

7 CHAIR: Director Riggs, the floor is  
8 yours.

9 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, madam chair.

10 And we'll go through this -- slow through  
11 these slides. We have 28 renewals before the board  
12 today. They've already been through our licensing  
13 process. As a reminder, these licenses are effective  
14 for one year from the date of issuance and are required  
15 to be reviewed annually. We are at that annual renewal  
16 stage. All these entities have provided the required  
17 documentation for renewal. This documentation was  
18 reviewed and approved by the Office of Compliance and  
19 Investigations here at the CRC.

20 If any additional municipal support or  
21 approvals were required for expanded ATCs, that has  
22 been collected. Therefore we are recommending that all  
23 28 of these entities be renewed for another year for  
24 their license. Thank you.

25 CHAIR: Thank you, Director Riggs.

1           Are there any questions from the board  
2 regarding these renewal applications? Hearing no  
3 questions, is there a motion on this matter?

4           MS. MAPP: Yes. Go ahead.

5           VICE CHAIR: Madam Chair, I move to  
6 approve the 28 license renewals presented here today.

7           MS. MAPP: I second.

8           CHAIR: Moved and seconded.

9           Is there any discussion on this matter?  
10 Hearing no discussion, Mr. Said, can you please call  
11 the vote?

12           THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

13           MS. MAPP: Yes.

14           THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Nash?

15           VICE CHAIR: Yes.

16           THE SECRETARY: Chairwoman Houenou?

17           CHAIR: Yes.

18           THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

19           The next item we have on the agenda is the  
20 open public comment period.

21           CHAIR: Before we -- so before we get  
22 started on the public comments, I want to remind our  
23 business owners of one small but very important thing.  
24 We understand that business owners want to get up and  
25 running as quickly as possible but know that getting

1 ahead of yourself runs the risk of quickly turning into  
2 getting in your own way. Nowhere is this more  
3 prevalent than in businesses' efforts to get financing  
4 and when businesses are doing construction, we  
5 frequently see businesses accepting and spending  
6 investors' money before getting approvals for their  
7 financial or investor agreements. We also frequently  
8 see businesses building out their facilities before  
9 getting approved for a license.

10           So for our business owners, know that you  
11 are not required to finish your construction or  
12 renovation before submitting an application and you  
13 certainly are not required to spend millions of dollars  
14 of investors' money before your license application is  
15 approved. Know that if you do do this, you're making a  
16 choice that only you are responsible for. If you do  
17 take the steps to spend money before submitting an  
18 application or before getting your application  
19 approved, you run the risk of your application not  
20 being approved if there are problematic or prohibited  
21 provisions in your agreements or in your business  
22 structure or other -- anywhere else in your  
23 application. So I want to implore our business owners  
24 and our applicants to make sure that they are not  
25 putting the cart before the horse.

1           We understand that everybody is eager to -  
2 - to get up and running and the commission is  
3 sympathetic to that -- that sense of urgency, but we  
4 also want to make sure that you are setting yourself up  
5 for success and the best way to do that is to make sure  
6 that you get cleared by the Cannabis Regulatory  
7 Commission before you actually start spending dollars  
8 where -- where possible.

9           So with that, now I'll open the floor to  
10 the public comment.

11           Members of the public can submit their  
12 public comments during or after this board meeting in  
13 writing via our website, [nj.gov/cannabis/meetings](https://nj.gov/cannabis/meetings). The  
14 deadline for submitting written comments for today is 5  
15 o'clock p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, July 16th. Written  
16 comments will be shared with the commission members and  
17 will be made public.

18           Speakers will be limited to three minutes.  
19 Mr. Said will call out the names of our registered  
20 speakers. The instructions for our virtual callers is  
21 right there on the screen to -- you know, when you hear  
22 your name called, press, star, 9 to raise your hand and  
23 then you'll be given the -- the signal to go ahead and  
24 unmute yourself and begin, and to do that, you will  
25 press, star, 6.

1           So with that, Mr. Said, can you please  
2 call on our first registered speakers?

3           THE SECRETARY: Thank you, chairwoman.

4           As a reminder, public speakers during this  
5 afternoon's public comment period will be limited to  
6 three minutes. Please be respectful and concise during  
7 your comments.

8           The first person I have on the list is  
9 Craig Hobdy, last four is 5915. If you're in the room,  
10 please raise your hand and to do that if you're calling  
11 in, it's, star, 9. Craig Hobdy? All right. I don't  
12 see that person.

13           The next person is Steven Young. If  
14 you're in the room, please raise your hand, and that is  
15 -- last four is 9105. All right. I don't see that  
16 person.

17           The next person is Amy Groome, last four  
18 is 1904. Amy Groome? All right. I don't see that  
19 person.

20           The next person is Russell Lash. If  
21 you're in the room, please raise your hand. That is --  
22 last four is 1751. Russell Lash? Okay. I don't see  
23 that person.

24           Next person is, James Ferren. If you're  
25 in the room, please raise your hand. Last four is

1 7789. And if you're calling in to raise your hand  
2 it's, star, 9. I don't see that person.

3 The next person is Shane Oleary. Shane  
4 Oleary. Last four is 5609. I don't see that person.

5 The next person is Andrew Zeitlin. All  
6 right. I see you Andrew. Gimme one second. All  
7 right. Andrew, you have the floor.

8 MR. ANDREW ZEITLIN: Hello, can you hear  
9 me?

10 THE SECRETARY: Yes.

11 MR. ZEITLIN: Great. Hi, my name is Andy  
12 Zeitlin. I am the COO of Canopy Crossroad. We are a  
13 Class 5 licensed retailer in Red Bank, New Jersey.  
14 We've been open for approximately eight to nine months.

15 And the topic I'd like to discuss and, and  
16 try to get some insight and perhaps resolution on is  
17 the notion of the micro -- we are a micro business, and  
18 the topic is the definition of an employee.

19 So I'm finding that in running this  
20 business, the micro requirements on space being 2,500,  
21 we have no problem with. We're roughly half that.  
22 However on the number of employees, we find that 10 is  
23 nearly unworkable for a retail store.

24 And what we would like to propose is the  
25 use of what is used in the ACA and many other places,

1 including mostly in industry, is the notion of a full-  
2 time equivalent. So if we had the flexibility to have  
3 10 full-time equivalents then we would be able to  
4 manage our schedules much better with the -- the people  
5 we have.

6           The idea of all employees in the cannabis  
7 industry are full-time is not realistic. The --  
8 particularly micro businesses, but nearly all  
9 businesses need the flexibility when people's times are  
10 conflicted. If we have one or two people that get  
11 sick, we're -- we're in a very difficult situation  
12 where we can barely keep the store open the hours that  
13 we're -- we're trying to meet.

14           So I would like to ask the commission to  
15 consider the use of full-time equivalents for adhering  
16 to the micro business constraints, and that would allow  
17 micro businesses to function nearly as well as a -- a -  
18 - as a regular business without the -- the really  
19 onerous restrictions when it comes to numbers of  
20 employees. And also, I think it's better for the  
21 industry as well as for employees --

22           THE SECRETARY: 30 seconds.

23           MR. ZEITLIN: -- to have the option to --  
24 I see I have 28 seconds. So I will conclude that it is  
25 beneficial for employees to have the option to work

1 less than a full-time job in this business, and a lot  
2 of people want to do that.

3 So I hope that is resonating with you  
4 folks. I think you're all doing a pretty good job and  
5 the cannabis industry is functioning. Thank you very  
6 much. Have a great day.

7 THE SECRETARY: Thank you, Andy.

8 The next person on the list is Samuel  
9 Reichbart, last four is 3654. Samuel Reichbart? I  
10 don't see that person.

11 The next person on the list is Dr. Roz  
12 McCarthy. If you're in the room, please raise your  
13 hand. Last four is 1302. I don't see that person.

14 The next person on the list is John Wise.  
15 If you're in the room, please raise your hand. And the  
16 last four of that is 0810. As a reminder, if you're  
17 calling in, it's, star, 9 to raise your hand. I don't  
18 see John Wise.

19 So the next person is Ronald Jost. If  
20 you're in the room, please raise your hand. And the  
21 last four is 4238. Ronald Jost? I don't see that  
22 person.

23 The next person is Ethan Lopez. If you're  
24 in the room, please raise your hand. Ethan Lopez? The  
25 last four is 5440. I don't see that person.



1           The next person on the list is Claudia  
2 Post. If you're in the room, please raise your hand.  
3 All right. I see you, Claudia. Claudia, you have the  
4 floor. Just unmute yourself. To unmute, it's star --  
5 yeah, I think you got it.

6           MS. CLAUDIA POST: I did it. I did it.  
7 Thank you so very much.

8           THE SECRETARY: Sure.

9           MS. POST: We are absolutely thrilled.

10          THE SECRETARY: Go ahead. Sorry.

11          MS. POST: May I?

12          THE SECRETARY: Yes.

13          MS. POST: Okay. No. No. Thank you so  
14 much for this opportunity. I -- I give the shortest  
15 speech in town. I wanna say we're thrilled. Let's get  
16 started. And thank you all so very much for your time,  
17 effort, and energy throughout this entire process for  
18 the access we've been afforded and I'll just leave you  
19 with my -- one of my favorite quotes from Henry Ford,  
20 coming together is a beginning, keeping together is  
21 progress and working together is success. Beginning,  
22 progress, success. Thank you all so very much from the  
23 bottom of my heart. Thank you.

24          THE SECRETARY: Thank you, Claudia.

25          The next person on the list is Lerone

1 Jones. It's 9816 as the last four. If you're in the  
2 room -- all right. I see you Lerone. You have the  
3 floor, Lerone.

4 MR. LERONE JONES: How you doing? Can you  
5 hear me?

6 THE SECRETARY: Yeah. Yes, sir.

7 MR. JONES: Alrighty. Well, thank you.  
8 Definitely want to thank the commission for taking the  
9 time out for me to speak today.

10 First, wanna start off by thanking the  
11 commission for everything that they've done throughout  
12 this entire process with the Mr. Jones application.  
13 For those who don't know, my name is Lerone Jones. I'm  
14 the founder and owner and managing partner of Mister  
15 Jones Dispensary, the premier dispensary of Newark,  
16 Jersey, opening up in Little Falls, New Jersey.

17 And again, understanding where we are,  
18 again, I thank the commission for the due diligence  
19 that they do with all the applications, especially  
20 those including partnerships and that I have no problem  
21 with. Again, obviously very willing to answer any  
22 questions regarding anything --

23 THE SECRETARY: Lerone, we can't hear you.

24 MR. JONES: Sorry. Can you hear me?

25 THE SECRETARY: Lerone?

1 MR. JONES: Can you hear me? Can you hear  
2 me?

3 THE SECRETARY: Lerone?

4 CHAIR: I can hear you. Yes. We can hear  
5 you.

6 MR. JONES: I'm sorry. Yes. So sorry  
7 about that.

8 I was saying, again I really want to  
9 appreciate the -- I'm sorry. Thank the chairwoman and  
10 be very appreciative, and the entire CRC for this  
11 process, the due diligence that's being done, obviously  
12 to protect the operators, to ensure safe and operable  
13 operations in which, you know, I have no -- zero  
14 problem with, willing to amend and answer any questions  
15 the commission may have. The process is the process,  
16 and there's no way around that and I respect that.

17 I do just wanna point out that, you know,  
18 it does hurt and it's disheartening for the operator  
19 to, you know, reach out. I was very proactive with the  
20 last set of requested amendments, very proactive with  
21 the CRC to reach out and inquire for about 25 days  
22 before this meeting if those amendments were  
23 satisfactory.

24 I know the 4th of July was also coming up  
25 last week, in which I tried to really get ahead of that

1 and it just hurts to go on the agenda and be pulled off  
2 of it five days prior. And again, I know there's due  
3 diligence that has to be done but I just wanted to let  
4 that be known. You know, we go through a lot. This is  
5 what comes with the business so in no way, shape or  
6 form am I crying about anything but I would just love  
7 if the CRC and the process that we look to with -- you  
8 know, were requesting a document to be sent over, I  
9 would love if, you know, we just as the operator know  
10 that it's not just sitting but also being in process  
11 for review.

12                   But again, I thank the CRC for everything.  
13 I'm very, very much looking forward to working with the  
14 CRC. I have a number of different concepts that I  
15 would love to share with the CRC, very known across  
16 Newark, Jersey and we have 685 direct messages from  
17 residents of Little Falls, people all over Newark,  
18 Jersey. I mean, I just can't tell you how bombarded I  
19 get and how ecstatic everyone in this state is and the  
20 northern part for Mr. Jones to open and I can't wait  
21 for that to happen. I can't wait to fill the coffers  
22 with the tax dollars that we're gonna generate and I  
23 surely can't wait to, hopefully at one point walk the  
24 CRC and all the chair, members and commissioners  
25 through our property.

1                   Thank you. Have a blessed day. My name  
2 is Lerone Jones. Have a great day. Bye-bye.

3                   THE SECRETARY: Thank you, Lerone.

4                   And next person on the list is Richelle  
5 Boyle, last four is 2002. Richelle Boyle?

6                   And can you all hear me now?

7                   CHAIR: We can hear you.

8                   THE SECRETARY: Okay. The next person on  
9 the list is Richelle Boyle, last four is 2002.  
10 Richelle Boyle? I don't see that person.

11                   The next person is Thomas Norcia. If  
12 you're in the room, please raise your hand. All right  
13 I see you, Thomas. If you can -- all right. You have  
14 the floor, Thomas.

15                   MR. THOMAS NORCIA: Do you hear me?

16                   THE SECRETARY: Yes, sir.

17                   MR. NORCIA: Yes. All right. This is  
18 Thomas Norcia from Grow Works and the New Jersey Hemp  
19 Growers Association.

20                   So once again, I'm gonna bring up the  
21 psychoactive hemp ban and how it's affecting the New  
22 Jersey Hemp Growers. The New Jersey Hemp Growers and  
23 anybody licensed through the Department of Agriculture,  
24 actually a business in the State of New Jersey, were  
25 never allowed to handle psychoactive materials. We're

1 being punished because of the bullshit going on.

2           You know, what they're trying to ban, you  
3 guys are allowing your operators to still bring over  
4 state lines. On top of it we have a division of plant  
5 industry, where your people are saying they're hemp  
6 clones to get away with bringing 'em over state lines,  
7 which is a 100 percent illegal because you have to be a  
8 licensed operator in the hemp program to be able to  
9 touch hemp clones. So it's still a big problem.

10           You have Ruiz and Scutari working on a  
11 bill S4509 that once again did not bring up the hemp  
12 program. We have Carol D. checks bill, which aligns  
13 everybody across the state from adult-use, hemp  
14 program, beverages, liquor, everything. Carol D.  
15 Checks Bill A5068 is the bill the state should be  
16 looking at.

17           You know, as far as Scutari goes, he's  
18 gotta get his head out of his ass. The Hemp Growers  
19 Association has been reaching out to his office  
20 everyday --

21           CHAIR: Excuse me, Mr. -- Mr. Norcia.

22           MR. NORCIA: -- since the day in October.

23           CHAIR: Mr. -- excuse me. Mr. Norcia?

24 Mr. Norcia? Sorry, Mr. Norcia?

25           MR. NORCIA: And he's refusing to answer

1 us. Yes.

2 CHAIR: I'm gonna ask -- I'm gonna pause  
3 your -- your time for a second here and ask that you  
4 refrain from using profanity, please. Totally fine for  
5 you to critique and -- and you know, express your --  
6 your frustration but please, let's remove the  
7 profanity. Thank you.

8 MR. NORCIA: I guess the truth hurts.  
9 Sorry, you know, but he's gotta get his head outta  
10 something because he's not paying attention to what's  
11 going on in this state and there's gonna be a lawsuit.  
12 I will be the first lawsuit within 24 hours if  
13 something goes through psychoactive hemp bill, whether  
14 it's 4509 or Carol D. Checks A5068 and it does not  
15 bring up the hemp program. We will have lawsuits.  
16 They have this psychoactive hemp lawsuit because of,  
17 you know, a lawsuit. Well it's bullshit the fact that  
18 we were never allowed to do that anyway and we got  
19 thrown into that.

20 CHAIR: Mr. Norcia, you have -- this is  
21 your last warning on the profanity. It's your last  
22 warning. I wanna give you all the time that you're --  
23 that you're allotted and entitled to here, but you've  
24 gotta stop with the profanity.

25 MR. NORCIA: All right. Well maybe

1 Governor Murphy's office will then start reaching out  
2 to us and Scutari's office will reach out to us so we  
3 don't have to have situations like this 'cause my next  
4 move is showing up in Trenton with my tractor and  
5 manure spreader and feeding you guys the same crap that  
6 you guys are feeding us. It's getting ridiculous.  
7 We're on another whole growing season and we're not  
8 gonna be in it as far as I'm concerned by October when  
9 we gotta harvest. So once again, it's crap going on  
10 that shouldn't be.

11                   The Department of Agriculture, we are a  
12 100 percent state and federally compliant and yet --  
13 okay. You guys are supposed to come out laws and you  
14 guys never came out with nothing. We know there's a  
15 lawsuit, but your last thing said what we were doing  
16 was illegal but there's no enforcement and you guys did  
17 not do anything to back that up or say anything to  
18 anybody.

19                   So something's -- actions gotta happen  
20 because there are businesses here that are suffering.  
21 You guys keep claiming this billion dollar industry --

22                   THE SECRETARY: 30 seconds.

23                   MR. NORCIA: -- while you're shutting us  
24 down and we were here first. So we need to make things  
25 work. And sorry if I'm not speaking to you but really



1 I'm speaking to Scutari's office right now and Murphy's  
2 office.

3           So I really don't care how it goes. I'll  
4 let you go for now. I'll be at the next meeting. If -  
5 - you guys really need to make your operator stop  
6 bringing over stuff over hemp lines. They're operating  
7 under the same stuff, the same, you know, farm bill  
8 loopholes that the gas stations and smoke shop under.

9           If you guys want legitimate businesses  
10 that are going by the rules, have them stop bringing  
11 stuff over state lines. It's illegal. Their  
12 distillate is adult-use. It's interstate commerce.  
13 Cannabis should not be over state lines, hemp either,  
14 if it's adult-use. I know it is 'cause I speak to the  
15 people and I know what they're doing.

16           You guys need to do your jobs and start  
17 acting on this. We've been speaking about this since  
18 October last year. So I'll be at the next meeting in  
19 person. Thank you for today.

20           THE SECRETARY: Thank you, Thomas.

21           The next person on the list is Jim  
22 Beasley. If you're in the room, please raise your  
23 hand. And the last four is 0255. Jim Beasley? I  
24 don't see that person.

25           I'm just gonna go over the list again real

1 quick. Craig Hobdy, last four is 5915. Steven Young,  
2 last four is 9105. Amy Groome, last four is 1904.  
3 Russell Lash, 1751. James Ferren, last four is 7789.  
4 Shane Oleary, last four is 5609. Samuel Reichbart,  
5 last four is 3654. Dr. Roz McCarthy, last four is  
6 1302. John Wise, last four is 0810. Ronald Jost, last  
7 four is 4238. Ethan Lopez, 5440. Richelle Boyle, last  
8 four is 2002. Jim Beasley, last four is 0255.

9 Chairwoman, this will conclude the  
10 registered speakers we have for today's public meeting.

11 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said, and thank you  
12 to all those who shared their thoughts. Please in the  
13 future, let's avoid profanity. We do have to -- we  
14 have transcriber using -- using a -- I'm sorry.  
15 Transcribing our public meetings and we don't wanna  
16 have to remove anybody from our public meetings. So  
17 please just avoid the profanity in the future.

18 This concludes the business that we have  
19 before us today. So with that, I move that we adjourn  
20 today's meeting. Is there a second?

21 VICE CHAIR: I second.

22 MS. MAPP: Seconded by Commissioner Nash.

23 Is there any discussion on this motion to  
24 adjourn? Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of  
25 adjourning say, aye?

1 MS. MAPP: Aye.

2 VICE CHAIR: Aye.

3 CHAIR: All those opposed say, nay? Any  
4 abstentions? The motion passes. The time is 1:13 and  
5 we are adjourned. Thank you everyone for your  
6 attendance today and we will see you at the next board  
7 meeting in August. Take care.

8 (Meeting concluded)

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