



MEMORANDUM

TO: Cannabis Regulatory Commission Board
FROM: Christopher Riggs, Acting Executive Director
SUBJECT: Cover Memo: Recommendation to Consider Cannabis Business License Awards
DATE: AUGUST 6, 2026

OVERVIEW

On August 19, 2021, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (herein referenced as the “Commission” or “CRC”) adopted rules pursuant to P.L. 2021, C.16 which established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories. N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 outlines the application process and requirements for both conditional license applicants and annual license applicants. The rules also include the eligibility requirements and limitations for Social Equity Businesses, Diversely-Owned Businesses, and Impact Zone Businesses. Additionally, N.J.A.C. 17:30-18.1 through -18.5 outline the application process and requirements for testing laboratory license applicants, including eligibility requirements.

The attached memos from CRC staff outlines the process and recommendations concerning the applications for conditional conversion licenses and applications for annual licenses. These applications have been reviewed, scored, and are recommended for approval by the CRC Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Having reviewed the attached memos and recommended applications, I concur with CRC staff’s recommendations to approve license awards for the listed applications and hereby recommend these applications for approval by the CRC Board of Commissioners. These applications have been reviewed, scored, and are now recommended for approval in accordance with the CRC’s authorizing statutes and regulations and therefore should be approved.