





April 23, 2026



Agenda

- Call to order and roll call
- Nominations of Chair and Vice Chair
- Closed executive session (anticipated 30 minutes)
- Approval of prior meeting minutes
- Committee Reports
 - Public Engagement and Education Committee report on recommended appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee
- Applications for permit or license changes
 - Ownership changes
 - Location changes
 - Site modification



Agenda

- Cannabis business applications
 - Microbusiness-to-standard conversion
 - Conditional-to-annual conversions
 - Annual licenses
 - Expanded ATC certifications
 - Annual license renewals
- Cases, claims, and petitions
 - Determination of rehabilitation
- Notices of enforcement action
- Public comment
- Adjournment



Call to Order and Roll Call



Nominations of Chair and Vice Chair



Vote:

To elect Vice Chair



Vote:

To elect Chair



Closed Executive Session

(Approximately 30 minutes)



Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes



Committee Report



Public Engagement and Education Committee Report on Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

About the NJ-CRC

- Independent agency launched on April 12, 2021
- 3,112 recreational applications submitted
- 69% diversely-owned businesses
- 23% social equity businesses
- Mission: safety, equity, inclusion



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

What is the Social Equity Excise Fee (SEEF)?

- Per-ounce flat fee on adult-use cannabis cultivation
- 2026 rate: \$2.50/oz.
- Collected from cultivators
- FY2026: \$12.4M (estimated)
- FY2027: \$14.1M (projected)
- Underage Deterrence and Prevention Account (15% \$1.9M)
- \$10.5M FY 2026 Recommended Programs



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Public engagement process

3 virtual public hearings held in January 2026

- 25 speakers, 37 written comment submissions
- Promoted via NJ-CRC channels
- Videos available on website: njcrcgov.info/SEEF



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Public recommendations – Key categories

- Economic and technical assistance
- Criminal justice reform and reinvestment
- Workforce development and youth services
- Public health

NJ-CRC makes recommendations only



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Economic and technical assistance recommendations

- Grants and loans for equity businesses
- Support higher education and libraries
- Technical assistance for cannabis applicants or cannabis businesses



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Criminal justice reform and reinvestment

- Low interest forgivable loans
- Criminal justice reform and reinvestment
- Reentry: education and vocational programs
- Housing for the unhoused



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Workforce development and youth services

- Scholarship and vocational training
- Cannabis-specific apprenticeships
- Youth afterschool and safe spaces
- Lunch programs



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Public health

- Expanded healthcare in impacted areas
- Maternal health programs
- Physician education
- Harm-reduction services
- Underage prevention and safe use messaging



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Current SEEF fund status

- FY2026: \$12.4M (estimated)
- FY2027: \$14.1M (projected)



Recommended Appropriations of Social Equity Excise Fee

Final recommendations and next steps

- Invest SEEF in:
 - Grants and loans for equity cannabis businesses
 - Public-driven priority programs



Applications for Permit or License Changes



Ownership Changes



Ownership Change Applications:

- Franklin Roots Inc.
- HarvestWorks Farm Corp.
- Mountain Dispensary
- Mountain View Farmacy LLC
- NAR Cannabis
- Vigor Dispensary Tinton Falls LLC



Vote:

**To approve ownership
change applications**



Location Changes



Location Change Applications:

- High Tide Industries LLC, 3500 Sunset Avenue, Suite B1, Ocean
 - **3500 Sunset Avenue, Suite A1, Ocean**
- Lucky Buds LLC, 244 W. 1st Avenue, Roselle
 - **15 Oram's Lane, Oxford**



Vote:

**To approve location
change applications**



Site Modification



Site Modification

- Lucky Buds LLC
 - **Requesting modification of cultivation canopy tier to allow expansion from Tier I to Tier VI (canopy area cannot exceed 10,000 sq. ft.) to Tier VI (canopy area greater than 100,000 sq. ft., but does not exceed 150,000 sq. ft.)**



Vote:

**To approve application
for site modification**



Cannabis Business Applications



Business Conversion



Business Conversion Application:

- Hearth Wellness LLC
 - **Convert from microbusiness to standard cannabis business**



Vote:

**To approve business
conversion application**



Conditional-to-Annual Conversion Applications



Conditional-to-Annual License Conversion Applications

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



Adult-Use: Consideration of Conditional-to-Annual license conversion applications

Recommendation:

No.	App ID	Applicant Business Name	Business Type	Business Category
1	14109	RRB Extraction	Manufacturer	Standard
2	11375	HoneyGrove Elmwood Park	Retailer	Standard



Vote:

To approve 2 Conditional-to-Annual Conversion license applications



Annual Applications



Annual license applications

- 5 annual licenses
 - 1 manufacturer
 - 4 retailers



Adult-Use: Consideration of annual license applications

Recommendation:

No.	App ID	Applicant Business Name	Business Type	Business Category
1	29827	Hashery	Manufacturer	Standard
2	44237	Indigo Belvidere	Retailer	Standard
3	25954	Marest NJ	Retailer	Standard
4	49134	Troy Hills Club LLC	Retailer	Standard
5	44201	The Vault Dispensary Millville	Retailer	Standard



Vote:
**To approve 5 Annual
license applications**



Expanded ATC Certification Applications



Expanded ATC Certifications

- **NJ Leaf**
 - Class 5 Retailer, 369 Rt. 35 South, Aberdeen
- **NJ Nectar Ventures LLC**
 - Class 1 Cultivator, 1011 Whitehead Road Ext, Ewing



Vote:

**To approve
expansion certifications**



Annual Renewal Applications



Annual license renewals

- Creative Flavors by Esther (2)
- Culture Craft Cannabis Collective LLC (1)
- Theo A. Cannabis LLC (1)
- OTC Jersey LLC (1)
- Enlighten Health & Wellness (1)
- One Green Leaf LLC (1)
- HillviewMed Inc (1)
- Brute's Roots (1)
- High Grass Farms LLC (1)
- Sweet Leaf's Dispensary LLC (1)
- Twisted Hat Cannabis (1)
- NJ Pure LLC (1)
- Fresh Elizabeth LLC (1)
- Benedict's Supply LLC (1)

Adult-Use
Licenses



Annual license renewals

- Moja Life (1)
- Green Knight Cannabis LLC (1)
- Citi Roots LLC (1)
- RushBudz Dispensary LLC (1)
- New Frontier Solutions LLC (1)
- Public Absecon (1)
- Union Chill Cannabis Company (1)



Adult-Use
Licenses



Vote:

**To approve 22 Annual
Renewal license applications**



Annual license renewal

The Honorable Plant LLC (1)



Adult-Use
Licenses



Vote:

**To approve 1 Annual Renewal
license application**



Cases, Claims, and Petitions



Determination of Rehabilitation



Determination of Rehabilitation

Recommendation on Rehabilitation:

- *Reinstatement of employee identification card*
- Regarding **2 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 2 ATC employees**



Notices of Enforcement Actions



INV Number	Entity Name	Violation
INV-09-2026	Hashery LLC	Failure to adhere to the Adult Use regulations by using an unapproved RV for advertisement, allowing cannabis paraphernalia to be visible to the public, storing cannabis product in an unsecure area, preventing the clear monitoring of activity within the vault, and not updating its cannabis product inventories on a daily basis

Vote:



INV Number	Entity Name	Violation
INV-10-26	Green Oasis Dispensary NJ LLC	Failure to adhere to the Adult Use regulations by failing to restrict dispensary access to authorized personnel, failing to maintain complete, accurate, and confidential records of all cannabis product sales, and failing to collect the required taxes on those sales

Vote:



INV Number	Entity Name	Violation
INV-17-26	CREAM Retail Dispensary Corp.	Failure to adhere to the Adult Use regulations by failing to sell cannabis items directly to a consumer and failing to verify consumer ages via the examination of photo ID

Vote:



Delegation of Authority of Annual License Renewals and Administrative Extensions

Item was added to agenda during executive session



Vote:

**To approve delegation of authority
of annual license renewals and
administrative extensions**



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

For virtual callers:

- **Press *9** to raise your hand, if dialing in through a phone number.
- **Press *6** when the meeting host asks you to unmute yourself.



Adjournment

Details for our next **in-person** meeting on **Thursday, May 14**, at 11 a.m., will be posted on nj.gov/cannabis/meetings

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Thanks for watching!

Get in touch...

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