

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
 Public In-Writing Comments  
Public Meeting: May 14, 2026

Full Name	Meeting Date	Comment
Richard Neale	5.14. 2026	Hi There, I finally got my CO and passed my Final inspection. I'm just waiting on my license number. My officer wasn't sure exactly how long this will take. I'm writing to you hoping you can help and try to expedite this process. I've been paying rent for over a year and working on this for over 3 years. I put my life savings into it and need to start generating cash flow so I don't lose everything I worked so hard for. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you
Mary Nichols	5.14.2026	I attended the PSEG Commercial & Nonprofit Prescriptive Program on February 26, 2026. I filled out the PSEG request in March and received a non working number from Mr. Wesley McWhite for Mr. Glenn [Williams] and have emailed following up. I still have not received any information from Mr. Glenn nor have I received valid contact information for Mr. Glenn from Mr. Wesley. I would like to have someone get back to me so I can apply for the program. Otherwise it was a waste of time to attend the webinar.
Matha Figaro	5.14.2026	<p>Good morning Commissioners,</p> <p>My name is Matha Figaro, co-founder of CannPowerment, a New Jersey Class 2 manufacturer in Neptune, NJ.</p> <p>NJ bill A5051 creates a major economic imbalance between CRC regulated THC beverages and intoxicating hemp beverages.</p> <p>As introduced on May 7, 2026, A5051 would allow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 750mL hemp THC bottles</li> <li>• up to 200mg THC per bottle</li> <li>• a 90–110% potency variance</li> <li>• broader retail access through alcohol channels and open shelf placement</li> </ul> <p>One 200mg hemp bottle equals the THC content of FORTY 5mg regulated THC beverages.... 🤔</p> <p>For CRC manufacturers like CannPowerment, that same consumer demand can represent roughly \$240 in regulated wholesale beverage sales.</p> <p>Under A5051, a hemp operator could compete for that same demand with one bottle potentially priced between \$25 and \$40.</p>

	<p>Meanwhile, CRC manufacturers continue paying for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• METRC</li> <li>• compliance staff</li> <li>• testing</li> <li>• child resistant packaging</li> <li>• stability testing</li> <li>• cannabis taxes</li> <li>• strict labeling and advertising compliance under N.J.A.C. 17:30.</li> </ul> <p>Commissioners, we are not asking the State to ban hemp beverages.</p> <p>We are asking for parity.</p> <p>If hemp beverages are allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 750mL bottles</li> <li>• 200mg formats</li> <li>• alcohol distribution</li> <li>• potency flexibility</li> </ul> <p>then CRC licensed THC beverage manufacturers deserve the exact same opportunities.</p> <p>So today I am asking the Commission to publicly support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equal bottle formats for CRC THC beverages</li> <li>• equal potency variance standards</li> <li>• equal access to alcohol distribution</li> <li>• equal tax treatment for hemp products sold in dispensaries</li> <li>• and a formal economic impact review of A5051 on New Jersey’s regulated cannabis manufacturing sector</li> </ul> <p>The State cannot continue creating two separate THC beverage markets with two completely different economic realities.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Binal Amin</p>	<p>Chair Laufer, Vice Chair Ferraro, Commissioners Mapp and Nash, and Acting Executive Director Riggs:</p> <p>As the Commission continues to scale oversight of New Jersey's growing cannabis market, I'd like to bring to your attention a compliance automation capability that could significantly reduce the burden on CRC staff while strengthening enforcement consistency across all licensees.</p> <p>OmniPay Solutions is a biometric ACH payment platform planning to be serving New Jersey cannabis dispensaries (We cover Class 1 to 6 license). Every transaction processed through our system requires facial</p>

	<p>recognition verification, creating an irrefutable identity and payment record tied to each sale.</p> <p>We are prepared to integrate our payment data directly with the Metrc seed-to-sale tracking system. This integration would enable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real-time reconciliation of payment amounts against Metrc inventory movements — flagging discrepancies within seconds rather than weeks</li> <li>• Automated compliance scoring per licensee, reducing the need for manual audits</li> <li>• Anomaly detection for patterns such as inventory shrinkage, off-hours transactions, or volume irregularities</li> <li>• Exportable evidence packages with biometric proof to support enforcement actions</li> </ul> <p>This closed-loop system — where every dollar is matched to every gram, verified by biometrics — would give the Commission continuous compliance visibility without expanding headcount, and would treat every licensee equally regardless of the market's growth.</p> <p>To begin this integration, we would need a Metrc vendor API key from the Commission.</p> <p>We respectfully request the opportunity to present this technology to the Commission or its staff at your convenience. We are happy to meet in Trenton or provide a virtual demonstration.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued leadership in building a nationally recognized regulatory framework.</p> <p>Binal Amin  Founder &amp; CEO, OmniPay Solutions  (732) 558-7464  Binal.Amin@omnipay-solution.com  omnipossolution.com</p>
<p>Matha Figaro</p>	<p>To the Cannabis Regulatory Commission:</p> <p>I am a licensed Class 2 cannabis manufacturer producing canned THC beverages in New Jersey. I am submitting this comment for the public record to ask the Commission to prepare cannabis rules for the November 13, 2026 hemp transition before that date arrives, so consumers are not confused and regulated operators are not caught flat-footed.</p> <p>On November 13, intoxicating hemp beverages move out of the ABC channel and products exceeding the federal hemp definition come under the Commission's authority. In the meantime, A5051 — now on 2nd</p>

		<p>Reading in the Assembly — would permit hemp beverages in 750 mL resealable bottles holding up to 200 mg of total THC across 40 servings. Whatever the Legislature ultimately does, the Commission will be left regulating a market where consumers must distinguish two beverage categories. Aligning the rules ahead of time prevents both consumer confusion and an uneven playing field.</p> <p>I respectfully ask the Commission to consider three things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Transition readiness. The shift to CRC oversight should have clear rules in place before November 13, not after. Operators need to know now how converting hemp products will be tested, packaged, labeled, and licensed so the switchover is orderly.</li><li>2. A defined pathway for hemp brands to enter the regulated market. There is a real opportunity to bring established hemp beverage brands into the legal cannabis market through partnerships with Class 2 manufacturers, much as legacy cannabis operators were brought in at legalization. Clear Commission guidance on how that can be done compliantly would let responsible brands transition rather than disappear or move to the gray market.</li><li>3. Revisiting the beverage potency limit in N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.5. Under the current rule, ingestible cannabis products are capped at 100 mg of active THC per package, with single servings limited to 10 mg — except beverages, which are held to 5 mg per single serving. The result is that a CRC-regulated cannabis beverage is restricted to a smaller, more limited format than a chemically comparable ingestible such as a syrup or tincture, which may carry the full 100 mg per package across multiple servings. Once A5051 takes effect, a hemp beverage could legally reach 200 mg in a 40-serving resealable bottle, while a regulated cannabis beverage — made by an operator held to the Commission's strictest testing and safety standards — remains capped at 5 mg per serving. That inverts the regulatory hierarchy: the most tightly regulated product receives the most restrictive format. A format-neutral approach — regulating beverages by total THC per package with clear, accurate per-serving labeling, consistent with other ingestibles — would close that gap.</li></ol> <p>I am not asking the Commission to relax safety standards. I am asking that they be applied consistently across ingestible formats.</p> <p>I would welcome the opportunity to contribute further, including through a stakeholder session with Class 2 manufacturers ahead of any transition rulemaking. Thank you for considering this comment. Matha Figaro</p>
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