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1 ROLL CALL:

2 Chair Harris Laufer

3 Commissioner Sean Kennedy

4 Commissioner Amelia Mapp

5 Commissioner Krista Nash.

6 Vice Chair Jacqueline Ferraro.

7 CHAIR: All right. I am now four minutes
8 late. We'll try and make it up in executive session.
9 I'm now gonna call this meeting to order. Mr. Said,
10 can you please read the statement of compliance?

11 THE SECRETARY: Good morning, everyone,
12 Chair. This is a rescheduling of the public meeting of
13 the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission's 2026
14 annual meeting schedule.

15 Adequate notice of this meeting has been
16 provided in accordance with the Senator Byron M. Baer
17 Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the special
18 meeting was posted to the NJCRC Legal Notices webpage
19 on June 4th, 2026 in accordance with Public Law 2025
20 Chapter 72. The agenda and information regarding the
21 virtual nature of the meeting and the ability to
22 livestream was also posted on the CRC website.

23 The meeting time and location has an --
24 has also been posted on the website of the New Jersey
25 Cannabis Regulatory Commission and with the Office of

1 the Secretary of the State.

2 CHAIR: Okay. Mr. Said, can you please
3 take a roll call?

4 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER SEAN KENNEDY: Here.

6 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?
7 Commissioner Mapp?

8 CHAIR: I can attest to her being here.
9 So let's skip her and we'll see what's up.

10 THE SECRETARY: Okay. Commissioner Nash?

11 COMMISSIONER KRISTA NASH: Present.

12 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

13 VICE CHAIR: Present.

14 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

15 CHAIR: I am also present. Before we go
16 into executive session, I do wanna afford -- you may
17 have noticed the change to the roll call. I do wanna
18 afford our newest commissioner, Sean Kennedy, the
19 ability to say a few words. So Commissioner Kennedy,
20 the floor is yours.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Oh, thank you,
22 Chair. Good morning, everyone. I just wanna say I'm
23 honored to be here working alongside such a great group
24 of people. Looking forward to getting to work,
25 contributing to the Commission's mission, and

1 ultimately helping support New Jersey's cannabis
2 industry.

3 I'd also like to extend a sincere thank
4 you to Senate President Nick Scutari for giving me the
5 chance to continue serving the people of New Jersey and
6 truly appreciate his confidence in me and look forward
7 to working with all of you. Thank you so much.

8 CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you,
9 Commissioner Kennedy. I've known Sean for, it's gotta
10 be close to a decade at this point. He's -- he's got a
11 vast public -- public sector knowledge and he'll be a
12 credit to this commission. Seeing that, is there a
13 motion to go into closed executive session with the
14 anticipated timeframe of about 90 minutes?

15 COMMISSIONER NASH: I move to go into
16 executive session.

17 VICE CHAIR: Chair, I second.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 THE GROUP: Aye.

20 (Executive session begins)

21 CHAIR: All right. We're in closed
22 session. Once again, it should take about 90 minutes.
23 Thank you very much. Okay. I think we are ready to
24 go. Do a quick sound check. Can you hear me?

25 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIR: Good stuff.

2 VICE CHAIR: Yes, I can hear you.

3 CHAIR: Good stuff. All right. Wait a
4 couple minutes on the -- on the slides and then we'll
5 get moving.

6 VICE CHAIR: Do we have -- did we lose
7 Krista?

8 CHAIR: Nope, I see her.

9 VICE CHAIR: Oh, okay. Cut off. Oh, I
10 see.

11 COMMISSIONER NASH: I'm here.

12 VICE CHAIR: You're there. Okay.

13 CHAIR: All right. All right. Danny, can
14 you let me know when we're good in terms of slides?

15 THE SECRETARY: I think we're good.

16 CHAIR: Good to go. Okay. Excellent.
17 All right. Thank you for everybody who -- who waited
18 or joined late. We are back from closed session. So
19 we need a motion to enter -- reenter into open. Is
20 there a motion?

21 VICE CHAIR: So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER NASH: Second.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 VICE CHAIR: Aye.

25 THE SECRETARY: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER NASH: Aye.

2 CHAIR: 12:23. We're back in.

3 (Executive session ends)

4 CHAIR: Next is approval of the prior
5 meeting minutes. Is there a motion to approve the
6 prior meeting minutes which would be June?

7 VICE CHAIR: Chair, a motion to approve.

8 CHAIR: Ferraro. Second?

9 COMMISSIONER AMELIA MAPP: I second.

10 CHAIR: Second Mapp. All in favor?

11 THE GROUP: Aye.

12 CHAIR: All right. Next is a, I'll do a -
13 - I'll have a very brief chair's report. So I've been
14 -- I wanna -- as I did before, I'd like to formally
15 welcome Sean Kennedy to the board of commissioners.
16 And I know we'll do great work together. And just a
17 couple things that I wanted to highlight you know, now
18 that we are about a month into our -- our new committee
19 structure and our new you know, our new way of doing
20 business as a commission, I wanna -- I wanna do a -- a
21 couple highlights.

22 Highlight Number 1 is -- is you know, Vice
23 Chair Ferraro and Commissioner Nash have -- are -- are
24 well underway in their -- in their new business round
25 table in -- and, you know, we're looking at this -- at

1 these types of issues with a lens toward improvement.
2 I mean, obviously everybody knows, or if you don't
3 know, now you'll, you're about to know changing the
4 rule package for the state of New Jersey is a
5 cumbersome process.

6 So we wanna make sure we're very
7 deliberative and we're making -- and we're very
8 intentional in the choices that we're making. So
9 expect -- expect some stuff coming out as soon as this
10 fall about, you know, the business round table. It's
11 gonna encompass, you know, every layer of this industry
12 in terms of -- in terms of that business. And we're
13 gonna hear more about it, but I just wanted to highlight
14 that.

15 And similarly, I wanna highlight
16 Commissioner Mapp and myself. I don't wanna highlight
17 myself, I really wanna highlight Commissioner Mapp on
18 this. But she is -- we are hard at work with -- with
19 the -- with ODI, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion
20 on a similar round table as it pertains to social
21 equity and social justice.

22 And we wanna make sure that as the agency
23 turns into a new -- a new light as we move more toward
24 enforcement and less toward licensing that we don't
25 lose one of the two pillars that hold us up, which --

1 and the two pillars are safety and equity. So we wanna
2 make sure that we are continuing and redoubling our
3 efforts in terms of making it an equitable -- equitable
4 business climate and an equitable climate for everybody
5 who are able to participate in this industry.

6 And I also wanna highlight you know, the
7 ODI staff and its director for -- for the part that
8 they're playing in this as well. So we look forward to
9 -- to really good things. And, you know, we're -- we
10 as a commission, we're always available. We're gonna
11 be -- we're gonna strive to be out in the community
12 more. We're gonna -- we're gonna wanna see businesses.
13 We're gonna wanna -- if you want us to come visit, I'm
14 sure you can get one of us to do so.

15 Like, we want to make sure that we're
16 witnessing the industry in action as opposed to not --
17 not seeking participation in the regulatory process.
18 So I look forward to hearing from everybody and
19 commissioners keep it up.

20 And, you know, it wouldn't be a chair's
21 report if I didn't say, you know, listen to our --
22 listen to your compliance officer because, you know, we
23 -- we have a -- we have a suite of -- of violations
24 coming up today and it's come -- coming down the pike,
25 and -- and a lot of them could be avoided if we listen

1 to our compliance officers. And we make sure that the
2 Commission as the regulatory body is part of the
3 process.

4 And that I think needs to be the biggest
5 deliverable here. We aren't an impediment to doing
6 business. We are a way to make sure business is safe
7 and equitable. So that concludes my chair's report.
8 Thank you very much. Next is the executive director's
9 report. I'm going to turn it over to Director Riggs.

10 MR. CHRISTOPHER RIGGS: Thank you, Chair.
11 Next slide, please. And welcome, Sean -- Sean Kennedy,
12 I wanna welcome him as well to this commission. We now
13 have five commissioners which we are statutorily
14 authorized to have, and it's gonna be a great thing,
15 and I'm looking forward to doing great things with each
16 and every one of you as we move forward through this
17 process.

18 Next on my list is updates on dispensary
19 openings. So we have a list here of the new
20 dispensaries that are opening. We're opening new
21 businesses every single day. 315 medicinal and
22 recreational dispensaries are all open in 21 counties
23 across the entire state.

24 CHAIR: Nice.

25 MR. RIGGS: So a licensing update, total

1 licenses approved as of July 13th of 2026. Overall,
2 since the existence of the CRC, we've had 3,252
3 applications submitted through our licensing portal.
4 2,540 -- 2,545 of those applications have already been
5 approved. 405 of them are sitting in review under the
6 Office of Licensing. 141 are pending resubmission
7 following a cure.

8 So if you're one of those 141
9 applications, please -- please resubmit, cure that
10 application. Staff's here to help, so reach out if you
11 have questions on the cure that you -- you've received.
12 And we also have 161 applications under review in our
13 Office of Compliance and Investigations.

14 Total recreational licenses approved as of
15 July 13th 2026, 1,693 conditionals have -- have been
16 approved. We've had 498 licenses take -- take
17 advantage of that conditional process and convert into
18 an annual license. 353 annual licenses and 91 expanded
19 alternative treatment centers.

20 Today, up for consideration, we have four
21 ownership changes that are recommended. One business
22 conversion, that's a micro to standard business
23 conversion. Six conditional and annual conversions,
24 two annual licenses, one expanded alternative treatment
25 center certification, an adult-use satellite request

1 and recommendation for approval, and 12 annual renewal
2 applications that are recommended for an administrative
3 extension.

4 Patient enrollment numbers as of July
5 15th, 2026. The total patients enrolled in New
6 Jersey's program is 44,476 with 2,895 caregivers and
7 1,549 doctors currently enrolled in our medicinal
8 cannabis program.

9 Now, for a little brief data update.
10 Licensed to operate. This is just a breakdown of the
11 grand total of licenses and the percentages that they
12 take up in the cannabis market. Adult-use cultivators
13 are now up to 71, that's 12 percent of our market.
14 That's increased significantly over the last calendar
15 year. I anticipate that number to continue to increase
16 as these cultivators, they take time to build out, but
17 they are getting to market.

18 We also have 82 manufacturers and 346
19 adult-use retailers, which is the main -- main focus in
20 our cannabis market. The -- the point-of-sale contact
21 for consumers, that's 57 percent of market.

22 Adult-use sales by month over the last 13
23 month. You'll see from June 2025, you know, \$93
24 million almost \$94 million in June of '25. And now in
25 June of '26, we're over \$115 million in total sales.

1 And -- and you'll see in -- in future slides, you know,
2 the year over year change is 22.8 percent in the dollar
3 figure, but we've also seen the price of cannabis
4 decrease in the adult-use market as well during that
5 time.

6 These are medical sales by month. They --
7 they're gradually falling as our patient numbers also
8 fall. Year over year, we're down, you know, a little
9 over, you know, four -- we had 4.6 million. Now we're
10 down to 2.7 million in June. It's about a 41 percent
11 reduction in -- in the calendar year.

12 These are combined sales distribution by
13 county. You can see where Camden County still
14 continues to dominate the sales here in New Jersey.
15 It's -- it's situated across the bridge from
16 Pennsylvania where they do not have an adult-use
17 market. So you have consumers coming across the bridge
18 to buy cannabis products. It's also situated
19 relatively, you know, close to the north of the
20 Delaware border as well.

21 So you're seeing folks in Camden County,
22 Monmouth and Burlington continue to -- to be two or
23 three every month that we see. And then, you know, our
24 counties that are -- have a lower population, lower
25 census data in Cumberland, Sussex, and Salem, they fall

1 towards the end and we could -- we could probably use
2 some more retail locations in those counties.

3 Combined transactions by month. I like to
4 look at the number of transactions because that doesn't
5 take into account the dollar figures with the price
6 falling and people buying more cannabis and things like
7 that, it doesn't take into, you know, it doesn't take
8 those things into effect -- effect when you're looking
9 at these numbers and the data.

10 So the number of transactions really shows
11 the health of the market. So in the calendar year,
12 you're up 26 percent from June of '25, where you had,
13 you know, 2.7 million transactions. Now we're -- we're
14 close to 3.5 million transactions in June of '26. So
15 continuing to see the trend of more transactions
16 happening by month over the last 13 months. And we'll
17 see how this data shakes out in the coming months to
18 see if we're continuing to see an increase in the
19 market.

20 Adult-use flower price per gram. As
21 you'll see, you know, we're almost down to \$6.50 here
22 in -- in June of '26. It's a 21.8 percent reduction
23 from last year. We were \$8.30 per gram. So prices
24 continue to fall on the adult-use flower price per gram
25 side. And -- and, you know, it's a good thing for the

1 consumers. It's a good thing for the market. It shows
2 that the market's relatively healthy.

3 And that kind of dovetails into what I was
4 saying previously about why I wanna look at the number
5 of transactions over just the dollar figure signs,
6 because that kinda shows that more, you know, people
7 are buying when we have more transactions, but the
8 price falls. The dollar figures aren't gonna really
9 shake out the same way.

10 This is an interesting slide because
11 medical flower price per gram is actually a little
12 higher than our adult-use price per gram at -- a little
13 over \$7. It's still less than it was in June of last
14 year, you know, year over year change of 12.7 percent,
15 but it's still a little bit higher than our adult-use
16 price per gram.

17 And we'd obviously like to see that --
18 that decrease a bit so that the patients are, you know,
19 getting the benefit of getting cheaper cannabis,
20 getting their medicine to -- at a better cost.

21 This is our combined product mixed by
22 category for June of 2026. Not much of a change you
23 know, you saw, like, a little bit of -- a little drop
24 in -- in the flower percentage. Flower dominates the
25 market. That's generally what you see across the

1 nation in -- in adult-use cannabis markets with flower
2 being the, you know, the primary consumer product that
3 folks are -- folks are buying.

4 Vape carts are continuing to tick up a
5 little bit. The biggest increase we have is in
6 concentrates where they're -- they're up about five
7 percent. So there's -- there's diverse products
8 available in the market. And this kind of shows that
9 more products are -- are getting to the market, and
10 folks are taking advantage of that.

11 Pounds harvested by month over the last 13
12 months. You'll see we're kind of in June of '25 and
13 June of '26, we're relatively close. I think it'll
14 shake out the same way in July. We're kind of in those
15 summer months where we're seeing less -- less pounds be
16 harvested in -- in New Jersey with most of the cannabis
17 grown indoors, it's likely due to being able to control
18 the climate inside your cultivation facility, and with
19 the hot months not being able to control that climate
20 as much and -- and those types of things are likely.

21 But the trends -- the trends seem to be
22 the same where in the summer months, less cannabis is
23 being harvested, and then we'll then see an uptick here
24 in the Fall.

25 Okay. That concludes my executive

1 director's report for today. Thank you, Chair. And
2 I'll turn the floor back over to you before we get into
3 the normal course of business for the Commission.

4 CHAIR: Thank you, Director Riggs. The
5 data, in my opinion, speaks volumes to how the market
6 is flourishing and, you know, we're not doing that bad
7 of a job. So kudos to you, kudos to the staff, and
8 kudos to the commissioners. We're not doing that bad
9 of a job. So next we have applications for permit or
10 license changes. The first batch of those are going to
11 be ownership changes. I'm going to give the floor back
12 to Director Riggs to present.

13 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. We have
14 four ownership changes that are recommended by staff
15 today for the board. They're proposing a transfer in
16 ownership of these entities that are listed on the
17 slide. Each of these entities has satisfied all the
18 regulatory requirements for an ownership change. The
19 owners and individuals were vetted by our Office of
20 Compliance and Investigations, and they've been deemed
21 eligible to enter into the adult-use market.

22 And therefore, we are recommending that
23 the board approve these four ownership changes today.
24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR: Thank you very much, Director

1 Riggs. Is there a motion to approve the ownership
2 changes?

3 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I make the motion that
4 we approve the ownership changes as presented by
5 Director Riggs.

6 COMMISSIONER NASH: Second.

7 CHAIR: Is there a second? All right.
8 Mr. Said, can you please call the roll?

9 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

11 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

12 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

13 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

14 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

15 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

16 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

17 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer.

18 CHAIR: Yes.

19 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

20 CHAIR: So I just want for everybody's
21 edification you know, Commissioner Kennedy joined us
22 very -- very recently and we wanted him to make sure to
23 vote on what he was comfortable with. So there may be
24 some abstentions throughout this first meeting, but I
25 assure you he's being brought back up to speed --

1 brought back to speed very quickly. Next, we're going
2 to move to business conversion licenses. Director
3 Riggs?

4 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. We have one
5 micro to standard business conversion. The application
6 was reviewed to ensure that the applicant has been
7 operational for at least a year before applying for
8 this conversion. And then they're in good standing
9 with the CRC. We conducted our completeness review and
10 everything that was required by CRC regulations has
11 been included with this application. The necessary
12 fees have been paid.

13 And therefore, we are recommending that
14 Hackettstown Dispensary be approved to convert from a
15 micro to a standard business at this time. Thank you.

16 CHAIR: All right. Is there a motion to
17 approve?

18 COMMISSIONER NASH: Chair, I move to
19 approve the conversion from micro to standard cannabis
20 business.

21 CHAIR: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I second.

23 CHAIR: Perfect. Nash and then Mapp. Mr.
24 Said?

25 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

2 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

3 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

4 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

5 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

7 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

8 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

9 CHAIR: Yes.

10 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

11 CHAIR: Next is cannabis business
12 applications. Director Riggs?

13 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. We'll do
14 the conditional and annual conversion applications.
15 First, we have six of those for the board today that
16 are recommended by staff. Two cultivators, one
17 wholesaler, one distributor, one retailer, and one
18 delivery license. These applications have followed our
19 licensing process. They've been given priority
20 assignment. That priority has then been verified.
21 Completeness review is conducted by our Office of
22 Licensing.

23 Those applications are then scored based
24 upon that completeness review sent to the Office of
25 Compliance and Investigations where a qualification

1 review is then conducted of the individuals, financial
2 sources, and anything else that needs to be reviewed
3 for regulatory compliance. Our quality control review
4 on the staff side has been conducted and we are
5 recommending that the six licenses presented on the
6 screen be approved by the board today. Thank you.

7 CHAIR: Perfect. Are there any questions
8 on these licenses? Seeing none, is there a motion to
9 approve?

10 COMMISSIONER MAPP: So moved.

11 MR. RIGGS: Chair, I'll second that.

12 CHAIR: Second Ferraro. Perfect. Mr.
13 Said?

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

16 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

17 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

19 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

21 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

23 CHAIR: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

25 CHAIR: All right. Moving on up. Now

1 we're onto expanded ATC, right?

2 MR. RIGGS: Annual applications.

3 CHAIR: Annual, sorry. I got too excited.
4 Annual licenses. Director Riggs?

5 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. We have two
6 annual licenses. One cultivator, one retailer that
7 followed the -- the same licensing process that I just
8 articulated. They're deemed qualified to enter into
9 the adult-use market. Staff has reviewed the -- these
10 applications extensively, and therefore we're
11 recommending that both of these applications be
12 approved today. Thank you.

13 CHAIR: Are there any questions
14 surrounding these two applications? Seeing none, is
15 there a motion to approve?

16 VICE CHAIR: Motion to approve, Chair.

17 CHAIR: Ferraro with the motion.

18 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I second.

19 CHAIR: Mapp with the second. Mr. Said,
20 call the roll.

21 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

23 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

24 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

25 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

1 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

2 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

3 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

4 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

5 CHAIR: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

7 CHAIR: Now we're finally at expanded ATC.

8 MR. RIGGS: Yes, Chair, that's -- that's
9 correct. We have one expanded alternative treatment
10 center certification before the board today and
11 recommended for approval. Restore NJ, LLC. They're a
12 classified retailer in Glassboro, New Jersey. We've
13 reviewed the application and as required by law,
14 they've certified that they have sufficient quantities
15 of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products
16 available to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of
17 registered qualifying patients.

18 And therefore, we are recommending that
19 Restore NJ LLC be allowed to expand their Class 5
20 retailer into the adult-use cannabis space. Thank you.

21 CHAIR: All right. Are there any
22 questions about Restore NJ, LLC? Seeing none, is there
23 a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER NASH: Chair, I move to
25 permit Monmouth Wellness to operate it satellite Class

1 5 retail location.

2 CHAIR: All right. Motion Nash. Is there
3 a second? I'll second it. Second Laufer.

4 THE SECRETARY: Just -- just a quick
5 correction. It's Restore NJ.

6 COMMISSIONER NASH: My apologies. I got
7 ahead of myself.

8 THE SECRETARY: No -- no worries.

9 CHAIR: It happens. Trust me, Krista, it
10 happens.

11 COMMISSIONER NASH: So this is for the
12 acceptance of certification for alter -- Alternative
13 Treatment Center Restore to expand operations to AU.

14 CHAIR: Correct.

15 COMMISSIONER NASH: I move to approve.

16 CHAIR: I will second that motion. Motion
17 Nash, second Laufer. Mr. Said, call the roll.

18 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

20 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

21 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

23 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

25 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

1 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

2 CHAIR: Yes.

3 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

4 CHAIR: Next is AU Satellite Request.

5 Director Riggs?

6 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. This is for
7 Monmouth Wellness. They hold a Class 5 cannabis retail
8 license. And they are looking to operate a satellite.
9 Under the law, they're -- they're authorized to
10 maintain up to two satellite retail locations if you
11 hold a Class 5 retailer license. These locations must
12 still comply with the municipal approval requirements,
13 zoning requirements, and any applicable CRC
14 regulations.

15 This entity has satisfied those
16 requirements, and therefore we are recommending
17 approval of Monmouth Wellness and Healing, LLC to
18 operate a classified satellite location at the location
19 listed on the slide. Thank you.

20 CHAIR: All right. Is there a motion to
21 approve?

22 COMMISSIONER MAPP: So moved.

23 CHAIR: Motion Mapp. Second, Laufer. Mr.
24 Said?

25 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

2 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

3 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

4 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

5 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

7 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

8 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

9 CHAIR: Yes.

10 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

11 CHAIR: All right. We are moving to an
12 annual renewal applications for administrative
13 extension. Director Riggs, do you mind -- do you mind
14 giving a brief overview?

15 MR. RIGGS: Sure. Sure, absolutely.
16 Curaleaf, New Jersey has 12 adult-use licenses and
17 medicinal permits with -- with the CRC. Their annual
18 license renewal expiration date is August 1st. Given
19 the ongoing litigation that we -- we currently have, an
20 administration -- administrative extension is
21 recommended by staff. That administration extension
22 would be recommended to go until the end of October, so
23 October 30th and that is the recommendation of staff.

24 So we are recommending that the board
25 approve an administrative extension for these licenses

1 at this time. Thank you.

2 CHAIR: Thank you very much, Director
3 Riggs. Are there any questions regarding the
4 administrative extensions? Seeing none, I'm going to
5 make the motion to approve these administrative
6 extensions with an expiration date of October 31 of
7 this year. Is there a second?

8 VICE CHAIR: Second.

9 CHAIR: Mr. Said?

10 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

12 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

13 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

15 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

16 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

17 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

19 CHAIR: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

21 CHAIR: All right. We're now moving on to
22 cases, claims, and petitions. First is waivers, right?

23 THE SECRETARY: Yes.

24 CHAIR: First waiver up?

25 MS. ARUNDHATI MOHANKUMAR: Thank you,

1 Chair. We have five waiver requests that the Board
2 will be considering today. The Commission's
3 regulations give the Commission the authority to waive
4 a regulatory requirement if it meets the three factors
5 enumerated under N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7.

6 This provision states that the Board may
7 waive a regulatory requirement regarding the operations
8 of a business if that waiver is necessary to achieve
9 the purposes of the act is necessary to provide access
10 to cannabis items to consumers and does not create a
11 danger to the public health, safety or welfare.

12 The first waiver, the -- the first waiver
13 request the Board will be considering is WR058.
14 Cannpowerment LLC has requested a waiver of N.J.A.C.
15 17:30-11.5(d)(3)(II) to produce a single-serve baked
16 good up to 100mg THC without physical scoring or
17 demarcation. It should be noted that the requirement
18 to physically de-marc of cannabis product exceeding a
19 single serving size of 10mg THC is set forth in our
20 statute and the Commission does not have the authority
21 to waive that statutory requirement.

22 And with that, I turn it back over to you,
23 Chair, for a board vote.

24 CHAIR: Yep. Thank you very much. So I'm
25 going to move the denial of WR058. Is there a second

1 due to statutory ground?

2 VICE CHAIR: I second, Chair.

3 CHAIR: Mr. Said?

4 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

6 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

7 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Agree. Yes.

8 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

9 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

10 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

11 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

12 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

13 CHAIR: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

15 MS. MOHANKUMAR: All right. The next
16 waiver request the board will be considering is WR059.
17 Curaleaf NJ II LLC in Bellmawr has requested a waiver
18 of N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.2 (g) to allow them to open
19 packages of finished pre-roll lots that tested
20 hyperchromium, extract the cannabis material from the
21 affected lots, and repackage the cannabis material in
22 alternative pre-roll cones. And with that, I turn it
23 back over to you, Chair, for a board vote.

24 CHAIR: Okay. Are there any questions
25 surrounding -- or comments surrounding this waiver

1 request? If not, I would be open to a motion to either
2 approve or deny this waiver request. So I -- I will
3 move to approve this waiver request on the condition
4 that they retest these -- the affected product and
5 reconform with all existing policy -- policies and
6 procedures surrounding the sale of this product.

7 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Chair, I would agree
8 and second.

9 CHAIR: Mr. Said?

10 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

12 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

13 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

15 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

16 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

17 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

19 CHAIR: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

21 MS. MOHANKUMAR: The next waiver request
22 is WR060 Curaleaf NJ II, LLC in Winslow requested a
23 waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30- 9.14(a) to allow the entity
24 to extract THC from expired cannabis and retest the
25 material for continued processing and/or use. And with

1 that, I turn it back over to you, Chair, for a board
2 vote.

3 CHAIR: Thank you, Chief Counsel. Are
4 there any questions, comments, concerns regarding this
5 waiver request? So due to the nature of the request,
6 considering cannabis has already expired, I move to
7 deny this waiver request.

8 VICE CHAIR: I'll second.

9 CHAIR: Mr. Said?

10 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

12 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

13 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

15 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

16 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

17 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

19 CHAIR: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

21 MS. MOHANKUMAR: The next waiver request
22 the Board will be considering is WR061. Canopy
23 Crossroads LLC requests a waiver of N.J.A.C.: 30-7 --
24 17:30-7.17(d)(11) which requires standard cannabis
25 retail licensees to pay \$10,000 renewal fee. And with

1 that, I turn it back over to you, Chair, for a board
2 vote.

3 CHAIR: Okay. See any comments,
4 questions? My only comment is we -- is -- we typically
5 do not grant fee waivers. So is there a motion to
6 approve or deny this request?

7 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yeah.

8 VICE CHAIR: Yeah, I move to deny.

9 COMMISSIONER NASH: And I'll second that.

10 CHAIR: Motion Ferraro, Second Nash. Mr.
11 Said?

12 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

15 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

16 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

17 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

19 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

21 CHAIR: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

23 CHAIR: All right.

24 MS. MOHANKUMAR: And the final waiver
25 request for board consideration is WR062. BeLeaf New

1 Jersey LLC requests a waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.15(a)
2 to bypass the one year waiting period to submit a
3 micro-business standard conversion application. And
4 with that, I turn it back over to you, Chair, for a
5 board vote.

6 CHAIR: First, I just wanna comment. This
7 is a great aim of the business. Secondly, I mean, we -
8 - we typically put these waiting periods there for --
9 for several reasons. But you know, I leave it up to
10 the commissioner whether or not they would like to
11 approve or deny. Is there a motion to approve or deny?

12 COMMISSIONER NASH: Chair, I move to deny
13 this waiver request.

14 CHAIR: Motion Nash. Second, Laufer. Mr.
15 Said?

16 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

19 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

21 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

23 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

25 CHAIR: Yes.

1 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

2 CHAIR: I just wanna give kudos to our
3 chief counsel. This is her first time presenting
4 waivers. Well done.

5 MS. MOHANKUMAR: Thank you so much.

6 CHAIR: Error free ball -- error free
7 ball. Well done.

8 MS. MOHANKUMAR: Thank you. Thank you,
9 Chair.

10 CHAIR: Next slide. Litigation matters of
11 settlement. Next slide. Chief Counsel, would you like
12 to propose or, you know, give a very brief overview of
13 our motion to settle -- our motion to settle?

14 MS. MOHANKUMAR: Sure. Thank you, Chair.
15 So staff issued a notice of violation to NJ
16 Cannalytics, LLC, which was INV-102-25. The Board
17 subsequently imposed a penalty to that entity and the
18 Board is now voting to act consistent with the
19 discussion it had in exec session to resolve and settle
20 this matter. And with that, I turn it back over to
21 you, Chair, for a vote.

22 CHAIR: Okay. We -- yeah, like Chief
23 Counsel said, we spoke about this in executive session.
24 Is there a motion to approve INV settlement for INV-
25 102-25? I'll make the motion to approve IN -- to the

1 settlement of INV-102-25. Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I second.

3 CHAIR: Motion Laufer, Second Mapp. Mr.
4 Said?

5 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

7 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

8 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

9 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

10 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

11 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

12 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

13 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

14 CHAIR: Yes.

15 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

16 CHAIR: Thank you. Next is notices of
17 enforcement action. But again, just like we did with
18 waivers, Chief Counsel Mohankumar, error free ball on
19 the settlements, well done. And now I'm gonna give it
20 over to Director Tuason. But before I do that, Mr.
21 Said has refusal.

22 THE SECRETARY: Yeah, correct. So the
23 next item on the agenda, we have consideration of
24 enforcement action regarding Mollitiam NJ, LLC.

25 Commissioner Mapp has recused herself from this

1 enforcement action for Mollitiam NJ, LLC due to an
2 ongoing professional relationship.

3 On account of her recusal, she will step
4 out of the room while the board considers this
5 particular application. Afterward, Commissioner Mapp
6 will come back in and will take up the next order of
7 business.

8 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said. Now I'm
9 going to turn it over to formally Chief Counsel Tuason,
10 now Director Tuason.

11 MR. DAVE TUASON: Thank you, Chair. So
12 the first enforcement action the Board's considering
13 today is INV-13-2026. It was issued, notice violation
14 was issued to Mollitiam for failure to adhere to the
15 regulations for conducting an illegal grow without
16 commission -- commission approval, transporting
17 untagged marijuana, violation of secured transport
18 requirements and effectively failing to correct those
19 violations.

20 You know, they were issued or they were
21 provided notice of 19 separate regulatory and statutory
22 violations in their notice of violation. And acting
23 Executive Director Riggs, I don't know if you had
24 anything to -- to add on to this as well.

25 MR. RIGGS: Thank you, Director Tuason. I

1 do. I want -- I want to commend the Office of
2 Compliance and Investigation and their staff on a job
3 well done in this situation. We know that this entity
4 deceived everyone along the way and was a really bad
5 actor.

6 The Commission's core responsibilities are
7 to protect public safety and preserve the integrity and
8 equity of New Jersey's regulated cannabis market. By
9 intentionally conducting unlicensed cultivation
10 activities and introducing unapproved cannabis into the
11 regulated supply chain, Mollitiam demonstrated a
12 disregard for regulatory requirements and undermined
13 the trust essential to this state's cannabis program.

14 Given the seriousness to these violations,
15 their deliberate nature of the conduct and the threat
16 posed the integrity of our regulatory market in New
17 Jersey, staff is recommending eradication of
18 Mollitiam's cultivation and manufacturing licenses at
19 this time. They no longer can be in this market.
20 Their license should be revoked, and that is the
21 recommendation from staff. Thank you, Chair.

22 CHAIR: Thank you very much, Director
23 Riggs, Director Tuason. I personally would be inclined
24 to -- actually, I'm going to make the motion. I move
25 to revoke all applicable licenses to Mollitiam NJ LLC,

1 for the reasons stated by Director Riggs and Chief
2 Counsel Tuason. Is there a second?

3 VICE CHAIR: Chair, I second. And just
4 with a quick comment that this is certainly not
5 something I -- any of us want to see internally here at
6 the CRC. So this is unfortunate, but there are other
7 operators that are well intended and looking to do the
8 right thing. And so I second that motion.

9 CHAIR: I could not agree with Vice Chair
10 Ferraro anymore. Well said. Mr. Said, please call the
11 roll?

12 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp is
15 recused. Commissioner Nash?

16 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

17 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

18 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

19 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

20 CHAIR: Yes.

21 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes. The
22 next item on the agenda, we have another recusal. We
23 have consideration of an enforcement action regarding
24 GSCC Management LLC.

25 CHAIR: Move the slides back one, please.

1 THE SECRETARY: Forward one. Sorry.

2 CHAIR: Forward one. Sorry.

3 THE SECRETARY: Forward one more?

4 VICE CHAIR: One more.

5 THE SECRETARY: That's it.

6 CHAIR: There you go.

7 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash has
8 recused herself from the enforcement action for GSCC
9 Management LLC due to an ongoing professional
10 relationship. On account of her recusal, she will step
11 out of the room while the board considers this
12 particular enforcement action. Afterward, Commissioner
13 Nash will come back in and will take up the next order
14 of business.

15 CHAIR: Okay. Director Tuason, the floor
16 is yours.

17 MR. TUASON: Thank you, Chair. So the
18 second enforcement action the board will be considering
19 today is INV 29-2026. We issued a notice of violation
20 to GSCC Management LLC for -- for miscalculating
21 expiration dates, having inaccurate consumer safety and
22 product info and packaging.

23 This entity received notice of three
24 separate regulatory violations in their notice of
25 violation. And with that, I turn it back over to you,

1 Chair, for board consideration.

2 CHAIR: Yeah, definitely. So as -- as
3 Director Tuason said, you know, there -- there were
4 three separate consumer safety related violations here.
5 And you know, and I'll read them quickly, N.J.A.C.
6 17:30-11.8(a), expiration dates -- relating to
7 expiration dates not being calculated properly. And
8 they also have N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(b) which it pertains
9 to labeling of expiration dates. And N.J.A.C. 17:30-
10 16.3(b)(1), which is regarding the addresses that
11 they're supposed to place on -- on their packaging.

12 And for violations 1 and 2, I believe a
13 \$5,000 fine is applicable. And for violation 3, I
14 believe a \$2,500 fine is applicable for a grand total
15 of \$12,500. Is there a motion to approve as I laid it
16 out?

17 VICE CHAIR: Chair, a motion to approve.

18 CHAIR: Motion, Ferraro.

19 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I'll second.

20 CHAIR: Second, Mapp. Any questions,
21 comments, concerns before we go to a vote? Seeing
22 none, Mr. Said, please call the roll?

23 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

25 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

1 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

2 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash is
3 recused. Vice Chair Ferraro?

4 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

5 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

6 CHAIR: Yes.

7 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

8 CHAIR: Next is INV-21-2026. I'm going to
9 turn it over to Director Tuason.

10 MR. TUASON: Thanks, Chair. This -- this
11 enforcement action, we issued an NOV to Prolific
12 Growhouse for advertising without verifying a 21+
13 audience, as well as the -- the advertisements they
14 used on their Cybertruck. They were issued or they
15 were provided notice of three separate regulatory
16 violations in their NOV. And with that, I turn it back
17 over to you, Chair, for board consideration.

18 CHAIR: Yeah, thank you, Director Tuason.
19 So again, just to review, violation Number 1 was
20 N.J.S.C. -- N.J.A.C. 24:61-35(a)(9)(c) which relates to
21 the targeting of their audience. And we were looking
22 to assess that violation at \$7,500. Violation 2,
23 N.J.A.C. 17:30-17.2(a), also in relation to targeting
24 of their audience. We are choosing to assess zero for
25 that violation because it is duplicative to the first

1 violation.

2 And finally, 17:30-17.2(d)(1) is their
3 Cybertruck and the nature in which they chose to, you
4 know, put out their advertising materials. We chose
5 where -- I'd be looking at a \$7,500 fine for a grand
6 total of \$15,000. Is there a motion?

7 COMMISSIONER NASH: Chair, I move to issue
8 the \$15,000 monetary penalty to Prolific Growhouse for
9 INV-21-2026.

10 CHAIR: Thank you very much. Any
11 comments, concerns? Seeing none, is -- was -- was
12 there a second?

13 VICE CHAIR: I second that, Chair.

14 CHAIR: Thank you, Vice Chair Ferraro.
15 Mr. Said?

16 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

19 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

21 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

23 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

25 CHAIR: Yes.

1 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

2 CHAIR: Thank you very much. Moving on.

3 Next is Curaleaf. director --

4 M%: Thanks.

5 CHAIR: Director Tuason, the floor is
6 yours.

7 MR. TUASON: I can't just take the floor
8 like that. Thanks, Chair. This -- this next
9 enforcement action is INV-30-2026, the entity named
10 Curaleaf. We issued a notice of violation to them for
11 failing to conduct the required stability testing on
12 retention samples for it -- for some of its products.
13 And not -- and you know as a result of that did not
14 have the correct expiration dates on their packaging.

15 We -- the -- they were provided notice of
16 three separate regulatory violations in their notice of
17 violation. And with that, turn it back over to you,
18 Chair, for board consideration.

19 CHAIR: Thank you very much. Those
20 violations are as follows. One is N.J.A.C. 17:30-
21 19.5(g), which is failure to report stability testing
22 finding to the Commission for over 100,000 units over a
23 course of six months. I'm looking at a \$5,000 fine in
24 regards to that violation. Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-
25 11.8(b), is determined expiration dates without valid

1 stability testing data. We're looking at \$2,500 for
2 that violation.

3 And finally, The N.J.A.C. 17:30-
4 16.3(b)(4), which is in regards to labeling and which
5 is obviously available to the public, the incorrect
6 expiration dates. That is also assessed at a \$5,000
7 amount, which brings us to a total of \$12,500 for
8 Curaleaf. Is there a motion to approve that?

9 VICE CHAIR: Chair, motion to approve.

10 CHAIR: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I second it.

12 CHAIR: We have a second. Questions,
13 comments, or concerns? Seeing none, Mr. Said, please
14 call the roll?

15 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

17 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

18 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

19 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

20 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

21 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

22 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

23 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

24 CHAIR: Yes.

25 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

1 CHAIR: Next is Brute's Roots. Director
2 Tuason?

3 MR. TUASON: We issued a -- a notice of
4 violation to Brute's Roots for unauthorized packaging
5 and labeling, unauthorized system access, which, and
6 then they exceeded -- for some -- some of their
7 products exceeded the allowable THC limits of 100
8 milligrams.

9 They were cited and provided notice of 14
10 separate regulatory and statutory violations. And with
11 that, turn it back over to you, Chair, for board
12 consideration.

13 CHAIR: Yeah, I'm going to keep my
14 comments pretty brief. This one, I believe, was pretty
15 egregious. And I think this is exactly what we do not
16 want to see in the marketplace, is what I would say.
17 And with that, I'm going to run down the list of
18 violations as well as the proposed fines.

19 N.J.S.A 24:61-35(a)(7)(a)(1), misleading
20 and offensive label statement on two different
21 products. I'm assigning that a \$10,000 valuation.
22 Two, N.J.S.A 24:61-35(a)(7)(d)(8), missing poison
23 control warning, another public safety violation,
24 labeling omission. Also, a \$10,000 valuation. Final -
25 - next, N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(a), packaging missing

1 required information. That is a \$5,000 valuation.
2 Next, N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(b)(5), missing lot, batch,
3 and barcode. Again, this is imperative to see to sell
4 tracking. Also, a \$5,000 valuation.

5 Next, N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(c)(1)(2),
6 missing the over 21 label. Again, this is imperative.
7 Otherwise, this is, you know, a risk to youth
8 consumption. I'm assessing that at \$25,000. Next is
9 failure to submit labeling for record keeping. This is
10 a first year violation. It's administrative filing
11 failure. I'm assessing that at \$5,000. Next, N.J.A.C.
12 17:30-16.5(a)(1), false or misleading statement to
13 overconsumption risk. This happened on two different
14 products and I'm assessing it \$10,000.

15 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.12(a)(1) and
16 (5). There are no qualified manufacturing supervisor.
17 Again, this is a public safety risk. I'm assessing
18 that at \$5,000. Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(b)(6),
19 missing certain ingredients on the label. This is a
20 deficiency for public safety and, you know, ingredients
21 need to be on -- need to be on labels. I'm also
22 assessing that at \$5,000.

23 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(a) is an
24 unregistered handler with no cannabis identification
25 and a failure to register employee, which is -- I'm

1 assessing at a \$10,000 valuation. Next is N.J.A.C.
2 17:30-9.10(a), inadequate access and/or diversion
3 control, failed to deactivate the ID card of an
4 employee which enabled this incident which is -- I'm
5 assessing that at \$5,000.

6 Next is N.J.S.A. 24:61-35(a)(8)(g)(1),
7 exceeding 100 milligrams of THC per packaging limit,
8 they -- which is a statutory -- which is a statutory
9 guideline, which I'm valuing at \$25,000. Next is
10 N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.5(d)(2), which is manufactured
11 products exceeding 100 milligrams of THC. That is the
12 same as the previous violation, so I'm not -- I don't
13 believe we should assess evaluation to that.

14 And finally, N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.13(b)(2),
15 no ingredient or master formula verification record,
16 which caused a record-keeping gap, which is a failure
17 to verify the ingredients for their product. I'm
18 assessing that at \$5,000, all of those violations
19 totaling \$125,000. Is there any discussion on this
20 before a motion? If not, is there a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER NASH: Chair, I move to
22 impose the sanctions that you set forth, totaling
23 \$125,000.

24 CHAIR: Is there a second? I'll second
25 the motion.

1 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I second.

2 CHAIR: I'll give it to you, Amelia. Give
3 Mapp a second. Mr. Said, please call the roll?

4 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

7 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

8 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

9 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

10 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

11 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

12 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

13 CHAIR: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

15 CHAIR: Thank you. Next violation.

16 Hashery, LLC. Director Tuason.

17 MR. TUASON: Thank you, Chair. So we --

18 we also issued a notice of violation to Hashery. They

19 were cited for operating as a retail food

20 establishment, which is not permitted by the statute

21 and regulations. They were serving beverages at their

22 dispensary. They were cited for one regulatory

23 violation in their -- in their notice of violation.

24 And with that, I turn it back over to you, Chair, for

25 board consideration.

1 CHAIR: Yeah, as Director Tuason
2 mentioned, this -- this violation is relating to
3 serving food and beverage as well as the sale of
4 cannabis products, N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.5(b), we evaluated
5 this at \$25,000. Is there a motion on this?

6 COMMISSIONER MAPP: As -- Chair, I move
7 to.

8 CHAIR: You move the \$25,000 fine?

9 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

10 VICE CHAIR: Chair, I second.

11 CHAIR: Motion, Mapp. Second, Ferraro.
12 Any discussion? Seeing none, Mr. Said, please call the
13 roll?

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

16 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

17 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

19 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

21 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

23 CHAIR: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

25 CHAIR: Next. Bango. Director Tuason.

1 MR. TUASON: Thank you, Chair. So, Bango
2 New Jersey, Inc. was issued a notice of violation
3 effectively for failing to track its cannabis plant
4 inventory. They were provided notice of five separate
5 regulatory violations related to our metric inventory
6 tracking system. And with that, turn it back over to
7 you, Chair, for board consideration.

8 CHAIR: Sure. So again, just outlining
9 the -- outlining the violations. Violation one is
10 N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.6(b)(1), failure to use commission
11 designated plan tags and labels. So again, they didn't
12 tag their product as we've seen in previous violations,
13 that is definitely a problem. We evaluated that at
14 \$3,000. Next, N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.13(a)(1)(1), failure to
15 utilize metric inventory tracking system, we've also
16 valued at \$3,000

17 N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.13(a)(3), no inventory
18 controls or procedures for review of inventory, we've
19 also put that at \$3,000. Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-
20 9.13(a)(4), which is a failure to inventory daily --
21 sorry, failure to update their inventory daily, which
22 is imperative. That is also a \$3,000 valuation. Next
23 is N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.13(a)(5), which is failure to do
24 monthly inventory audits, also very important. And we
25 valued that also at \$3,000 for a total of \$15,000. Is

1 there a motion for the \$15,000 assessment?

2 COMMISSIONER NASH: Chair, I move to
3 impose a \$15,000 monetary penalty to Bango for INV-54-
4 2026.

5 CHAIR: Is there a second?

6 VICE CHAIR: I second.

7 CHAIR: Any discussion, comments,
8 concerns? Seeing none --

9 VICE CHAIR: Chair, I just.

10 CHAIR: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIR: I'm sorry.

12 CHAIR: Vice Chair Ferraro --

13 VICE CHAIR: I just -- I just wanted to
14 make a quick comment that I appreciate the reading of
15 each of the violations because I think it all -- it
16 just demonstrates that what's most important to us and
17 what we really look at, although all violations are,
18 but it just kind of allows the public to get a sense of
19 the severity and continuity that we're looking to
20 achieve.

21 CHAIR: I appreciate that. Thank you,
22 Vice Chair. Mr. Said, can you please call the roll?

23 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

25 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

1 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

2 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

3 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

4 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

5 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

7 CHAIR: Yes.

8 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

9 CHAIR: I believe this is the final
10 violation.

11 THE SECRETARY: Yes, correct.

12 CHAIR: That is correct. Amazing.

13 Director Tuason, the floor is yours.

14 MR. TUASON: Thanks, Chair. This is the
15 final one we issued a notice of violation that the
16 Board will be considering today was to Silver Leaf
17 Wellness. You know, they violated the regulations by
18 making an ownership change prior to board approval.
19 They were cited for one regulatory violation. With
20 that, I turn it back over to you, Chair, for board
21 consideration.

22 CHAIR: Yeah, so I would just like to make
23 it clear for the record that after this violation was
24 violated they -- they did go back and they did follow
25 the proper procedure for an ownership change. However,

1 it was retroactive and you know the order of operations
2 certainly was not followed. And to that end, their
3 violation -- they violated -- their only violation was
4 N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.2(a), a failure to submit an ownership
5 transfer request to the Commission.

6 You don't get to do this at a discount.
7 This -- the state has processes. We have probity
8 review. We have licensure review. We go through
9 extensive efforts to make sure that these applications
10 meet certain benchmarks and that they are doing
11 business the way they should be doing business. And it
12 is imperative that all entities follow that. And for
13 those reasons, I would like to assess a \$5,000 fine on
14 that as well. Is there a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER NASH: I second that -- that
16 move to impose a \$5,000 monetary penalty.

17 CHAIR: Motion from Nash. Is there a
18 second?

19 COMMISSIONER MAPP: I'll second.

20 CHAIR: Second from Mapp. Questions,
21 comments, or concerns?

22 VICE CHAIR: Comment here.

23 CHAIR: Floor is yours.

24 COMMISSIONER NASH: So everyone gets a
25 final agency decision. The information is in there

1 about reporting material changes, and that includes
2 changes to ownership. The onus is on the license
3 holder to report any changes prior to that occurring so
4 that the Commission can approve or deny the ownership
5 or ask you to cure any documents. So please refer back
6 to your final agency decision, and this way you'll be
7 clear on any reporting that you're required to do.
8 That's all.

9 CHAIR: 100 percent.

10 COMMISSIONER NASH: Okay.

11 CHAIR: 100 percent. Mr. Said, can you
12 please take the roll?

13 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

15 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

16 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

17 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

18 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

19 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

20 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

21 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

22 CHAIR: Yes.

23 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

24 CHAIR: Moving on is public comment. Mr.
25 Said, the floor is yours.

1 THE SECRETARY: All right. Thank you,
2 Chair. As a reminder, public speakers during this
3 afternoon's public comment period will be limited to
4 three minutes. Please be respectful and concise during
5 your comments. Okay.

6 Now I'm going to go to the list. The
7 first person I have on the list is Brendon Robinson.
8 If you're in the room, please raise your hand. Brendan
9 Robinson. All right. I see you, Brendon. Give me one
10 second. Brendon, the floor is yours.

11 MR. BRENDON ROBINSON: All right. Thank
12 you very much. Good morning, commissioners -- excuse
13 me. Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Brendon
14 Robinson, I'm the chairman and co-founder of the New
15 Jersey Cannabis Chamber of Commerce.

16 Today, I'd like to address an issue that
17 the operators in our organization have been continually
18 raising with us, and that's the New Jersey six-month
19 product expiration requirement. You know, today in New
20 Jersey, you know, we effectively have one of the
21 shortest expiration windows in the country. That six-
22 month timeline that we have is creating significant
23 pressure throughout our supply chain.

24 We're seeing manufacturers who are rushing
25 products. We're seeing retailers who are forced into

1 aggressive discounting. We have brands losing
2 negotiating power. Consumers are beginning to expect
3 discounts as opposed to paying for quality. You know,
4 everyone's losing. This is -- isn't just affecting
5 large operators, it's affecting the micro-businesses,
6 the independent cultivators, the manufacturers, the
7 retailers, the brands, anyone trying to sustain their
8 business.

9 And, you know, as the chairman of the
10 chamber and as someone that actually owns a brand
11 myself, I see this firsthand. When products approach
12 expiration in six months, these businesses aren't
13 making decisions based on business decisions. They're
14 making decisions based on consumer demand. They are
15 making -- you know, we need to be -- we need to be
16 focused on putting our product out and, you know,
17 marketing it the right way as opposed to just basing
18 things off of a calendar.

19 You know, that process is accelerating
20 price compression, it's reducing margins, it's
21 increasing waste, it ultimately weakening our long term
22 sustainability for our industry here in Jersey.

23 I believe moving towards a 12-month
24 standard, which is consistent with other markets
25 throughout the country, will provide our operators with

1 the needed flexibility while reducing the unnecessary
2 pressure on pricing and inventory management. I'd
3 respectfully request that the Commission prioritizes
4 this issue, you know, whether it's through rulemaking,
5 stakeholder engagement, or just another regulatory
6 pathway. I'd welcome the opportunity to have a
7 conversation with you all about this.

8 You know, the N.J.A.C 3 represents
9 businesses of all sizes, and it's something that we see
10 consistently. We believe this would be one of the most
11 impactful operational changes the Commission can make
12 in the near term. And I thank you all for your time on
13 this matter. Thank you.

14 CHAIR: Yeah, Mr. Robinson. Thank you
15 very much.

16 THE SECRETARY: Thank you, Brendon. The
17 next person I have on the list is Abigail Perl.
18 Abigail Perl. The last four of the telephone number is
19 4111. If you're in the room, please raise your hand.
20 I don't see that person. The next person on the list
21 is Jeannie Rodriguez.

22 If you're in the room, please raise your
23 hand. Jeannie Rodriguez. Last four of the telephone
24 number is 7013. And just a reminder, if you are
25 calling in, it's star nine to raise your hand and star

1 six to unmute. Jeannie Rodriguez. I don't see that
2 person.

3 The next person on the list is Juan
4 Plummer, Juan Plummer. Last four of the telephone
5 number is 0534. Juan Plummer, 0534. I don't see that
6 person. The next person on the list is Edward Grimes.
7 Edward Grimes. Last four of the telephone number is
8 0682. I don't see that person. The next person on the
9 list is Andrea Raible. If you're in the room, please
10 raise your hand. Andrea Raible. All right, I see you,
11 Andrea. Andrea, you have the floor.

12 MS. ANDREA RAIBLE: Hello, my name is
13 Andrea Raible. And I'd like to start by welcoming
14 Commissioner Kennedy and our new Chief Counsel. Thank
15 you guys for the meeting today. I would also like to
16 address the whole board and -- I'm sorry, specifically
17 Chairman Laufer, to say I've noticed there are more
18 efforts towards transparency recently. Whether that's
19 the little ways like explaining abstentions or big ways
20 like providing public notice when there are recalls,
21 even if they weren't mandatory recalls.

22 Having that transparency with the e-mails,
23 the website, the Instagram, it's, I feel like a big
24 step forward and it can help limit the amount of
25 misinformation that can spread around when consumers

1 can see exactly what skews these concerns are tied to.
2 I also appreciate the transparency when reading the
3 notices of violations today. It really does help the
4 public understand the scope of what's going on behind
5 the scenes.

6 And I think we are moving towards a period
7 of stability in this industry where we can see more
8 enforcement, more accountability to make sure the
9 promises that were made when we set up this market are
10 actually delivered to the consumers at the end of it
11 all.

12 I appreciate that you made some comments
13 about the roundtables and some of the projected
14 timelines relating to that. I would love to see if we
15 could have some roundtables or committees or some sort
16 of focus on the medical program because the medical
17 program is not a box to be checked off on a to-do list.

18 When setting up this industry, it's a
19 public health program that needs continual nurturing.
20 And our adult-use industry is maturing at a really
21 impressive pace. I mean, what were we up to? 115
22 million for June. But our medical program is -- is
23 dying, frankly. It's neglected and we need some help
24 on just the basics.

25 The medical program doesn't make sense

1 when patients have limited product access, higher
2 prices, and lower monthly limits. The program's being
3 strangled, and I'm sure the patients feel it, and I'm
4 sure the providers do too.

5 I would like to circle back onto some of
6 the enforcement actions from today. I know no one ever
7 wants to take a license. No one wants to see these
8 things happen in the industry, but if --

9 THE SECRETARY: 30 seconds --

10 MS. RAIBLE: -- we don't have teeth and
11 serious consequences, the fines can just be the cost of
12 doing business and that won't actually protect us. So
13 thank you for making some tough decisions and taking
14 stronger action on the market. I hope to see that
15 continue, and I hope to see further transparency at
16 every stage of the market. And I will say -- just say
17 thank you, and have a great one.

18 CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Raible. Mr. Said,
19 before we continue, I just want to respond to that
20 really quick. Well, bonus runs, both of them are
21 really quick. Mr. Robinson, your points are well
22 taken. That's all I'll say on that. Your points are
23 very well taken. Second, Ms. Raible, we do have a
24 patient services committee, and we will make sure in --
25 in the right course of time to make sure that we keep

1 stakeholders abreast of what's going on in the medical
2 space. So thank you for your input. Sorry, Mr. Said?

3 THE SECRETARY: No worries. That's the
4 list. I'm just going to go over again the names that
5 were called that didn't get a chance to speak. Abigail
6 Perl. Abigail Perl, if you're in the room, please
7 raise your hand. I don't see Abigail. Jeannie
8 Rodriguez, if you're in the room, please raise your
9 hand. Jeannie Rodriguez. I don't see that person.
10 Juan Plummer. If you're in the room, please raise your
11 hand. Juan Plummer. If you're in the room, please
12 raise your hand. Edward Grimes. If you're in the
13 room, please raise your hand. Edward Grimes. With
14 that, Chair, this will conclude the registered speakers
15 we have for today's public meeting.

16 CHAIR: Thank you very much, Mr. Said.
17 And, you know, for the honor of his first motion, I
18 want to hand the motion to adjourn over to -- to Sean
19 so he can get a motion preserved for the record. And
20 anybody who wants to second it, feel free. Just not
21 all of you all at once. So Commissioner Kennedy, the
22 floor is yours.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Motion.

24 CHAIR: Motion to what?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: To adjourn the

1 meeting.

2 CHAIR: There you go. Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

4 CHAIR: I will second the motion.

5 VICE CHAIR: Well, now I'm afraid. I
6 don't know (inaudible).

7 CHAIR: All in favor of Commissioner
8 Kennedy's first ever motion, a motion to adjourn.

9 VICE CHAIR: I just want to welcome the
10 new commissioner before we do that.

11 CHAIR: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: All in favor?

15 THE GROUP: Aye.

16 CHAIR: We are officially adjourned.

17 Great meeting, everyone. Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER MAPP: Thank you.

21 (Meeting concluded)

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