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CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, August 6, 2026

1 BOARD MEMBERS:

2 HARRIS LAUFER, Chair

3 JACQUELINE FERRARO, Vice Chair

4 SEAN KENNEDY

5 AMELIA MAPP

6 KRISTA G. NASH

7 DANIEL SAID, Secretary

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9 ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP PRESENT:

10 CHRISTOPHER RIGGS, Executive Director

11 DAVE TUASON, Director

12 ARUNDHATI MOHANKUMAR, Chief Counsel

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1 CHAIR: I would like to call this meeting
2 of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to order. Mr.
3 Said, will you please read the statement of compliance?

4 THE SECRETARY: Chair, this is a regularly
5 scheduled public meeting of the New Jersey Cannabis
6 Regulatory Commission's 2026 annual meeting schedule.

7 Adequate notice of this meeting has been
8 provided in accordance with the Senator Byron M. Baer
9 Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was
10 posted to the New Jersey CRC legal notices web page in
11 accordance with Public Law 2025, Chapter 72.

12 The agenda and information regarding the
13 in-person meeting and the ability to livestream was
14 posted on the CRC website. The meeting time and
15 location has also been posted on the website of the New
16 Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission and with the
17 Office of the Secretary of the State.

18 CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Said. Will
19 -- will we please stand for Pledge of Allegiance?

20 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
21 the United States of America and to the republic for
22 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,
23 with liberty and justice for all.

24 CHAIR: Thank you. Now, Mr. Said, please
25 call the roll.

1 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMM. SEAN KENNEDY: Here.

3 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

4 COMM. AMELIA MAPP: Here.

5 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

6 COMM. KRISTA G. NASH: Here.

7 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

8 VICE CHAIR: Here.

9 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

10 CHAIR: Here.

11 THE SECRETARY: We now have a quorum.

12 CHAIR: Thank you. First things first is
13 we're going to go into closed session. Is there a
14 motion to go into closed session?

15 COMM. MAPP: So moved.

16 CHAIR: Is there a second?

17 COMM. NASH: Second.

18 COMM. KENNEDY: Second.

19 CHAIR: All in favor?

20 ALL: Aye.

21 CHAIR: We are in closed. It'll take
22 about 90 minutes.

23 (Closed Executive Session)

24 CHAIR: We are back. All right. We're
25 gonna approve the prior meeting's minutes. Is there a

1 motion to approve the prior meeting minutes?

2 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion.

3 COMM. MAPP: So moved.

4 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy. Second, Mapp.

5 All in favor?

6 ALL: Aye.

7 CHAIR: All right. We're gonna move on to
8 the Chair's report. Mine's gonna be very brief.

9 So last meeting, the Commission adopted a
10 new way of looking at and examining violations, and we
11 did it with an eye toward transparency. And in the
12 past, we've assessed amorphous numbers for multitudes
13 of violations, and I wanna get away from doing that. I
14 wanna -- I want the marketplace to know and see what is
15 being violated and what those violations cost
16 operators.

17 I think it's important that the more
18 information that's available to the consumer, the
19 better it is. That's one. And if -- and if entities
20 that are violated disagree with their violations, there
21 are a multitude of -- there are a multitude of remedies
22 available to them. And as a -- as a Commission, we are
23 -- we are committed to a transparent and fair process
24 when it comes to adjudicating violations.

25 With all of that said, we don't want to

1 violate entities. We want everybody to play by the
2 rules. So this is the -- I think there's, like, a
3 hitting streak going on of every time the Chair says,
4 listen to your compliance officers. So this is going
5 to be my time. Listen to your compliance officers.
6 Listen to your investigators. They're used -- they're
7 -- they're a valuable resource to everybody.

8 And finally, I -- I appreciate the
9 entities that have reached out for -- for -- to invite
10 me to their facilities. We wanna be out in the field.
11 We wanna see the industry at work. We want -- we want
12 input from people who are operating cannabis entities
13 on the ground because we are not allowed to.

14 So there's -- there's an intentional wall
15 there. So we -- we want -- we wanna be a part of -- we
16 wanna be a part of making the industry better, and we
17 wanna be a part of watching and supporting what -- what
18 -- what entities do.

19 So that is my very brief Chair's report.
20 I'm gonna turn it over to Executive Director Riggs.

21 EXEC. DIR. CHRISTOPHER RIGGS: Thank you,
22 Chair. I will have also a brief Executive Director's
23 Report.

24 Next slide, please. Licensing update
25 today. Total licenses approved as of July 29th of

1 2026. There's a total of 3,255 applications that were
2 submitted through our licensing portal. A little over
3 2,500 of those applications have been approved. There
4 are eight applications that are under review in our
5 Office of Licensing, which is a substantial, you know,
6 decrease in the amount of licenses.

7 Kudos to our licensing team for getting
8 those licenses done and getting them to the board so
9 that we can get businesses to market.

10 140 of those applications are pending
11 resubmission 'cause they have a cure. And then we have
12 98 applications that are under review in a -- more in-
13 depth review in our Office of Compliance and
14 Investigations.

15 License to operate. Here are our numbers,
16 August 5th, 2026. You know, we have 71 cultivators, 5
17 delivery, 3 distributor, 83 manufacturers, 350
18 retailers. Still retail dominating the market at 57
19 percent. We have 7 wholesalers, 18 medical
20 cultivators, 57 medical dispensaries, 12 medical
21 manufacturers, and 8 testing labs, for a total of 614
22 businesses that are operating in New Jersey.

23 Licensing update today for total adult use
24 or recreational licenses approved as of July 29th,
25 2026. 695 conditionals, 504 conditional to annual

1 conversions, 355 annual licenses, and 92 expanded
2 alternative treatment centers.

3 Today up for consideration when we get to
4 the -- the meeting here, we have three ownership
5 changes, eight annual licenses, and one expanded
6 alternative treatment center.

7 And I'll give you some current patient
8 enrollment data. As of August 4th, 2026, we're
9 hovering right around 43,000 patients, with a little
10 less than 3,000 caregivers and a little more than 1,500
11 doctors involved in our medical cannabis program.

12 And that is my Executive Director's
13 Report. So I turn it back to you.

14 CHAIR: I think that was record time, by
15 the way. So well done.

16 EXEC. DIR. RIGGS: You're welcome.

17 CHAIR: Seriously, well done. Wanna thank
18 Director Tagliaferri and her staff. They're -- they're
19 moving through licenses. It's really good stuff.

20 All right. Applications for permit or
21 license changes. First, we're gonna do ownership
22 changes. Director Riggs.

23 EXEC. DIR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair.
24 There are three cannabis businesses that are proposing
25 a transfer in ownership today, Green Violet LLC, The

1 Greenhouse Dispensary LLC, and Mr. Nice Guys AC, LLC.

2 Each one of these entities has satisfied
3 all the regulatory requirements for an ownership
4 change. The owners -- the individuals were vetted by
5 our Office of Compliance and Investigations and deemed
6 to be compliant to operate and qualified to operate in
7 the adult-use marketplace. And therefore, we are
8 recommending that these ownership changes be approved
9 by the board today. Thank you.

10 CHAIR: All right. Are there any
11 questions surrounding these ownership changes? If
12 there are, staff is available. If not, is there a
13 motion to approve?

14 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion.

15 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy. I will second
16 the motion. Mr. Said?

17 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

18 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

19 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

20 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

21 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

22 COMM. NASH: Yes.

23 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

24 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

25 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

1 CHAIR: Yes.

2 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

3 CHAIR: Awesome. Somebody was about to
4 sing Wellerman or something.

5 EXEC. DIR. RIGGS: It's Commissioner
6 Kennedy. It's Commissioner Kennedy.

7 CHAIR: Next is cannabis business
8 applications. We're gonna move on to annual -- annual
9 applications. Director Riggs?

10 EXEC. DIR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. We
11 have eight annual licenses that are up for
12 consideration today, four cultivators, two
13 manufacturers, and two retailers. The first seven will
14 be up on the screen here, because we do have one
15 recusal that we'll handle after the fact.

16 CHAIR: Perfect.

17 EXEC. DIR. RIGGS: All of these licenses
18 have satisfied the licensing process. They've gone
19 through our priority assignment. That priority has
20 been verified by our Office of Licensing. They've gone
21 through a completeness review and were scored by our
22 licensing team.

23 A qualification review was then conducted
24 by our Office of Compliance and Investigations. And
25 then we did a quality control review by our Office of

1 Compliance and Investigations licensing team and our
2 legal team. And now we're recommending that these
3 seven applications that are presented before you today
4 be approved by the board.

5 CHAIR: Thank you very much, Director
6 Riggs. Those are -- those applications are Brick City
7 Buds, EBC Management, Everest Dispensary, The NAR
8 Group, another Brick City Buds, Everest Dispensary, and
9 Summit Wellness.

10 Is there a -- are there any questions on
11 those applications? If not, can I get a motion to
12 approve?

13 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion.

14 COMM. NASH: Second.

15 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy. Second, Nash.
16 Mr. Said?

17 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner --
18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

21 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

23 COMM. 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: All right. Next is a recusal.

5 THE SECRETARY: Yes. Next on the agenda,
6 we have consideration of an annual license for Vault
7 420 Company. Commissioner Mapp has recused herself
8 from this annual application for Vault 420 Company due
9 to an ongoing professional relationship.

10 On account of her recusal, she will step
11 out of the room while the board considers this
12 particular application. Afterward, Commissioner Mapp
13 will come back in, and we'll take up the next order of
14 business.

15 CHAIR: All right. Director Riggs, Vault
16 420 Co.

17 EXEC. DIR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. This
18 application has been reviewed in the same way as the
19 previous seven applications that were just approved by
20 the board. It's been reviewed, it's been scored, and
21 we are now recommending that this board approve this
22 application for licensure. Thank you.

23 CHAIR: Are there any questions
24 surrounding Vault 420? Seeing none, is there a motion
25 to approve?

1 COMM. KENNEDY: Motion.

2 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy. Second?

3 VICE CHAIR: Second.

4 CHAIR: Second, Ferraro. Mr. Said?

5 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

7 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp is
8 recused. Commissioner Nash?

9 COMM. NASH: Yes.

10 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

11 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

12 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

13 CHAIR: Yes. I just wanna welcome,
14 Director Tuason. Thank you for coming. It's very kind
15 of you.

16 DIR. DAVE TUASON: Thank you.

17 CHAIR: All right.

18 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

19 CHAIR: Next up -- welcome back,
20 Commissioner Mapp.

21 COMM. MAPP: Thank you.

22 CHAIR: Next up is voting to expand ATC
23 certification. Director Riggs?

24 EXEC. DIR. RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. This
25 is for Breakwater Treatment and Wellness Corporation.

1 It's a Class 5 retailer in Cranbury, New Jersey.
2 They've submitted their certification materials, and
3 they've met the regulatory requirements.

4 As required by the law, they've certified
5 that they have sufficient quantities of medical
6 cannabis to meet the needs of the patients, and
7 therefore, we are recommending that this expanded
8 alternative treatment center be approved by the board
9 today. Thank you.

10 CHAIR: Are there any questions
11 surrounding Breakwater Treatment and Wellness Corp.?
12 Seeing none, is there a motion to approve their
13 expansion of their ATC certification?

14 COMM. MAPP: So moved.

15 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion. Second.

16 CHAIR: Motion, Mapp. Second, Kennedy.
17 Mr. Said?

18 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

21 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

23 COMM. 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: All right. Now we are moving to
5 cases, claims, and petitions. First up, our waiver
6 request. I'm going to turn the floor over to Chief
7 Counsel Mohankumar. How'd I do?

8 CHIEF COUNSEL ARUNDHATI MOHANKUMAR: Thank
9 you, Chair. Not bad, actually.

10 CHAIR: Okay.

11 CHIEF COUNSEL MOHANKUMAR: Thank you,
12 Chair. We have three waiver requests that the board
13 will be considering today. The Commission's
14 regulations give the Commission the authority to waive
15 a regulatory requirement if it meets the three factors
16 enumerated under N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7.

17 This provision states that the board may
18 waive a regulatory requirement regarding the operations
19 of the business if that waiver is necessary to achieve
20 the purposes of the act, is necessary to provide access
21 to cannabis items to consumers, and does not create a
22 danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

23 The first waiver request the board will be
24 considering is WR063. Township Green, LLC, has
25 requested a waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-14.3(A), which

1 requires retail licensees to verify a consumer's photo
2 ID, to confirm that the consumer is of legal age to
3 purchase cannabis before entering the premises.

4 It should be noted that the requirement to
5 verify consumer's ID before entering a retailer's
6 premise is in our statute, and the Commission does not
7 have the authority to waive that statutory requirement.

8 With that, I turn it back over to you,
9 Chair, for a board vote.

10 CHAIR: Thank you, Chief Counsel. Is
11 there a motion to approve or deny this waiver request,
12 WR063?

13 COMM. MAPP: I make the motion that we
14 deny this request.

15 CHAIR: I will second that motion.
16 Motion, Mapp. Second, Laufer. Mr. Said?

17 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

18 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

19 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

20 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

21 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

22 COMM. NASH: Yes.

23 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

24 CHIEF COUNSEL MOHANKUMAR: Yes.

25 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

1 CHAIR: Yes.

2 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

3 CHAIR: Chief Counsel?

4 CHIEF COUNSEL MOHANKUMAR: All right. The
5 next waiver request the board will be considering is
6 WR064. Sussex Cultivation LLC has requested a waiver
7 of N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.1(F), which requires cannabis
8 cultivators and manufacturers, upon receipt of a
9 written report confirming the test results of the
10 representative sample do not meet specifications, to
11 not sell the batch or lot to any -- to another cannabis
12 business, and to destroy or dispose of the batch or lot
13 by rendering it unrecoverable and unrecognizable.

14 With that, I turn it back over to you,
15 Chair, for a board vote.

16 CHAIR: Okay. Is there a motion to
17 approve or deny WR064, Sussex Cultivation?

18 COMM. NASH: Chair, I move to deny WR064.

19 COMM. KENNEDY: I'll second.

20 CHAIR: Motion, Nash. Second, Kennedy.

21 Mr. Said?

22 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

25 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

1 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

2 COMM. NASH: Yes.

3 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro?

4 VICE CHAIR: Yes.

5 THE SECRETARY: Chair Laufer?

6 CHAIR: Yes.

7 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

8 CHAIR: Chief Counsel?

9 CHIEF COUNSEL MOHANKUMAR: All right. The
10 final waiver request the board will be considering is
11 WR066. ABCO Garden State LLC has requested a waiver of
12 N.J.A.C. 17:30-10.2(A2) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-13.2(A2) to
13 authorize a Class 1 cultivator to transport
14 manufactured cannabis products from a Class 2
15 manufacturer's premises to Class 5 retailers.

16 It should be noted that the statutory
17 definition of cannabis cultivator does not permit a
18 cultivator to transport cannabis products to retailers,
19 and the Commission does not have the authority to waive
20 that definition.

21 With that, I turn it back over to you,
22 Chair, for a board vote.

23 CHAIR: Thank you, Chief Counsel. Is
24 there a motion to approve or deny WR066?

25 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion to deny.

1 COMM. MAPP: Second.

2 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy. Second, Mapp.

3 Mr. Said?

4 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

7 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

8 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

9 COMM. 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: Next is litigation matters,
16 settlements. Chief Counsel?

17 CHIEF COUNSEL MOHANKUMAR: Thank you,
18 Chair. Staff issued a notice of violation to Hashery
19 LLC, which was under INV-09-2026. The board
20 subsequently imposed a penalty to that entity, and now
21 the board is now voting to act consistent with the
22 discussion it had in executive session to resolve and
23 settle this matter.

24 And with that, I turn it back over to you,
25 Chair, for a vote --

1 CHAIR: Absolutely.

2 CHIEF COUNSEL MOHANKUMAR: -- board vote.

3 CHAIR: Is -- is there a motion to accept
4 or reject Hashery LLC's settlement for INV-09-2026?
5 I'll move to accept the settlement. Is there a second?

6 COMM. MAPP: I second.

7 CHAIR: Motion, Laufer. Second, Mapp.
8 Mr. Said?

9 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

11 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

12 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

13 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

14 COMM. 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: Moving on up, notices of violation
21 and enforcement action. Thank you, Director Tuason.
22 The floor is yours. Actually, we are gonna go out of
23 order. We're gonna start with INV-55-2026.

24 THE SECRETARY: So next on the agenda, we
25 have consideration of an enforcement action for Mister

1 Jones LLC. Commissioner Ferraro has recused herself
2 from this enforcement action for Mister Jones LLC due
3 to an ongoing professional relationship.

4 On account of her recusal, she will step
5 out of the room while the board considers this
6 particular action. Afterward, Commissioner Ferraro
7 will come back in and we'll take up -- take up the next
8 order of business.

9 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Said. Director
10 Tuason, please give us an overview of INV-55-2026.

11 DIR. TUASON: Thank you, Chair. Thank
12 you, Chair. Is this on?

13 CHAIR: There you go.

14 DIR. TUASON: Okay.

15 CHAIR: You're good.

16 DIR. TUASON: So we issued a notice of
17 violation to Mister Jones LLC related to effectively
18 advertising at a youth softball game. They were cited
19 for five separate regulatory and statutory violations.

20 And with that, I turn it over to you --
21 back to you, Chair, for board consideration.

22 CHAIR: Yeah. So just quoting the
23 violations. Violation 1 was N.J.S.A. 24:64-35A(9)(C),
24 advertise sponsorship without 50 percent-plus audience
25 of 21-plus evidence.

1 We valued that violation at \$5,000.

2 Violation Number 2 is N.J.A.C. 17:30-17.2(A), advertise
3 without 71.6 percent audience of 21-plus evident.

4 We found that violation to be duplicative
5 of the previous one, so we're going to value that
6 violation at a zero.

7 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30/17.2(D)(5), no
8 proof of underage in attendance greater than 20
9 percent. We valued that also at \$5,000.

10 Violation Number 4 is N.J.A.C. 17:30-
11 17.2(D)(7), softball field was not an adult-only
12 facility. We valued that at \$2,500.

13 And finally, Violation Number 5, N.J.A.C.
14 17:30-17.2(F)(1), failure to keep audience records. We
15 also valued at \$2,500.

16 This is a total valuation of \$15,000. Is
17 there a motion to assess the violation?

18 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion.

19 COMM. NASH: Moved.

20 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy. Second, Nash.

21 Mr. Said?

22 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

25 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

1 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

2 COMM. NASH: Yes.

3 THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro is
4 recused. Chair Laufea?

5 CHAIR: Yes.

6 THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.

7 CHAIR: Thank you very much. Now we can
8 let Jacque back in. Welcome back. You were missed.

9 VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Chairman.

10 CHAIR: Next, we're going to go to
11 Mountain Dispensary, INV-31-2026. Director Tuason?

12 DIR. TUASON: Thank you, Chair. We issued
13 a notice of violation to Mountain Dispensary for
14 failure to inform the board -- or request an ownership
15 transfer from the board. We cited them for two
16 separate regulatory violations.

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

19 CHAIR: Thank you. The first violation is
20 N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.2(A), which is adding a passive
21 investor without board approval.

22 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.16(D), failure to
23 disclose an investor on a renewal filing. We have
24 processes when it comes to licensing. They're there
25 for a reason. It allows our agency to perform an

1 accurate probity review and make sure that every
2 application is compliant with the law.

3 We value both of these violations at
4 \$5,000 for a total of \$10,000 for INV-31-2026. Is
5 there a motion to assess the fine?

6 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion.

7 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy.

8 COMM. MAPP: Second.

9 CHAIR: Second, Mapp. Mr. Said?

10 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

12 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

13 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

14 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

15 COMM. 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: Next is Green Analytics, INV-64-
22 2026. Director Tuason?

23 DIR. TUASON: Thank you, Chair. We issued
24 a notice of violation to Green Analytics East LLC for
25 failure to conform to the testing standards adopted by

1 the Commission.

2 They were cited for seven -- seven
3 separate statutory and regulatory violations. With
4 that, I turn it back over to you, Chair.

5 CHAIR: Yeah. So in reviewing the
6 violations, first was N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.10(B)(9)(1), no
7 working accessible video surveillance. We valued that
8 at \$5,000.

9 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.10(B)(9)(2),
10 which is loss of archived footage restricting
11 Commission's access. We also valued that at \$5,000.

12 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.3(B)(4),
13 collected only one third of the required representative
14 sample amount. We valued that at \$15,000.

15 Next, Violation Number 4 is N.J.A.C.
16 17:30-19.3(B)(5), which is non-compliant sampling for
17 non-homogenizable products. We also valued that at
18 \$15,000.

19 Next, we went -- Violation Number 5 is
20 N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.4(A), failure to test per their
21 standard operating procedure. We valued that at
22 \$5,000.

23 Next is N.J.S.A. 17 -- 24:61-19(E), which
24 is delayed stability reporting, invalidated QPCR
25 methods. So they used -- they knowingly used the

1 incorrect testing method. And we also -- we valued
2 that at \$15,000.

3 Next is -- and final is N.J.A.C. 17:30-
4 18.5(E)(2), which is nonconformance to trace and --
5 nonconformance and traceability failures vis-a-vis ISO
6 IEC protocols. We valued that at \$5,000 for a grand
7 total of \$65,000. Is there a motion to assess the
8 \$65,000 penalty?

9 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion.

10 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy.

11 COMM. NASH: Second.

12 COMM. MAPP: Second.

13 CHAIR: Second Nash. Before we vote, I
14 just want to say integrity of testing is incredibly
15 important. Our testing labs are -- are safeguards for
16 our consumers.

17 And consumer safety is one of the two
18 pillars that this agency is founded on, and we take
19 deficiencies in testing incredibly seriously. And our
20 staff are -- through our Office of Compliance and
21 Investigation go out and we hold these testing labs
22 accountable. And it's -- and it's -- it's imperative
23 that they are accountable, accurate, and good actors in
24 the space.

25 So I want to thank OCI for their work on

1 this. You know, I want to say all -- thank Maria as
2 well, who's part of OCI. And with that, I'll turn it
3 over to Mr. Said for a roll call on the \$65,000
4 penalty.

5 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

7 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

8 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

9 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

10 COMM. 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: Next is Culture Craft Cannabis
17 Collective LLC. Say that five times fast. INV-65-
18 2026. Director Tuason?

19 DIR. TUASON: Thank you, Chair. We issued
20 a notice of violation to Culture Craft for failure to
21 adhere to the regulations by extending the expiration
22 date of usable cannabis without conducting the required
23 stability testing.

24 Additionally, their labels displayed
25 incorrect harvest and expiration dates. They were

1 cited for five separate regulatory violations. With
2 that, I turn it back over to you, Chair.

3 CHAIR: Yes, first violation was N.J.A.C.
4 17:30-11.8(A), which is expiration miscalculated CAP.
5 We did not violate for this because there were certain
6 inconsistencies and we felt that a violation was not
7 appropriate.

8 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-11.8(C)(2), which
9 is sold expired packages, exceeded the six-month
10 expiration date. Again, because we didn't violate on
11 the first one, it was not appropriate to violate on the
12 second one. So both of those violations were assessed
13 a zero dollar value.

14 Next was N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(B)(3),
15 production date printed instead of the harvest date.
16 We assessed that violation at \$2,500.

17 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.5(G), failure to
18 report stability testing findings. We assessed that at
19 \$5,000.

20 Next is N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.3(B)(4), which
21 is missing expiration date on a label. We also valued
22 that at \$5,000 for a total of the \$12,500 violation.

23 Is there a motion to approve the \$12,500
24 violation?

25 COMM. KENNEDY: A motion.

1 CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy.

2 VICE CHAIR: Second.

3 CHAIR: Second, Ferraro. Again, I'm --
4 I'm speaking to the consumer safety end of this. We
5 need to ensure that our consumers are safe. And
6 obviously, accurate dates on packaging, just like it
7 would be with -- with dairy products or anything else,
8 it's about safety and we take that very seriously.

9 So we have -- we have a motion and a
10 second. Mr. Said, please call the roll?

11 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 COMM. KENNEDY: Yes.

13 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

14 COMM. MAPP: Yes.

15 THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

16 COMM. 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.

22 CHAIR: All right. Next is Mr. Said's
23 second favorite part of the meeting, and after this one
24 will be Mr. Said's favorite part of the meeting, but
25 public comment is first.

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

5 The first person I have on the list is
6 Binal Amin. If you're in the room, Binal Amin. I
7 don't see that person, so I'm going to move on to the
8 public that are appearing virtually.

9 Thomas Norcia, if you're in the room,
10 please raise your hand. Thomas Norcia. As a reminder,
11 it is star, nine to raise your hand, and star, six to
12 unmute if you're calling in.

13 Thomas Norcia. All right. I see you,
14 Thomas. Just give me one second. Thomas, you have the
15 floor.

16 MR. THOMAS NORCIA: (Inaudible).

17 THE SECRETARY: Thank you, Thomas. The
18 next person on the list is Todd Johnson. If you're in
19 the room, please raise your hand. Todd Johnson. All
20 right. I see you, Todd. Todd, the floor is yours.

21 MR. TODD JOHNSON: You can hear me?

22 THE SECRETARY: Yes, we can hear you,
23 Todd.

24 MR. JOHNSON: (Inaudible). Good
25 afternoon, Chair Laufer, Vice Chair Ferraro,

1 Commissioner Nash, Mapp, and Kennedy, and Executive
2 Director Riggs, Director (inaudible).

3 I'm Todd Johnson, and I'm the Executive
4 Director of New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association. I'm
5 representing (inaudible) including cultivators,
6 manufacturers, dispensaries, and (inaudible).

7 On behalf of NJTCA (inaudible) thank you
8 for your approval of our waiver at the (inaudible) that
9 renews the requirements for fingerprinting background
10 checks for employees that are not owners or principals
11 at their respective companies.

12 On May 1st of 2025, I provided a public
13 comment at that NJ-CRC meeting and told you all to
14 eliminate the (inaudible) as it leads to an unintended
15 discriminatory (inaudible) in which prospective
16 employees with any prior conviction are downgraded by
17 higher managers due to the potential for longer wait
18 times for background checks to be completed, and that
19 was approved.

20 Your approval of (inaudible) this year
21 will allow (inaudible) more opportunities (inaudible).
22 (Inaudible) the waiver by only state employees and
23 (inaudible) background check requirement (inaudible)
24 before those checks are completed.

25 Notably, the Commission (inaudible) while

1 background checks are completed (inaudible).

2 (Inaudible). (Inaudible) vulnerable patient population
3 (inaudible).

4 THE SECRETARY: 30 seconds.

5 MR. JOHNSON: (Inaudible). We appreciate
6 CRC's continued dialogue on important issues and
7 understand (inaudible) that are under considerations
8 (inaudible).

9 New (inaudible) will provide significant
10 (inaudible) for both operators and employees across the
11 spectrum on New Jersey cannabis industry. Thank you
12 very much for your time (inaudible).

13 THE SECRETARY: Thank you, Todd. The next
14 person I have on the list is James DiGiulio. James
15 DiGiulio. Last four of the telephone number is 8131.
16 James DiGiulio.

17 And as a reminder, it is star, nine to
18 raise your hand, and star, six to unmute. James
19 DiGiulio. All right. I don't see that person.

20 The -- the next person is Gian Lombardi.
21 If you're in the room, please raise your hand. Gian
22 Lombardi. Last four of the telephone number is 7600.
23 Gian -- Gian Lombardi. I don't see that person.

24 The next person is Michael Odenwald. The
25 last four of the telephone number is 6902. Michael

1 Odenwald. It is star, nine to raise your hand, and
2 star, six to unmute if you're calling in. I don't see
3 Michael.

4 I'm just going to go over the list of the
5 people that didn't get a chance to speak. Binal Amin,
6 if you're in the room, please raise your hand. Binal
7 Amin. I don't see Binal. James DiGiulio. Last four
8 of the telephone number is 8131. James DiGiulio.

9 Gian Lombardi. Last four of the telephone
10 number is 7600. Gian Lombardi. Michael Odenwald. The
11 last four of the telephone number is 6902. Michael
12 Odenwald. I don't see any of those people.

13 Chair, this will conclude the registered
14 speakers we have for today's public meeting.

15 CHAIR: Thank you very much, Mr. Said.
16 Before we move to adjourn, I do want to make an
17 announcement that the September meeting will be moved
18 to September 9th, and it will remain virtual. And
19 there will be appropriate notices made to the -- to the
20 public and press.

21 Also, the October meeting will be moved to
22 October 29th, and that will be in person. And also,
23 the appropriate notices will be made to the public and
24 the press. With that, is there a motion -- sorry, this
25 is Mr. Said's favorite part of the meeting. Is there a

1 motion to adjourn?

2 COMM. MAPP: So moved.

3 CHAIR: Motion, Mapp. Is there a second?

4 COMM. KENNEDY: Second.

5 CHAIR: Second, Kennedy.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 ALL: Aye.

8 CHAIR: We are adjourned.

9 (Meeting concluded)

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