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**PUBLIC MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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3 DIANNA HOUENOU, Chair

4 KRISTA NASH, Vice Chair

5 AMELIA MAPP

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1 CHAIR: All right. Good morning everyone.  
2 Thank you for joining us on this special meeting of the  
3 New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission. The time is  
4 10 o'clock and we -- and I call this meeting to order.

5 Mr. Said, please read the notice of the  
6 public meeting.

7 MR. SAID: Chairwoman, this is a special  
8 meeting of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory  
9 Commission's 2025 annual meeting schedule. Adequate  
10 notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance  
11 with the Senator Byron M. Bear Open Public Meetings  
12 Act. Notice of the -- of the special meeting was  
13 provided to the Asbury Park Press, Bergen Record and  
14 Courier-Post on November 13th 2025. The agenda and  
15 information regarding the virtual nature of the meeting  
16 and the ability to live stream was also posted on the  
17 CRC website. The meeting time and location has also  
18 been posted on the website of the New Jersey Cannabis  
19 Regulatory Commission and with the Office of the  
20 Secretary of the State.

21 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said. Can you  
22 please take roll call?

23 MR. SAID: Commissioner Mapp?

24 MS. AMELIA MAPP: Present.

25 MR. SAID: Vice Chair Nash?

1 VICE CHAIR: Present.

2 MR. SAID: Chairwoman Houenou.

3 CHAIR: Present.

4 MR. SAID: We now have a quorum.

5 The first order of business on the agenda  
6 is a committee report from the public engagement and  
7 education committee.

8 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said.

9 I'll turn the floor to Commissioner Mapp  
10 to provide the committee report.

11 MS. MAPP: Well, good morning all. Thank  
12 you chair.

13 The public and engagement education  
14 committee is statutorily required to hold at least  
15 three hearings per year in order to solicit input from  
16 the public regarding the use of the social equity  
17 excise fees. These are specific meetings for you the  
18 public to have your voices heard. Upon completion of  
19 these sessions and based solely on your suggestions,  
20 the public engagement and education committee will then  
21 compile a report to be included in the CRCs  
22 recommendations to the governor and the legislator --  
23 legislator. Your participation is essential. And in  
24 order to have your voices heard, you can register to  
25 speak or submit your written comments via the -- via

1 the links that will be provided prior to each session.

2 This is your meeting. We want to hear  
3 from you. We want to hear your thoughts, your ideas  
4 and suggestions. Hence, this is your opportunity to  
5 candidly communicate with the commission.

6 The schedule dates for these meetings or  
7 listening sessions are Thursday, January 15th, 1:30 to  
8 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 21st, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
9 and Thursday, January 29th, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

10 Again, I look forward to your robust  
11 participation. Thank you.

12 Back to you chair.

13 CHAIR: Thank you, Commissioner Mapp. We  
14 look forward to seeing all the -- the engagement from  
15 members of the public joining our hearings and -- and  
16 then having the public engagement education committee  
17 come back to us with a written report that will be  
18 adopted by the sole board proposing recommendations for  
19 the use of the social equity excise fee. Thank you so  
20 much. I'm looking forward to -- to those hearings.  
21 I'm looking forward to seeing members of the public  
22 joining those hearings and sharing their thoughts and  
23 ideas.

24 MS. MAPP: Thank you.

25 CHAIR: With that we will move on.

1           MR. SAID: The -- the next item on the  
2 agenda is for the commission to go into executive  
3 session to discuss legal matters and litigation and  
4 investigation updates. These are discussions that are  
5 not shared with the public. We believe the executive  
6 session should take about two and a-half hours.

7           CHAIR: Thank you. I move that we enter  
8 into executive session to discuss the litigation, legal  
9 advice, investigation updates and other matters  
10 appropriate for executive session.

11           For members of the public, we do not  
12 anticipate taking any formal action on any items after  
13 the executive session, including any permit or license  
14 applications.

15           With that, is there a second on this  
16 motion?

17           MS. MAPP: Second.

18           CHAIR: Seconded by Commissioner Mapp.

19           Any discussion on this motion? Hearing no  
20 discussion, all those in favor of entering executive  
21 session say aye.

22           MS. MAPP: Aye.

23           VICE CHAIR: Aye.

24           CHAIR: All those opposed, say nay. Any  
25 extensions? The motion passes.

1           So Esther (ph), as Mr. Said mentioned, we  
2   expect the executive session to last approximately  
3   two and a-half hours, so we expect to come back for  
4   adjournment at -- close to 12:30. We will leave the  
5   live stream running during that time. Thank you for  
6   your patience everyone.

7           Hi everyone. I believe we're just waiting  
8   for one other person to join us so we'll begin shortly.

9           All right. Just really, we've got  
10 everyone we need. So the time is 12:52 and we'll  
11 resume the -- this special meeting for adjournment.  
12 Thank you everybody for your patience.

13           As promised earlier, the board, it will  
14 not be taking any formal action on any items today  
15 after the executive session, including any permit or  
16 license applications.

17           So that concludes the business before us  
18 today. Hope everybody joins us for the public  
19 engagement and education committees, public hearings in  
20 January for recommendations on the social equity excise  
21 fee.

22           And with that I move that we adjourn  
23 today's meeting. Is there a second?

24           VICE CHAIR: Second.

25           CHAIR: Seconded by Vice Chair Nash.

1                   Is there any discussion on this motion to  
2 adjourn? Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of  
3 adjourning say aye.

4                   MS. MAPP: Aye.

5                   VICE CHAIR: Aye.

6                   CHAIR: All those opposed say nay. Any  
7 extensions? The motion passes.

8                   So the time is 12:53 and we are adjourned.  
9 Have a great rest of the day everyone. Bye.

10                  MS. MAPP: Do the same. Take care.

11                  CHAIR: Bye.

12                               (Meeting concluded at 12:53 p.m.)

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