

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
Public In-Writing Comments  
Public Meeting: January 13, 2026

Full Name	Meeting Date	Comment
Sydney Turner	1/13/2026	<p>Rowan Students for Sensible Drug Policy:</p> <p>Taxpayer dollars generated from cannabis sales should be spent on giving back to the people who were most affected in communities. Ways the state could help make communities better is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Providing free lunch to all public students and some grants for state college students for food</li> <li>2) creating a extra curricular activity voucher program. Families and communities that have been economically impacted would receive a voucher to participate in an NJ small business program. must be a New Jersey resident business owner to register with the CRC to participate. This program would allow all families to access 3-4 months of service at an art studio, jiu-jitsu, sports, martial arts, or swimming, something most low-income families cannot afford for their children that they would love to participate in. This would start to create a stronger relationship within communities. The families would take these vouchers to the NJ small businesses that they can choose from the register list. Once a student registers with that voucher, the CRC will pay that business for the service. This is a great way to help families and NJ residents who have a business but maybe not the foot traffic to thrive. Many families need to get off the phone and electronics and spend quality time out of the house.</li> <li>3) Invest in emotional regulation classes or free therapy for families with past cannabis convictions</li> </ol> <p>The CRC can give people hope and strengthen Black and brown communities and low income. Black NJ residents were 3 times more likely to be arrested than white residents, even though reports show similar usage rates. It's time to give back money to communities from which economic opportunity was taken. Economic segregation is real in New Jersey. What can the CRC use NJ tax dollars to help fix this problem?</p>
Ashanti Sullivan	1/13/2026	<p>I really appreciated being able to see the list of applications being discussed prior to the December meeting. It would be beneficial to all applicants to have this type of transparency and visibility going forward. It helps with the anxiety of having to wait through almost the entire public meeting just to find out the anticipated application isn't even going to be discussed. Also, it prevents people from feeling like their time is being wasted on a monthly basis waiting for something that's not happening. If possible, it would be amazing to have the list prior to the meeting would be awesome. Thank you all for what you do. Also, welcome Commissioner Lauffer!</p>

Andrea Raible	1/13/2026	<p>Happy new year and welcome to Commissioner Laufer. As we witness the ongoing evolution of the commission I would like to reflect on where it began:</p> <p>Cannabis was originally made available to the sickest patients with no hope of survival.</p> <p>This was essentially a hospice program.</p> <p>The cannabis industry is about medicine and about mercy at its core. Today the adult use industry is flourishing. That growth required a lot of hard work, and is certainly something for our state to be proud of, but as you take your journey as commissioners I urge you to remember you are running a medical program and a hospice program at the core. You register our doctors, oversee the manufacturing of our medicine, and control the only pharmacies we are allowed to use.</p> <p>It can be so easy to get caught up in the rapid pace of the adult use expansion that it is easy to overlook the most vulnerable groups who rely on you. While the industry has lawyers and assistants and resources to make their priorities loud and clear, the patients do not. The patients are at chemo appointments, and in hospital beds, and having seizures on their living room floors. The patients are fighting for their lives and when you're fighting for breath you simply can't speak loud enough to compete with the noise \$2 billion dollars makes.... But as commissioners it is your responsibility to hear us and to be our voice.</p> <p>We need affordable and reliable access to clean, accurately-labeled medicine.</p> <p>I understand some key issues like legalizing home cultivation fall on legislators not the CRC, but I ask that you explore improvements that can be made internally.</p> <p>Lowering the testing batch size, labeling solvents on packaging, and creating a public database of all COAs are a few examples but the list could go on - The ongoing investigation regarding potential potency inflation and microbial testing is an important start. We need accountability at the lab level to minimize risks to consumers, workers, and other license holders.</p> <p>We need a team of leaders at the helm who are not scared to do what is right to keep this industry on track and to protect patients... even if it means traveling in uncharted territory. There are lots of different places to be a businessman, lawyer, or public servant - but as cannabis commissioners you are uniquely positioned to have a direct impact on healthcare now and for the future. Other states look to the NJ cannabis program and we are approaching a tipping point in federal scheduling so I can't help but wonder- Is this the year when the NJ medical program fizzles out, or is this the year where we innovate and set the new</p>
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