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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONER LAUFER, Chair
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY
COMMISSIONER MAPP
COMMISSIONER NASH
MR. SAID, Secretary

OTHER SPEAKERS PRESENT:

DIRECTOR RIGGS

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

MS. DARRAH PILIERI

ROLL CALL
THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here
THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?
COMMISSIONER MAPP: Here
THE SECRETARY: All right. Commissioner Nash?
COMMISSIONER NASH: Present.
THE SECRETARY: Vice chair Ferraro is absent for today.
Chair Laufer?
CHAIR: Present.
MS. DARRAH: Danny, can you confirm you can see my screen?
MR. DANNY: Yes, I do see it. Can you hear me? Sarah?
MS. DARRAH: If you are talking, I cannot hear you.
MR. DANNY: Can you hear me now? Can you hear me? Can you hear me, Sarah? Hello. Hello. Hello.
(Long silence)
MS. DARRAH: Hi, Danny. Can you see the screen? Let's test your audio.
MR. DANNY: Yes, I can hear the screen -- I can see the screen. Can you hear me.
MS. SARAH: I am not able to hear you if

you are speaking.

DIRECTOR RIGGS: Hello.

MR. DANNY: Sarah, can you hear me now?

MS. DARRAH: Yes, I can.

MR. DANNY: Okay. Perfect.

MS. DARRAH:Can you do it again? Perfect, thank you so much.

MR. DANNY: Yeah.

MS. DARRAH: All right.

(Long silence)

DIRECTOR RIGGS: Good morning everyone. Can you hear me?

CHAIR: Yes, I can hear you.

MR. DANNY: Yes, we can hear you.

DIRECTOR RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. Good to see you this morning.

CHAIR: Good to see you. You know, I didn't like that you sent a -- that didn't send a good morning text. I know we're live, but it doesn't matter. Okay. We're almost -- we're doing very good.

COMMISSIONER NASH: Can you hear me? Yes? Anybody?

CHAIR: Yes, we can hear you, Commissioner Nash.

COMMISSIONER NASH: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR: Is Commissioner Ferraro gonna be on?

DIRECTOR RIGGS: From -- from what I thought, I didn't think she was going to be on.

CHAIR: Okay. For everyone watching, we're going to be another -- I think, about two minutes, and then we'll call the meeting to order. Thanks for your patience.

MR. DANNY: It's coming on right now.

CHAIR: All right. I'm going to go ahead and call this meeting to order. When -- when the requisite people get on, just please add them on as a panel, Mr. Said, but I don't want to -- I don't wanna keep -- I don't wanna keep people waiting.

Mr. Said, can you please call the statement of compliance?

THE SECRETARY: Good morning, Chair. This is a special meeting of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission's 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was posted to the NJ-CRC legal notices website in accordance with Public Law 2025, Chapter 72. The agenda and information regarding the virtual nature of

the meeting and the ability to live stream was posted on the CRC website.

The meeting time and location has also been posted on the website of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, and with the office of the Secretary of the State.

CHAIR: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Said. Let's do a roll call.

THE SECRETARY: Forgive me I don know how to do this roll call. So for -- for Commissioner Kennedy, he's -- he's coming on -- he's coming on right now. So I'm gonna --

CHAIR: Yes.

THE SECRETARY: Okay.

CHAIR: That's correct. So when he -- when he gets on, we mark him present in the meeting.

THE SECRETARY: Okay.

CHAIR: But either way a quorum exist. So.

THE SECRETARY: Sir, I think this is him coming in right now.

CHAIR: There you go. Hey, there we go.

THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes, good to go. Yeah, my -- my --

THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- phone won't let me use anything --
COMMISSIONER MAPP: Here
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- I don't know why. Here.
THE SECRETARY: All right. Commissioner Nash?
COMMISSIONER NASH: Present.
THE SECRETARY: Vice chair Ferraro is absent for today. Chair Laufer?
CHAIR: Present.
THE SECRETARY: We now have a quorum.
CHAIR: Thank you very much, Mr. Said. This is a very short agenda, only one agenda item, but we will be going into closed session first. So is there a motion to go into closed session?
COMMISSIONER MAPP: So moved.
COMMISSIONER NASH: Second.
CHAIR: All in favor? The closed session will take about approximately 20 minutes. It shouldn't be that long, so we'll be back on in about 20 minutes. All in favor to go into closed, aye.
ALL: Aye.
CHAIR: (Inaudible) is in favor of it as

well. All right. We are in closed session. Thanks guys.

(Moved to closed session)

(Back to open session)

CHAIR: All right. I want to -- I think we kept it to a complete and total 20 minutes. So well done, team. Mr. Said, do we have everybody on who needs to be on?

THE SECRETARY: Yes, everyone's on.

CHAIR: Okay. So let's -- let's move out of the closed executive session slide. And we have notices of enforcement action, which I'm going to turn it over to Executive Director Riggs for a -- for a summary, and then we'll -- and then we'll hear it.

DIRECTOR RIGGS: Thank you, Chair. Can we go to the next slide, please? Before the Board today we have INV-132-2026. Magic Garden Botanicals, LLC, cultivation license C000146. And I will give a brief overview of what happened with this licensee.

On September 29th of 2026, just last Tuesday, CRC investigators conducted a routine compliance inspection of Magic Garden Botanicals in Bridgeton. And what they discovered was an unauthorized outdoor cannabis cultivation operation on the licensed premises.

Magic Gardens had previously been warned on multiple occasions that commission approval was required before conducting any outdoor cultivation activities. And despite those warnings, the licensee proceeded with this unauthorized operation.

The inspection identified several significant and ongoing violations. First, the failure to maintain required security measures. The outdoor cultivation area was not enclosed by compliance fencing or any other physical barriers. And as a result, the area was not adequately secured against unauthorized access or public access. They failed to use metric appropriately. The cannabis plants and the cultivation activities associated with this outdoor operation were not properly tagged or entered into the tracking system through metric. And the Commission, which is our commission designated tracking inventory system.

Failure to maintain accurate inventory records. Again, this relates to metric tags and tracking. The plants were not properly recorded in our metric system, and Magic Gardens failed to maintain accurate and current cannabis inventory records. There's repeated noncompliance despite the several warnings from our compliance officers. The conduct occurred after the licensee had already been expressly

warned on multiple occasions regarding the requirement for the Commission approval before commencing any outdoor cultivation activities.

So at this time it is the recommendation of staff that an immediate summary suspension of this cultivation license be granted based upon the totality of the circumstances. Magic Gardens knowingly established an unauthorized outdoor cultivation operation despite prior commission warnings. They failed to implement the required physical security measures, and failed to track the resulting cannabis inventory and metric.

The combination of repeated noncompliance, unauthorized cultivation, inadequate physical security, and untracked cannabis inventory presents an immediate regulatory and public safety concern and undermines the CRC's ability to effectively oversee the licensee's cannabis operations.

Therefore, under these facts, the summary suspension is appropriate and necessary to immediately protect the public safety of everybody pending a further investigation and appropriate administrative proceedings. So staff is recommending a summary suspension. And before I turn it back over to you, Chair, I do want to commend staff's swift action

on this. The investigation commenced, like I said, just last Tuesday, and they moved really quickly to get us to the point where we are today. So kudos to staff. Great work on this. And I'll turn it back over to you, Chair, for a vote.

CHAIR: Yeah, thank you, Director. I also want to commend staff. I also want to commend staff for working after hours on a Friday to make sure all the paper was in order for this meeting. You guys know who you are. Well done. And, you know, I just want to point out that that any -- any surprise cannabis -- you know, untracked cannabis poses an immediate risk to public safety because it doesn't meet the standard that New Jersey has set.

And for that reason, I'm going to motion for a summary suspension for this licensee. Would any commissioner like to second that or make a comment? And we can go from there.

COMMISSIONER NASH: I would like to second it. And I would say that, you know, it's -- it's just follow our regs, work with your compliance officers, and we wouldn't be here today if businesses would just do that. It's not something we enjoy doing, but it is necessary for the protection of the public. So I do commend the staff that worked on this over the

weekend. Thank you.

CHAIR: All right. No other comments. Mr. Said, we have a motion and a second. Can we please call the roll?

THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.

THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?

COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

CHAIR: Actually, stop. We have to -- we have -- sorry. We have to redo the motion. We're going to do a summary suspension effective Wednesday, October 7th instead of -- instead of today. So I'm sorry to blow up the motion, but I have to make sure that we -- we have the motion correct. So is there a -- is there a second to the new motion for a summary suspension Wednesday, October 7th?

COMMISSIONER NASH: Second.

CHAIR: Okay. Mr. Said, please call the roll.

THE SECRETARY: Yes, sir. Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Mapp?

COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.
THE SECRETARY: Commissioner Nash?
COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.
THE SECRETARY: Vice Chair Ferraro is absent. Chair Laufer?
CHAIR: Yes.
THE SECRETARY: The motion passes.
CHAIR: All right. Seeing no other business in front of the board, is there a motion to adjourn?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: A motion.
COMMISSIONER MAPP: So moved.
CHAIR: Motion, Kennedy. Mapp, is that a second?
COMMISSIONER MAPP: Yes.
CHAIR: Second, Mapp. All in favor?
ALL: Aye.
CHAIR: We're adjourned. Thank you very much.
COMMISSIONER MAPP: Thank you.
(Meeting ended)

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