



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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TO: Cannabis Regulatory Commission Board			
FROM: Christopher Riggs, Acting Executive Director			

BACKGROUND

On August 19, 2021, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (herein referenced as the “Commission” or “CRC”) adopted rules pursuant to P.L. 2021, C.16 which established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories.

This memo outlines the process and recommendations concerning applications for conversion from microbusiness to a standard business.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

To review applications by microbusinesses to convert to a standard cannabis business, the CRC has developed an application review process that aligns with the authorizing statutes and the CRC’s regulations. The process includes the following steps:

1. Operational Timeline– Applications are reviewed to ensure that the applicant has been operational for at least one year prior to applying for conversion.
2. Good Standing – Applications are reviewed to ensure that the applicant has been in good standing with the CRC.
3. Completeness Review – Applications are reviewed for completeness to ensure everything required by the CRC’s regulations is included in the application, and all necessary fees have been paid. If an application is deemed incomplete, it is marked for rejection and curing.
4. Quality Control – Any application that is deemed eligible for approval following a completeness review is then given a quality control review to ensure that the determination is accurate.
5. Recommendation to the CRC Board – Applications that pass a quality control check are then recommended for approval to the board.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION

It is recommended that the applications listed below be presented to the Board of Commissioners for the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission for conversion from microbusiness to standard business. The below-listed applicants have satisfied the requirements as set forth in CRC’s regulations and are in good standing. Each of the below-listed applicants has been operational for at least one (1) year and has paid the required submission fee of \$200.



Standard Conversion App ID	Applicant Business Name	Priority	DOB Category	Business Type	License Expiration Date	Operational Date	Update Request Submission Date
28905	Neptune's Garden LLC	2A	WBE	Cultivator	8/1/2026	8/28/2024	9/9/2025
28443	Plantopia LLC	2C	WBE	Retailer	9/11/2026	10/13/2024	9/2/2025

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

The two (2) applications of microbusinesses seeking to convert to standard cannabis businesses listed above have been deemed complete and have been reviewed for potential approval. They have also been reviewed for license-holder qualification provisions, for license-holder limitations. All recommended approvals have been deemed qualified to convert to a standard cannabis business following this review, probity and criminal history background check, if applicable.

CRC staff have determined that these applications are eligible for approval by the CRC. Therefore, CRC staff recommend the CRC Board approve these microbusinesses for conversion to a standard cannabis business.

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