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CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DIANNA HOUENOU, Chairwoman
SAM DELGADO, Vice Chairman CHARLES
BARKER, Commissioner
MARIA DEL CID-KOSSO, Commissioner
KRISTA G. NASH, Commissioner
JEFF BROWN, Executive Director
TONI-ANNE BLAKE, Director of Communications

1 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Good afternoon,
2 everyone. It's my pleasure to welcome you to this open
3 public meeting of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory
4 Commission. The time is now 1:03 by my watch. And I
5 call this meeting to order. As we begin, as we do with
6 every meeting, I want to remind everyone that public
7 comments can be submitted to the CRC in writing via our
8 website, nj.gov/cannabis/meetings. The deadline for
9 submitting written comments to the CRC is tomorrow,
10 Friday, July 29th at 5:00 P.M. And with that, Director
11 Blake, can you please read the Notice of the Public
12 Meeting.

13 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Madam Chairman, this is
14 a meeting of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory
15 Commission. Adequate notice of this meeting has been
16 provided in accordance with the Senator Byron M. Baer
17 Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was noticed in
18 the Asbury Park Press, Atlantic City Express, Bergen
19 Record, Courier Post, and the Trenton times in
20 December 2021. Information regarding the virtual
21 nature of the meeting due to the Covid 19 pandemic was
22 posted in publications and on the NJ-CRC website. The
23 meeting time and location has also been posted on the
24 website of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory
25 Commission and with the Office of the Secretary of the

1 State.

2 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. Can you
3 please take roll call.

4 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

5 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Present.

6 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del

7 Cid-Kosso?

8 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Present.

9 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

10 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Present.

11 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

12 COMMISSIONER NASH: Present.

13 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Present.

15 DIRECTOR BLAKE: All members of the

16 Commission are present and we have a quorum. The first

17 order of business is for the Commission to go into

18 Executive Session to discuss legal and investigation

19 matters. These are discussions that are not shared

20 with the public. We believe today the Executive

21 Session should take about 30 minutes.

22 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. Do I
23 have a motion to go into Executive Session?

24 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Chairwoman, I move
25 that we go into Executive Session.

1 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by
2 Commissioner Barker. Do I have a second?

3 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by
5 Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso. Is there any discussion on
6 this motion to go into Executive session? Hearing no
7 discussion, all those opposed -- I'm sorry. All those
8 in favor say aye.

9 [All responded "aye".]

10 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: All those opposed
11 say nay. Are there any abstentions? The ayes have it.
12 The Commission will now go into Executive Session. As
13 Director Blake mentioned, we expect the Executive
14 Session to last approximately 30 minutes. So we will
15 leave the live stream running during that time, and we
16 will return once the Executive Session is done. So,
17 the time now being 1:06, we can expect to resume the
18 public portion of this meeting at 1:36 p.m. We thank
19 you for your patience.

20 (There is a recess.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you, all, for
22 your patience. Oh. We are still waiting for
23 Commissioner Barker. Apologies. We'll get started in
24 one moment. All right. Now we are all here. Thank
25 you for your patience, everyone. Executive Session has

1 now ended. It went longer than we had originally
2 anticipated. So the time is now 2:35 p.m. And we'll
3 resume the open public portion of this meeting.

4 Director Blake, can you please announce the next agenda
5 item.

6 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The next item on
7 today's agenda is approving the minutes of both the
8 Commission's Open Session and Executive Session held on
9 June 30, 2022. The minutes have been shared with the
10 members of the Commission prior to this meeting.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. If
12 there are no requested corrections to the meeting
13 minutes, I'll ask for a motion to adopt the meeting
14 minutes for June 30th.

15 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: So moved,
16 Madam Chair.

17 COMMISSIONER NASH: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by
19 Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso and seconded by Commissioner
20 Nash. Is there any discussion on this motion? Hearing
21 none, Director Blake, can you please call the vote.

22 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

23 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

24 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del
25 Cid-Kosso?

1 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

3 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

5 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

7 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes. The
9 next item on today's agenda is the Chair's Remarks.

10 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. So I
11 have just two items to share today. First and
12 foremost, let me remind everyone the announcement
13 shared during the last public board meeting that the
14 CRC plans to move our public board meetings from
15 virtual only to in-person this fall starting with our
16 September board meeting. The remainder of this year's
17 regular meetings are anticipated to be held in person.
18 We're working with Executive Director Brown to finalize
19 logistics for those board meetings. Details for the
20 in-person meetings will be publicized after they're all
21 confirmed so that the public has all the necessary
22 information.

23 Secondly, I want to share that
24 information on a few special topics of interest will be
25 publicized soon. Draft rules concerning consumption

1 areas and edible cannabis products are forthcoming.
2 With respect to workplace impairment, Executive
3 Director Brown previously stated that guidance from the
4 CRC is in the works. That guidance is still under
5 legal review, but we do expect to release it very soon.
6 We know there's a tremendous amount of interest in all
7 three of these issue areas. And not everyone feels the
8 same way about them. There are varying opinions on how
9 consumption areas, edible products and workplace should
10 be addressed. So it is both the intention of the Chair
11 and the Executive Director to have those rules -- the
12 rules on these issues informed by a variety of
13 stakeholders before they are finalized. But fear not,
14 they are indeed coming. So we invite everyone to stay
15 tuned for more announcements on those topics. And that
16 is all I have for today's Chair's Remarks. Director
17 Blake.

18 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Madam Chairwoman,
19 may I have the floor, please?

20 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Vice Chair Delgado,
21 is this with respect to the Chair's Remarks? If it's
22 another matter, then we'll have to --

23 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: No. In respect to
24 your remarks about the September -- September schedule.

25 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: You have comments,

1 go right away, Vice Chair Delgado.

2 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: I move that we
3 amend our September schedule and move our meeting from
4 September 22nd forward.

5 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Vice Chair, I think
6 your motion is ill placed in the order of things. So
7 sticking to the call of the orders of the day, right
8 now this is just the Chair's Remarks. It's not an open
9 floor. But I would encourage you to save your motion
10 for the appropriate place and time after the Commission
11 has stuck with the orders of the day. So after the
12 conclusion of already planned businesses then we are
13 free to make that motion and bring that new motion to
14 the floor.

15 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Madam Chair, I
16 appeal the decision on the Board.

17 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: On the orders of --
18 sticking on the orders of the day? Is that the appeal?

19 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: I appeal your
20 decision based on I wanted to make a motion to amend
21 the meeting per your discussion earlier on the
22 schedule.

23 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: So, all right. The
24 Chair's -- the Chair's decision to encourage -- really,
25 it's not a decision. Its direction to move the motion

1 on a new matter to the end of the conclusion of the
2 Commission's ordinary matters of business has been
3 appealed. And so the decision of the Chair's -- of the
4 Chair is being appealed. The question is shall the
5 decision of the Chair be sustained. And so by a vote
6 -- we'll just do an oral vote. All those in favor say
7 aye.

8 [All responded "aye".]

9 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: All those opposed
10 say nay. Are there any abstentions? Hearing none, the
11 ayes have it and the Chair's decision is sustained.

12 COMMISSIONER NASH: Wait. Hold on.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: So Vice Chair

14 Delgado, you are encouraged to --

15 Commissioner Nash: Chairwoman Houenou?

16 Chairwoman Houenou?

17 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER NASH: I was confused on
19 your question. I am in support of Commissioner
20 Delgado's appeal.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: All right.

22 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Can I just weigh
23 in here? Is this -- just for a point of clarity, is
24 this on the merits of Vice Chair Delgado's potential
25 motion or are we talking about procedural order? I

1 just want to be clear. Madam Chair, are you still
2 giving Vice Chair Delgado an opportunity to bring this
3 motion up at a different time of the meeting?

4 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Absolutely,
5 Commissioner Barker. It is the later. It is not a
6 question on the merit. It is a question on procedure.
7 And so the Chair's decision was to stick with the
8 orders of the business of today, sticking with the
9 agenda. And at the end of the -- at the conclusion of
10 the Commission's planned agenda that is when new
11 matters of business can be proposed.

12 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Okay. Now I
13 understand. Okay.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Okay. So the
15 opportunity for Vice Chair Delgado to make his motion
16 is being directed by the Chair to come up at the end of
17 the conclusion of our ordinary course of business.

18 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: With that, I'll
19 yield that to the Chairwoman. I'll bring it up at the
20 end. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman, for the opportunity.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Certainly. So Vice
22 Chair Delgado's withdrawing his motion to appeal, and
23 the Chair's decision stands. So that concludes the
24 Chair's Remarks. Director Blake, can you please
25 announce the next agenda item.

1 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The next agenda item is
2 the Executive Director's Report.

3 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you.
4 Executive Director Brown, you have the floor.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Thank you
6 very much, Madam Chair. Next slide, please. So today
7 just going to report to the Board, members of the
8 public specifically on update on where we stand with
9 the review and approval of permit and license
10 applications. So next slide, please. Just reviewing
11 our licensure process here. In order to get an annual
12 license to operate a cannabis business there's two
13 pathways that license applicants can file. The first
14 is a conditional application and the second is an
15 annual license application. For conditional
16 applications they've first file the conditional
17 portion. If approved, they move into the conditional
18 license phase. And then they file again to convert
19 from a conditional license to an annual license. If
20 submitting annually, they can submit off the bat for an
21 annual license. And those are reviewed. Per our
22 Notice of Application Acceptance, conditionals are
23 reviewed before annuals. And that's why to date and
24 even today we've only had conditionals to approve as
25 we're still working through the lion share of those

1 applications. Slide, please.

2 I do want to talk to the Board and
3 members of the public about how the two processes
4 differ because one is longer than the other. And in
5 the pre-application webinar we do -- I did share that
6 we expected -- you know, we do anticipate under 90 days
7 on conditional reviews particularly. And we have on
8 some, not on others. But largely we would need more
9 time early on because of the immediate rush of
10 applications after that first application window opens;
11 the first being on December 15th of 2021 and the second
12 on March 15th of 2022. So for conditional applications
13 our review process is really four-part. First the
14 application submission. They're reviewed for priority,
15 whether they're a social equity business or a diversely
16 owned business, where they fit in there. Then they're
17 reviewed for completeness and scored in accordance with
18 that priority and the time in which they submit. Then
19 there's an initial look as to the qualification under
20 our regs and overall regulatory compliance. And then
21 if deemed sufficient to be approved, then it's
22 recommended for approval by the Commission. Next
23 slide, please.

24 So our annual licensure process -- and
25 this includes for conditional conversions as well --

1 does contain additional components. And I wanted to
2 highlight this because conversions and annuals will
3 take additional time to review because of this.
4 There's the application submission and priority review.
5 There's completeness and scoring, same as with
6 conditionals. But for annual license applications
7 pursuant to the statute and pursuant to our rules, if
8 scored sufficiently high applications will then move to
9 our investigation phase where applicants will submit
10 fingerprints to get a criminal history check run.
11 There will be an investigation into financial sources,
12 other matters probative pursuant to our rules. That
13 particularly pertains to financial sources. Then
14 there's a final review for regulatory compliance. And
15 then they are recommended for approval by the
16 Commission. And then following approval because once
17 you have -- are approved for an annual license then you
18 can begin to operate. The final step is an inspection.
19 And then the license is issued pursuant to any approval
20 issued by this body of the Commission. So conditionals
21 we can move quicker on. And we are. And annuals will
22 take a little more time. Conditionals are also
23 reviewed in accordance with that priority before
24 annuals. Next slide, please.

25 So as of today -- sorry. As of

1 yesterday, July 27, 2022, we've had 1,182 applications
2 submitted. And this includes both conditional and
3 annual. About 80 percent of them give or take are
4 conditional. Of those applications, only 64
5 applications out of that bunch have not been given a
6 priority review yet. So that means there are only 64
7 applications that haven't been sorted in accordance to
8 that priority. And they're all recent submissions.
9 Beyond that, I'm pleased to report to the Board -- and
10 thank you to the tremendous staff that are working on
11 this. And thank you to our Deputy Executive Director
12 and our Director of Administration who have both been
13 doing an outstanding job here as well as all the staff
14 reviewing applications. I myself am reviewing
15 applications when I can at this point. We only have
16 284 applications that need to undergo a completeness
17 check and final scoring. And that's out of the full
18 1,182. We knew that we would receive a ton of
19 applications at first. And we're devoting the
20 resources needed to get through that initial rush so
21 that new applications coming in are managed much more
22 in accordance with the timeline we've outlined, i.e.,
23 under 90 days for conditionals, little more for annuals
24 and conversions, but still an efficient process. So I
25 am confident that we will make our way through the

1 remaining 284 over the next month or so, next couple
2 months, and that we'll be over this initial -- this
3 initial rush of applications. So for any applicants
4 that are listening here, if you haven't heard yet you
5 will hear soon. Annual applicants will receive notice
6 through the licensing portal when they move to the
7 investigation stage because they will receive outreach
8 from one of our investigative staff. But really
9 tremendous job by the team. And we're moving through
10 these applications significantly fast. So next slide,
11 please.

12 On the medicinal side of the equation,
13 the Board issued 44 awards in the 2019 RFA. Out of
14 those 44 -- and that was done in October and December
15 of last year. Of those 44 awardees -- and there was
16 one reissued earlier this year. There was -- there's
17 been one permit issued so far. Our team has initiated
18 258 background and financial investigations. 145 of
19 those have been completed. And the incompletes at this
20 point are really primarily due to individuals involved
21 with the applications being nonresponsive to particular
22 requests. But nonetheless, you know, applicants and
23 awardees in that RFA have timelines they need to stick
24 to as far as when they can get operational and receive
25 a permit. But we are making tremendous progress on

1 that front, too, to expand access and ensure that the
2 awardees from those 2019 RFA are able to begin
3 operating as soon as they do what they need to do on
4 the implementation side to begin to receive a permit.

5 Next slide, please.

6 And then the last two items. I did want
7 to note after our last meeting at the end of June that
8 our new permanent rules will be published on Monday,
9 August 1st in the register. There will be public
10 comment information on the CRC's website. That's
11 www.nj.gov/cannabis. So any interested parties who
12 wish to submit public comments -- and they have 60 days
13 to do so -- can do so via information that will be
14 posted on our website. So please check on Monday. If
15 you are interested in reading those rules, check the
16 register, check our website. And then also if you wish
17 to comment, the information will be available on the
18 CRC's website.

19 Lastly, the Chair mentioned that, you
20 know, workplace impairment guidance is coming. So I
21 don't have to cover that here. And that concludes
22 Executive Director's report for today.

23 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The next item on
24 today's agenda is consideration of an update to the
25 Cannabis Regulatory Commission's Plan of Organization.

1 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you, Director
2 Blake. Director Brown, could you please provide the
3 Board with a summary of the need for an update to the
4 CRC's Plan of Organization on the proposed changed
5 plan.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Absolutely.
7 Thank you, Madam Chair. So what we propose doing is to
8 do two things. Number one, restructure the Office of
9 Compliance and Licensing. So that was originally
10 formulated as one office within the Commission. Since
11 we've been staffing up and working on licensing and
12 then compliance investigations, it's very clear that
13 they both necessitate their own distinct staffs,
14 distinct directors, and distinct processes. They have
15 to work hand in hand and very closely together, but we
16 really need strong leadership over both those
17 functions, and we haven't. And so we propose to just
18 split the Office of Compliance and Licensing into two
19 new offices, Office of Licensing and Office of
20 Compliance and Investigations.

21 Secondly, and this is, you know, I think
22 codifying something that's just naturally occurred
23 which is our Deputy Executive Director has taken on a
24 role of really helping me manage pretty much all the
25 offices of the Commission. And so formalizing that

1 role as the Deputy Executive Director and having every
2 office but the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and
3 individuals who are within the office of the Executive
4 Director report first to the Deputy Executive Director
5 who's focused primarily on operations and really keeps
6 this place going, the lights on and all of us happy and
7 fed and in good spirits. So that's really the overview
8 of the Plan of Organization.

9 If you go to the next slide, this
10 presets the new proposed work chart where we have the
11 Commission, the Executive Director, the Deputy
12 Executive Director, and then the new Office of
13 Licensing and Office of Compliance and Investigations.
14 Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, members of the
15 Commission.

16 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. Do I
17 hear a motion to adopt the resolution and the update to
18 the NJCRC's Plan of Organization?

19 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: I move that we
20 adopt the resolution, Madam Chairwoman.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by Vice Chair
22 Delgado. Do I have a second?

23 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by
25 Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso. Is there any discussion on

1 this motion? Hearing no discussion, Director Blake,
2 could you please call the vote.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

4 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

5 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del
6 Cid-Kosso?

7 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

9 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

11 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes. The
15 next item on the agenda is a rule waiver to allow home
16 delivery or curbside retail sales of medicinal cannabis
17 items.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: This is a proposed
19 waiver of New Jersey Administrative Code 17:30A-2.1.
20 Director Brown, can you please provide the Board with a
21 summary of the need for waiving this rule and the
22 impact that such a rule waiver would have?

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Yes. So the
24 proposed action today essentially takes previous
25 waivers, one for home delivery and one for curbside

1 retail/curbside pick-up that was -- that were
2 originally developed and issued in 2020 during the
3 initial rush, you know, of the pandemic, of Covid, and
4 streamlines them into a single waiver and extends them
5 in perpetuity by action by the Board. Home delivery is
6 now in operation. Curbside retail has been helping out
7 for, you know, really since March of 2020. And so we
8 propose to make this permanent streamline both those
9 previous waivers into a single waiver. And, again,
10 make them permanent by action of this Board or until
11 rescinded or amended.

12 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. Do I
13 hear a motion to adopt the resolution concerning the
14 waiver of rules to allow home delivery and curbside
15 pick-up of medicinal -- of medical cannabis items?

16 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Madam Chairwoman, I
17 move that we adopt the resolution.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by Vice Chair
19 Delgado. Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER NASH: I second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by
22 Commissioner Nash. Is there any discussion on this
23 motion? Hearing none, Director Blake, can you please
24 call the vote.

25 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

1 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del

3 Cid-Kosso?

4 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

6 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

8 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

10 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes. The

12 next item on the agenda is the rule waiver to reduce

13 the price of medicinal cannabis patient registration.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: This is a proposed

15 waiver of New Jersey Administrative Code 17:30A-2.1.

16 Director Brown, could you please provide the Board with

17 a summary of the need for this particular waiver and

18 the impacts that the waiver would have.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Absolutely.

20 So little over four years ago via Governor Murphy's

21 Executive Order Number Six the Department of Health

22 issued a report and began implementing a number of

23 recommendations, one of which was to reduce the fee of

24 registrations from \$200 every two years to \$100. It

25 was cut in half. Furthermore, that's -- those

1 provisions also expanded eligibility for discounts.
2 Recognizing our commitment to continue to reduce prices
3 for patients and improve affordability, this waiver
4 would further reduce that registration cost for
5 patients who don't qualify for discounts, discounts
6 which for which seniors, veterans, and those on
7 government assistance are eligible only pay \$20 every
8 two years. But we propose lowering the registration
9 cost for all other patients who don't qualify for
10 discounts for \$50 every two years, cutting that in
11 half. And thus, continuing in that vein to improve
12 affordability for our medical patients.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you, Director
14 Brown. Do I hear a motion to adopt the resolution
15 concerning the waiver of rules to reduce qualifying
16 patient and primary caregiver issuance and renewal
17 fees?

18 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Madam
19 Chair, I move to adopt the resolution concerning the
20 waiver of rules to reduce qualifying patient and
21 caregiver issuance and renewal fees.

22 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by
23 Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso. Do I have a second?

24 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: I second, Madam
25 Chair.

1 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by Vice

2 Chair Delgado. Is there any discussion?

3 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Madam Chair, may I
4 please say something? It's just --

5 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Commissioner
6 Barker, you have the floor on the discussion on the
7 waiver of rules.

8 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Thank you, Madam
9 Chair. I just -- in the spirit of rule waivers that
10 are specific to patients I just ask us to really
11 consider expanding the options that you touched on for
12 patients. You know, we have to go through the rule
13 process for the adult marketplace, but I do believe,
14 you know, we can surely consider a waiver for patients
15 for expanded edible options. It would really alleviate
16 a lot of the ailments for a lot of our patient
17 community and provide the medicine in the form that we
18 have been told is needed. And so I really hope we can
19 consider a rule waiver for expanded edible options for
20 our patients' needs. Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Commissioner
22 Barker, does your comment relate to the motion that is
23 at hand here?

24 COMMISSIONER BARKER: So I thought it
25 was appropriate to bring it up at this portion of the

1 meeting because it spoke to rule waivers for our
2 patient community.

3 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Understood,
4 Commissioner Barker. The discussion is limited to the
5 item that is currently on the floor. And the question
6 at hand is the waiver of the rules to reduce qualifying
7 patient and primary caregiver issuance and renewal
8 fees. Is there any discussion on that item?

9 COMMISSIONER BARKER: No.

10 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Your point is well
11 taken, Commissioner Barker.

12 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Thank you. My
13 apologies if that wasn't exactly crystalized to this
14 specific motion, but I did think it was important to
15 address.

16 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Understood. Is
17 there any other discussion on this motion? Hearing
18 none, Director Blake, can you please call the vote.

19 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

20 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del
22 Cid-Kosso?

23 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

25 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

1 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

2 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

4 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes. The
6 next item on the agenda is the delegation of authority
7 for reviewing of and decision making on proposed
8 management services agreements and financial source
9 agreements concerning personal use cannabis businesses,
10 applications for an alternative treatment center
11 identification card for a cannabis business
12 identification card, applications for a change of
13 location concerning alternative treatment centers and
14 personal use cannabis businesses, proposals to engage
15 in home delivery or curbside retail sales of medicinal
16 cannabis items or personal use cannabis items, and the
17 issuance of written notices of violation to alternative
18 treatment centers and personal use cannabis businesses
19 upon violation of NJ-CRC rules.

20 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. This is
21 an item that presents five kinds of action that are
22 being proposed to be delegated to staff. To streamline
23 today's discussion, these items, however, we've
24 fashioned these items together. So Director Brown, can
25 you please provide the Board with a summary for each

1 delegation and the scope of the work that would be
2 done.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Absolutely.

4 Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you, members of the
5 Commission, for considering this. So we've been, you
6 know, following the adoption of the bylaws earlier this
7 year which sets up a clear protocol and pathway for
8 delegation of authority. We've been reviewing
9 processes, myself, our Chief Counsel, at the
10 Commission, things that staff have handled in some
11 cases for over a decade. And, you know, trying to put
12 the pieces in place pursuant to those bylaws to ensure
13 that staff have the authority to continue to do those
14 things. Additionally, there's new processes coming
15 online such as the issuance of cannabis business
16 identification cards and other things; processes that
17 are underway as part of license review, i.e., the
18 review of and decision making on management services
19 agreements and financial source agreements that are
20 submitted as part of license applications. And then,
21 so that's kind of one bucket.

22 And on the cannabis business -- on the
23 ATC identification card specifically I'll note that in
24 the original Plan of Organization adopted by the
25 Commission that is in place, the Office of Compliance

1 is specifically tasked with accepting applications for
2 alternative treatment center identification cards and
3 approving or denying those applications pursuant to
4 authorities in the statutes and our corresponding
5 regulations. Similarly, pursuant to the personal use
6 cannabis business regulations, we will be launching
7 sometime in the coming months cannabis business
8 identification card issuance process. And so this
9 would not only codify what staff have been doing with
10 the alternative treatment center identification cards,
11 but also extend that authority to cannabis business
12 identification cards in the future. We have thousands
13 upon thousands of employees working in this state. And
14 it's critical that we be able to move them forward
15 quickly and efficiently, and do so in a way that allows
16 them to start working in these facilities as quickly as
17 they can and as quickly as we can review them either
18 provisionally or, you know, that following a criminal
19 history background check and issue those cards.

20 With the management services agreements
21 and financial source agreements we look at those as
22 part of license applications. This is only pertains to
23 an initial review. That essentially these documents
24 would still come to the Board for approval as part --
25 or denial as part of the approval or denial of a

1 license application.

2 And lastly, there are -- so review and
3 decision making on applications for change of location
4 but only if it's in the permitting or licensing
5 process. We've recognized and the Board has already
6 considered a lot of changes of location this year.
7 Things change as far as planning particularly for
8 businesses in this industry. And as hard as it is to
9 find real estate and get it, sometimes businesses have
10 to act very quickly. And so we want to make sure we
11 can get back to them in a timely manner on whether or
12 not they can change the location. Change of location
13 really just requires, you know, making sure they have
14 municipal approval, making sure it's in the same region
15 as they were awarded in the case of medicinal, and then
16 paying a fee. And so that's one. Secondly, now that
17 the home delivery/curbside sales waiver has been made
18 permanent -- so thank you for that -- we propose to
19 allow staff to review and approve those applications as
20 well. It's really just about assessing compliance with
21 either the waiver on the medicinal side or regulations
22 for curbside and home delivery when it comes to
23 personal use cannabis.

24 And then, finally, you know, staff issue
25 written notices of violation to ATCs. And so, you

1 know, that is also included in the Plan of
2 Organization. And we're just asking to codify that
3 under the under the bylaws that were adopted earlier
4 this year. You know, we have a highly professional
5 staff that are well equipped to handle all of these and
6 do so in an efficient manner. And I, you know, I urge
7 the Commission to support us in, you know, continuing
8 to serve this industry and get this market going in a
9 very efficient manner.

10 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you, Director
11 Brown. I'll entertain a motion regarding the
12 resolution concerning the delegation of authority to
13 act on proposed management services and financial
14 source agreements, applications for ATC and cannabis
15 business identification card applications for changes
16 of location, proposals to engage in home delivery or
17 curbside pick-up and violations of Commission rules.

18 COMMISSIONER NASH: Madam Chair, may I
19 have the floor?

20 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Commissioner Nash.

21 COMMISSIONER NASH: I move to table this
22 resolution for delegation of authority.

23 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: There's been a
24 motion to table the consideration of this particular
25 item for delegation of authority. Is there a second on

1 the motion to table?

2 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Madam Chair, I
3 second that.

4 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by
5 Commissioner Barker. Is there any discussion on the
6 motion to table this item? Hearing none, Director
7 Blake, can you please call the vote with respect to the
8 motion to table the resolution regarding delegation of
9 authority.

10 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

11 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

12 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del
13 Cid-Kosso?

14 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: No.

15 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

16 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

18 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

20 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: No.

21 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion to table
22 passes.

23 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: All right. So that
24 item will be considered at another time. Director
25 Blake, can you please announce the next agenda item.

1 COMMISSIONER NASH: Madam Chair, may I
2 have the floor?

3 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Commissioner Nash,
4 with respect to the next agenda item or the previous
5 one?

6 COMMISSIONER NASH: I just wanted to
7 touch on the delegation of authority.

8 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: You may have the
9 floor, Commissioner Nash.

10 COMMISSIONER NASH: Thank you. I want
11 to say that I am in support of delegating authority,
12 but with the understanding that the Commissioners will
13 have full and realtime access to the items being
14 delegated. I think it's important in ensuring that the
15 Board upholds its commitment to social equity, labor
16 and other mandates set forth by the legislature and the
17 governor. I see the floor back to you, Madam Chair.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you,
19 Commissioner Nash. Director Blake, can you please
20 announce the next agenda item.

21 MS. BLAKE: The next item on the agenda
22 are medicinal cannabis applications for a location
23 change.

24 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you.
25 Director Brown, can you please share with the Board a

1 summary of the applications that staff have received
2 and staff's recommendations for action upon those
3 applications.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Absolutely.
5 So we've received a number of applications for location
6 changes. One is Circe Therapeutics. And you can go to
7 the next slide. That's a move from Pennsauken to
8 Collingswood Borough. We've received one from
9 Community Wellness Center of New Jersey LLC. And
10 that's to Jersey City -- from Jersey City to Jersey
11 City. And I think Community Wellness Center is on here
12 twice. That's a mistake. It's correct in your Board
13 packet. There's a third location change which is from
14 Sicklerville to Gloucester Township. All of these have
15 included a letter seeking the location change, received
16 municipal approval, have executed a Letter of Intent
17 for site control, and have paid the fee and, therefore,
18 are all recommended for approval.

19 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Director Brown, can
20 you please, for the sake of the members of the public
21 watching, can you just clarify this last -- this third
22 entity that is seeking a location change? What's the
23 identity of those?

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Yes. Just
25 give me one moment.

1 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: No problem.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: It is in fact
3 Honeygrove South Corporation.

4 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you very
5 much, Director Brown. With that, I will entertain a
6 motion at this time concerning the resolution to --
7 concerning the approval of applications for a change of
8 location for three awardees [inaudible] request for
9 application process.

10 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Madam Chair, I
11 move to consider the approval of location changes for
12 three ATCs.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by
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14 Commissioner Barker.

15 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: I second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by Vice
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17 Chair Delgado. Is there any discussion on this motion?

18 Hearing none, Director Blake, can you please call the

19 vote.

20 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

21 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

22 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del

23 Cid-Kosso?

24 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

1 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

3 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

5 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes. The

7 next item on the agenda is medicinal cannabis

8 applications for name change.

9 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you.

10 Director Brown, can you please provide us with a

11 summary of the applications that you have received

12 regarding name changes.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Absolutely.

14 We've received four applications for name changes all

15 operating in medicinal cannabis. The first is the Law

16 Offices of Juliana Diaz. And that would be changed to

17 Sweetspot Dispensary. Greenhouse Wellness of New

18 Jersey; proposed new business name Brute's Roots. Next

19 slide, please. Community Center of New Jersey LLC; and

20 the proposed -- and these -- those were -- the first

21 two were name changes. These are proposed alternative

22 names which are authorized under medicinal cannabis

23 rules. But, however, not authorized under personal use

24 cannabis rules. The proposed alternate name for

25 Community Wellness Center of New Jersey is RIPT. And

1 then for JG New Jersey the proposed alternative name is
2 Bloc. So in all these cases they filed a letter with
3 a request, filed alternative name or a change with the
4 New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue
5 and Enterprise Services, and then also noted what
6 activity they'll be conducting under those names. No
7 concerns with any of them. Not opining on what I think
8 of the actual names, but, you know, they've met all the
9 regulatory requirements and, therefore, are recommended
10 for approval.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. Do I
12 hear a motion to adopt the resolution concerning the
13 approval of applications to change the business name or
14 conduct business under an alternate name of these four
15 entities?

16 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Madam Chair, I move
17 to adopt this resolution.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by
19 Commissioner Del Cid.

20 COMMISSIONER NASH: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by
22 Commissioner Nash. Is there any discussion on this
23 motion? Hearing none, Director Blake, can you please
24 call the vote.

25 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

1 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del

3 Cid-Kosso?

4 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

6 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

8 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

10 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes. The

12 next item on the agenda is personal use cannabis

13 applications for conditional licensees.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you.

15 Director Brown, can you please provide the Board with a

16 summary of the applications we received for a

17 conditional license.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Absolutely.

19 So pursuant to the process that I laid out earlier, our

20 conditional licensure process, these applications have

21 been submitted. They've been ranked in accordance with

22 priority. That priority has been verified whether

23 they're a social equity business or diversely owned

24 business. They've been reviewed for completeness.

25 They've been scored. There's been an initial

1 qualification limitations review and investigation.
2 And all these applications were found to be complete,
3 scored sufficiently high, were verified to have the
4 necessary information submitted in the application to
5 qualify as a social equity business or a diversely
6 owned business, and have been deemed initially as part
7 of this review qualified to hold the conditional
8 license. And so, therefore, we have 79 applications
9 that are proposed for approval here, recommended for
10 approval by this Board. And I will ask that they just
11 -- that we flip through the slides and hold them up
12 there for at least 15 seconds each just so we can see
13 the names. Also note that these names are going to be
14 posted online following the meeting. And then if
15 approved, applicants would receive a final agency
16 decision after a final review. So please go ahead and
17 display the names of the conditional license applicants
18 who are proposed for approval by the Board. Thank you
19 very much. And with that, turn it back to you, Madam
20 Chair. These are all recommended for approval by the
21 Commission.

22 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you, Director
23 Brown. And just for awareness for the public, I
24 believe we had previously posted on our agenda on our
25 website that we would consider 81 applications for a

1 conditional license. There was a technical issue that
2 needed to be fixed, so that's how we ended up with 79
3 for today. So at this time do I hear a motion to adopt
4 the resolution concerning conditional license
5 applications for class one cannabis cultivator, class
6 two cannabis manufacturer, and class five cannabis
7 retail licenses?

8 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Madam Chairwoman, I
9 move that we accept the resolution on the conditional
10 licenses for all of them.

11 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: I second
12 that motion, Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by Vice Chair
14 Delgado. Seconded by Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso. Is
15 there any discussion on this motion? Hearing none,
16 Director Blake, can you please call the vote.

17 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

18 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

19 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del
20 Cid-Kosso?

21 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

23 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

25 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

1 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

2 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes. The
4 next item on the agenda is personal use cannabis
5 certification. The next item on the agenda is
6 alternative center applications for expansion into
7 personal use cannabis.

8 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you.
9 Director Brown, can you please provide the Board with
10 the summary of the certification materials received by
11 staff and recommendations on those certifications.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: Absolutely.
13 Thank you. So today we have two certifications for
14 expanded alternative treatment centers. They have been
15 -- the requirements of these certifications are that
16 they have municipal approval, proof of sufficient
17 supply to continue to meet patient need after
18 expansion, they have plans to ensure patient access and
19 plans to address social equity and safety. Next slide,
20 please.

21 Our consideration is prescribed by
22 regulation. And it's focused on patients, the number
23 of patients enrolled statewide, patient enrollment at
24 the specific ATC, inventory both statewide and at the
25 ATC sales, statewide and at the ATC -- the current

1 medicinal cannabis canopy, canopy needed to serve
2 enrolled patients and the ATC's production capacity.

3 Next slide, please.

4 We have two candidates for
5 consideration. Both have previously been approved for
6 expansion by the Board for different sites. The first
7 is Columbia Care. This is their second cultivation
8 facility which was approved I believe in either May or
9 June for medicinal. They are seeking approval to begin
10 personal use cannabis operations there as well.

11 Secondly, it's Verano Zen Leaf Neptune which is the
12 dispensary which would be approved to expand to a class
13 five retailer if approved here today. Next slide,
14 please.

15 And so we'll start with Columbia Care.
16 Based on staff review, we recommend approving them for
17 expansion. Columbia Care has previously been approved
18 for expansion at their other sites. We recommend
19 accepting the certification of adequate supply, patient
20 access, and accepting what they submitted for municipal
21 compliance and approval.

22 Madam Chair, I hand it over to you for
23 the vote on Columbia Care.

24 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. So
25 these candidates will be considered one at a time. So

1 with respect to Columbia Care, New Jersey LLC do I hear
2 a motion to adopt a resolution concerning the
3 acceptance of certification for the ATC Columbia Care,
4 New Jersey LLC to expand corporation operations to the
5 adult personal cannabis market?

6 COMMISSIONER NASH: Madam Chair, I move
7 to approve the motion for Columbia Care to expand their
8 cultivation facilities.

9 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by
10 Commissioner Nash. Do I have a second?

11 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by
13 Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso. Is there any discussion on
14 this motion? Hearing no discussion, Director Blake,
15 can you please call the vote.

16 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

17 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Nay.

18 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del
19 Cid-Kosso?

20 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

22 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

24 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

1 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes.

3 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. Now
4 with respect to Verano. Director Brown?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWN: So Verano, we
6 also recommend approving for expansion at their Neptune
7 location at Zen Leaf Neptune. This would be for a
8 class five retailer license. Recommend accepting the
9 certification of adequate supply, certification of
10 patient access, and municipal compliance and approval.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. Do I
12 hear a motion to adopt the resolution concerning the
13 acceptance of certification for ATC Verano to expand
14 retail operations to the adult personal use cannabis
15 market?

16 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: I move to
17 move that resolution, Madam Chair.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Moved by
19 Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso. Is there a second?

20 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: I second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Seconded by Vice
22 Chair Delgado. Is there any discussion on this matter?

23 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Madam Chair, may I
24 please have the floor?

25 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Commissioner

1 Barker, for discussion on the motion to approve Verano
2 to expand retail operations.

3 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Yes. Thank you.
4 Expanded ATCs should be abiding by the recorded
5 requirements and final agency decision that they
6 received upon the expansion into the personal use
7 market. This is critical information for us to express
8 your dedication at being responsible actors here in New
9 Jersey. And we strongly look forward to working with
10 you to realize the equitable and diverse commitments
11 that you shared in your expansion application. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: All right. Is
14 there any further discussion on this matter with
15 respect to Verano? Hearing no further discussion,
16 Director Blake, can you please call the vote.

17 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

18 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Nay.

19 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del
20 Cid-Kosso?

21 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

23 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

25 COMMISSIONER NASH: Nay.

1 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

2 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes.

4 Next we have the open public comment period of our
5 meeting.

6 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you. So
7 after the public comments I believe, Vice Chair, you'll
8 have the opportunity to present your new business for
9 consideration by the Board. As we begin the public
10 comment period I want to remind members of the public
11 that you can submit comments during and after this
12 meeting in writing via our website. The deadline for
13 submitting written comments is 5:00 P.M. tomorrow,
14 Friday, July 22nd. Written comments are shared with
15 Commission members and the public along with the
16 meeting minutes. We will hear from individuals who
17 have signed up to speak in the order they signed up.
18 Public speakers are limited to three minutes a piece.
19 So please keep your remarks focused on matters that
20 pertain to the Commission's work or items that the
21 Commission should be aware of. Director Blake will
22 call out the names of speakers. When it is your turn
23 to speak, Director Blake will ask you to unmute
24 yourself. I do not believe we have anyone joining us
25 by phone. In order for our staff to unmute individuals

1 who did sign up to speak, your full name or your phone
2 number as it appears on Zoom must match the name you
3 used to register to speak. I see that we have a few
4 Amandas, a couple of Allens with no last name. So
5 please double check the way your name is presented on
6 the Zoom platform. I see a few Erics with no last
7 name. We want to make sure that we give an opportunity
8 to speak to anyone who has properly registered with us.
9 And we can only do that if we can confirm that you are
10 indeed a registered speaker. So if you need to change
11 your name on the Zoom platform, please exit the Zoom
12 meeting and then immediately relaunch it which should
13 prompt you to enter your name. We won't be able to
14 correctly identify you as a speaker if your name is not
15 matched what you used to sign up.

16 Director Blake, with that, can you
17 please call upon our first speakers.

18 DIRECTOR BLAKE: I will be calling the
19 names in groups of five. If you hear your name, please
20 raise your hand. Again, the name must match the name
21 you registered with or I will not be able to identify
22 you. First five names are Daniel James McIntire, David
23 Feder, Ron Riley, Alan Trzuskoski, Domingo Rivera.
24 Again, Daniel James McIntire, David Feder, Ron Riley,
25 Alan Trzuskoski. So sorry to mispronounce the name.

1 And Domingo Rivera. If any of those individuals are
2 present, please raise your hand. Alan, go ahead.

3 MR. McINTIRE: Good afternoon. Thank
4 you for recognizing me at this time. I'm going to
5 conceded my time. I will reach back out for the next
6 meeting. Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Before you go, Alan,
8 will you please pronounce your last name properly for
9 the record?

10 MR. McINTIRE: Trzuskoski.

11 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you very much.
12 David Feder, go ahead.

13 MR. FEDER: Hi. Good afternoon,
14 everybody. Thank you so much for having me.

15 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Mr. Feder, you're
16 having some feedback.

17 MR. FEDER: I'm sorry. Can you hear me
18 now?

19 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Yes. Go ahead.

20 MR. FEDER: Okay. Perfect. Thank you
21 so much for having me today. I'm very pleased to see
22 the addition of another 79 additional applicants to the
23 roster. I'm a founder of a company called weedlaw.com.
24 And we're representing a number of companies applying
25 for licenses, annual as well as conditional. And a

1 number of applicants and potential applicants are -- I
2 think this is probably consistent for anyone who's
3 trying to apply for license in New Jersey -- is that
4 they're finding issues finding local approval. Now,
5 the state application process is challenging as it is.
6 And I think that there's a major problem that people
7 are facing in terms of securing properties in locations
8 that are compliant with local zoning laws. While they
9 may be able to find properties that are compliant with
10 the state statute, the local ordinances and the
11 processes that they've created very often -- which are
12 very expensive to even submit an application that may
13 not be approved -- is forcing a lot of people to take
14 on leases and secure properties in locations under
15 circumstances that are very inequitable. It's a
16 challenge that people are facing. And I don't think
17 that it was the intention of the CRC to create such a
18 process, a two-tiered process where there's a state
19 application that's, you know, challenging one way to be
20 compliant and then simultaneously a local application
21 which is extraordinarily challenging, sometimes even
22 more arduous than state application. And the cost
23 alone. You know, some of the states -- some of the
24 towns are requiring \$15,000 just to submit an
25 application. So I think that if there's a way to

1 address this that the CRC should really try to weigh in
2 on this. Make it more equitable. Make it more
3 obtainable for people to find properties in towns that
4 they shouldn't have to compete for such limited
5 locations. Some towns there are just a few properties
6 only that are even available for use. [Inaudible.]
7 And allow for applicants to secure properties
8 especially micro business licenses that if the town has
9 opted out they don't have any other options. They
10 can't buy locally. So I really applaud the CRC's
11 efforts. You guys are doing an amazing job moving this
12 whole industry forward. And hearing that regulations
13 are coming along related to edibles is really welcome
14 news. And I wish you guys the best of luck. Thanks.

15 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. I will
16 repeat the other three of the five. Daniel James
17 McIntire. If you are here please raise your hand. Ron
18 Riley, Junior, Domingo Rivera. Not seeing any of those
19 individuals present, I'll go to the next five. Suzanne
20 Denova, Scheril Murray Powell, Esquire, Hrishikesh
21 Vimadalal, Brennan McGrath and Madison Wehnau. Suzanne
22 Denova, Scheril Murray Powell, Esquire, Hrishikesh
23 Vimadalal, Brennan McGrath and Madison Wehnau. Are any
24 of those individuals present? Brennan, go ahead.
25 Brennan, go ahead.

1 MR. McGRATH: Hi. Can you hear me?

2 DIRECTOR BLAKE: We can hear you fine.

3 Go ahead.

4 MR. McGRATH: Thank you for the

5 opportunity. I'd just like to say at this point in

6 this process it feels as though the emphasis that you

7 have on conditional application priority above annuals

8 is becoming a bit of a detriment to the small business

9 owner seeking to enter the space. Particularly those

10 who've spent countless hours putting together extremely

11 lengthy annual applications. It's extremely concerning

12 that the lack of annual licenses being awarded thus far

13 gives preference to the already established MSOs by

14 allowing them to expand, profit and further dominate

15 the market even further. Why not show support for New

16 Jersey small business owners and start awarding annual

17 licenses to those who have put in a tremendous amount

18 of time, effort and money to meet all of your

19 requirements? In most cases these applicants have

20 acquired property, are making payments on said

21 properties and continue to not be able to open up

22 business on said properties. As a final note, I'd just

23 like to point out how rude and disrespectful it is to

24 all in attendance that you start the public meeting at

25 1:00 p.m. and then immediately break for an hour and a

1 half leaving everyone waiting indefinitely. It's my
2 suggestion that you enter these meetings prepared to
3 start at the designated time. I yield the rest of my
4 time.

5 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Hrishikesh
6 Vimadalal, go ahead. And I apologize for
7 mispronouncing your name. Would please pronounce your
8 name properly for the record?

9 MR. VIMADALAL: Yes. Hello, everyone.
10 My name is Hrishikesh Vimadalal. And we did have a
11 question before this meeting, but we will be submitting
12 that question in writing to the CRC. Thank you. I'd
13 like to yield the rest of my time.

14 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Again, Suzanne Denova,
15 Scheril Murray Powell, Esquire, Madison Wehnau. Not
16 seeing any of those individuals present we move to the
17 next five. Evan Manaresi, Diana McElroy, Sean McGarr,
18 Pat Brady, Daniel Kessel. Evan Manaresi, Diana
19 McElroy, Sean McGarr, Pat Brady, Daniel Kessel. Pat
20 Brady, go ahead.

21 MR. BRADY: Hi. Thank you. I'd like to
22 speak today as a conditional licensee for manufacturing
23 and cultivation license. In regards to the way the
24 regulations are currently written around in 17:30, in
25 section 7.14 it talks about a 365-day time window from

1 approvals to the final inspections. And it has
2 language that says, "The CRC shall revoke your licenses
3 should you not be prepared for the final inspection."
4 The reason I bring it up today is because I've spoken
5 with five general contractors who have all agreed that
6 it is impossible to construct our building within
7 12 months. And the reason is not because of the size
8 of the project but rather the supply chain. So there
9 are certain materials that will take 12 months to even
10 acquire. So this 365-day time period to become to the
11 point where -- to get to the point of ready for
12 operations is just unrealistic. So I ask the CRC to
13 pay attention to this language that says that they
14 shall revoke your licenses and understand the position
15 that that puts all of us in, anybody who's trying to do
16 any sort of construction. What is the intent here? Is
17 the intent to get people to operation? You know,
18 operators who have been approved to get them to the
19 point where they can sell their products and provide
20 the state with their product? And if so, then I would
21 ask that you change and adjust this language because,
22 you know, if we get 90 percent completed and the 365
23 days comes up and the last ten percent is contingent
24 upon powers that are out of our control -- the supply
25 chain being a big factor of that -- will the Commission

1 strip us of these licenses? And what that means is we
2 will have wasted years of planning as well as in our
3 case tens of millions of dollars into a facility that
4 ultimately will not be approved for operation. So
5 please, again, it's section 7.14 in 17:30, this
6 language around the CRC shall revoke your licenses
7 should you not hit this 365-day window which every
8 general contractor I've spoken to says it is impossible
9 to achieve. So please, I ask you to pay attention to
10 that as you're re-writing these regs and shed some
11 light on what the true intention is. Thank you.

12 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Evan
13 Manaresi, go ahead.

14 MR. MANARESI: Thank you, can you hear
15 me?

16 DIRECTOR BLAKE: We can hear you. Go
17 ahead.

18 MR. MANARESI: Okay. My name is Evan
19 Manaresi. I'm the owner of Bass River Buds. I applied
20 for an annual micro business cultivation license back
21 in December 15th. And to be honest, my question was
22 largely answered, I hope, by Executive Director Brown's
23 comments earlier about reviewing at least initially
24 those applications within the next month. So I guess I
25 will end my comments here and hope to hear from

1 somebody at the CRC within the next month with regards
2 to our application that's now almost I think it's
3 230 days almost since we applied. So we anxiously
4 await more information from the CRC and look forward to
5 working with you. Thanks. Bye.

6 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Scheril
7 Murray Powell, Esquire. Go ahead. Scheril?

8 MS. POWELL: Yes. Hi. This is Scheril
9 Murray Powell, Esquire. I'm a cannabis agriculture and
10 dietary supplement attorney. I also work with CSI. We
11 do screenings for commissions as well as licensees. My
12 comment is in response to one of the revelations from
13 the last CRC meeting with regards to incomplete
14 applications and the high number of incomplete
15 applications. So I wanted to say, first of all,
16 congratulations on the percentage of people who have
17 been formerly incarcerated or had charges that were --
18 that submitted applications and were successful. That
19 was a high percentage. And that really reflects the
20 efforts of the CRC. With regards to incomplete
21 applications, I do run a non-profit, The JustUs
22 Foundation. We do provide application support for free
23 for legacy operators. So if there are legacy operators
24 who submitted and they are in that category I just want
25 to make sure they know there is support at The JustUs

1 Foundation, J-U-S-T-U-S, dot, Foundation because
2 there's another JustUs Foundation. So we want to
3 provide that information about support for legacy
4 operators. So that's basically my comment. And great
5 job on getting a high percentage of submitters who have
6 been formerly incarcerated and successful submitters as
7 well. Thank you so much.

8 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. The next
9 five names, Tim Andresini, Jason Leisey, George Boley,
10 David Matis, Jade Sancho-Duser. Tim Andresini, Jason
11 Leisey, George Boley, David Matis, Jade Sancho-Duser.
12 Any of those people are present please raise their
13 hand. Jason Leisey, go ahead.

14 MR. LEISEY: Hi. Thank you very much.
15 So I'm a disabled veteran. And I've been listening to
16 the meetings for, you know, several months, going on a
17 year I think at this point. And so far the reporting
18 on the minority categories has left a lot to be desired
19 from a veteran standpoint. The veterans licenses
20 issued have been reported on the same line item as the
21 women's category. And it's leaving a lot of disabled
22 veterans disenfranchised with their prospects for
23 obtaining a license feeling as if it might be -- it
24 might have been carved out for us to be priority group,
25 but we certainly don't feel that we're getting the

1 attention that maybe we deserve. So I would hope that
2 in future meetings that the Commission makes it a point
3 to report veteran and disabled veteran licenses, how
4 many are being awarded and how the Commission is
5 working to serve this constituency. Thank you.

6 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Jade
7 Sancho-Duser, go ahead.

8 MS. SANCHO-DUSER: It's Jade
9 Sancho-Duser. Thank you for the floor. And thank you,
10 Jason, for your service. And I'm sorry that the
11 medical program seems to be failing you. I am a
12 patient here in New Jersey. I've been a patient for
13 numerous years. I have worked at ATCs. I operate
14 education programs. I operate in many states. And I
15 just have to say that this whole adult use program
16 rollout has been a train wreck for patients. I have a
17 few examples. I was told by staff at Garden State
18 Dispensary earlier this month in Woodbridge that they
19 wouldn't be able to provide me my government assisted
20 discount. There was no record of it which I know is
21 not true. I've been a patient for many years. So I
22 was forced to pay full price. And in that same vein, I
23 would like to address the price gouging. So if Garden
24 State Woodbridge increased the price of their Select
25 Squeeze, three bottles now cost about \$70. Well, it

1 used to cost about \$70 for three bottles,
2 350 milligrams; right? So now you're only allowed to
3 obtain one bottle of Select Squeeze, 100 milligrams,
4 for \$38. Do the math. That is \$114. How is that fair
5 to patients? It does not matter if you are paying tax
6 or not. That is obscene. I was also told that my
7 online order was ready. And yet, I still had to wait
8 in the parking lot for almost 30 minutes then to be
9 verbally assaulted by the security trying to check me
10 for being a medical patient. And then I had to come
11 inside and then still wait for my prescription. So
12 this is another concern of mine. Instead of having
13 patient only hours which are in the wee early hours of
14 the day, how about we have adult use only hours? How
15 about we set a daily recreational cap for customers
16 until we can get this all sorted? Now, if monetary
17 gain wasn't the case and patients were the priority
18 this would have been set into place. So I do truly
19 hope that a daily recreation patient cap might be a
20 consideration within the next few months especially
21 while this is all getting sorted out because there is
22 not enough medicine for patients. Lowering
23 registration is great as well. But what are you going
24 to do about the doctors that are dropping out of the
25 program like flies? Now we have no one to help us.

1 Fines are a slap on the wrist for MSOs, but that is not
2 enough. There needs to be more action. And we need
3 grassroots cannabis. And we need it now. That's all I
4 have to say. Have a good day.

5 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. I would
6 invite anyone who has a complaint with an agency
7 particularly about patient access please contact our
8 customer service. There's an email on our website.
9 And the phone number's on our website. We invite you
10 to let us know about those as soon as you can. Diana
11 McElroy, go ahead.

12 MS. McELROY: Hello, CRC and everyone
13 else listening. Thank you so much for allowing me to
14 speak. First I want to say that the CRC seems to be
15 under a lot of stress and pressure. I can't imagine.
16 You guys noted that you had over a thousand
17 applications come through. Some of that is reflective
18 in this meeting. And I'm sorry you're under that
19 pressure. Two, I want to congratulate all the winners.
20 Amazing. I know how hard this path is. So
21 congratulations. And I would like to bring up patients
22 myself. I am a patient. I'm someone who educates on
23 the medical benefits of this plant. And I actually
24 promote it to seniors, to anyone, actually, who's
25 looking to alleviate body pain or inflammation or

1 multiple, multiple reasons for using it. And I share
2 an experience I had with regards to going in as a
3 patient. I'm not going to out the dispensary at the
4 moment because I hope they've learned, some of them
5 have been fined and that they'll do better in the
6 future. But I went in line. I was standing waiting to
7 be seen as a patient. And they actually pulled people
8 from the adult use line and put them in front of me. I
9 had a product recommended to me after talking to the
10 wellness associate and going over what I needed. He
11 went in the back and came back and said, "You know
12 what? We're out of that. So I pulled this for you."
13 That's not the way patients are supposed to be treated.
14 There's a reason we go over what we're trying to
15 accomplish with this medication. And the wellness
16 associates, it's not -- they're not selling Skittles to
17 people. And especially with people with health
18 conditions. They're looking for specific strains.
19 They're looking for specific results. And I think the
20 education is really needed as far as how these to use
21 an old term bud tenders -- but they're really wellness
22 associates -- go forward and help people coming
23 especially for the first time who don't have a voice,
24 who are a little hesitant. And I think that's really,
25 really important. I'm also going to touch upon the

1 fact that there is some good coming out of this
2 industry. I love seeing the formerly convicted, the
3 expungement events that have been happening. I want to
4 give a shout out to my friend Michael Hoffman because
5 he's been on the forefront of this. So there is some
6 good that's coming out of this industry. And hopefully
7 lives are going to be changed and social equity, you
8 know, is going to be really acknowledged and predatory
9 practices are not going to be accepted or allowed
10 within New Jersey. Thank you for your time. Continue
11 the great work.

12 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. The next
13 five will be Seth Gosin, Francis Falcicchio, Lorenzo
14 Richardson, Syceria, Malon Irvin. Seth Gosin, Francis
15 Falcicchio, Lorenzo Richardson, Syceria and Malon
16 Irvin. If any of those individuals are present please
17 raise your hand. Francis Falcicchio, go ahead. Please
18 pronounce your name for the record. Frank, go ahead.

19 MR. FALCICCHIO: Good afternoon. My
20 name is Francis Falcicchio. I'm a lifelong resident of
21 Jersey City. And my concerns and my
22 neighbors' concerns evolve around the location of
23 dispensaries and their impact around the neighborhoods
24 around these dispensaries. My neighborhood is made up
25 of mostly one- and two-family homes. Residents are

1 multi-racial and multi-ethnic for over the 76 years
2 that I've lived here. The neighborhood is a mix of
3 senior citizens, families with young children, young
4 professionals who have taken advantage of the location
5 of Jersey City in an area providing easy access to New
6 York, Metropolitan New Jersey and the public
7 transportation hubs like Newark Liberty International
8 Airport. Placing cannabis retail in residential
9 neighborhoods with schools and houses of worship should
10 be denied. Why? Well, there's research that's been
11 going on for a long time in the country where studies
12 have shown that cannabis has been legal for a long
13 period of time that the safety concerns of dispensaries
14 in the neighborhood. Researchers from the Ohio State
15 University conducted three-year study in Denver. Their
16 findings conclusively show that legal marijuana shops
17 are linked to higher levels of property crime in nearby
18 areas. Research has found that adjacent areas saw
19 about 84 percent more property crimes per year than
20 neighborhoods without a nearby marijuana store. What
21 are the plans to protect the neighborhoods from this
22 84 percent increase in crime? A 2019 study from the
23 University of Colorado examined longer term statistics
24 in neighborhoods. Their findings indicate that the
25 presence of even one medical or recreational marijuana

1 dispensary has been found to be associated with
2 statistically significant higher crime and disorder in
3 the neighborhood including robbery and aggressive
4 assault. A study by Connelly Pezin & Hayden from City
5 University of New York focused on the areas around the
6 dispensary to address the impact of the business to
7 crime in the nearby area. They utilized street
8 segments which are smaller spatial areas, a
9 neighborhood, than the studies that add significantly
10 to the relationship between dispensaries and the crime
11 at a higher localized level. The opening of a
12 recreational dispensary resulted in about a
13 18.8 percent increase in property crimes. Recreational
14 marijuana dispensaries demonstrated a criminology
15 effect locally that the neighborhood around the
16 dispensary. Another study by Hughes Javitz & Jamison,
17 University of Colorado, their study concluded that
18 there was significant increases in rates of
19 neighborhood crime and disorder. Results of the study
20 showed that except for murder the presence of a
21 dispensary was associated with statistically
22 significant increases in neighborhood crimes.
23 Marijuana --

24 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Mr. Falcicchio, that's
25 your time. Thank you for your comment.

1 MR. FALCICCHIO: Thank you for allowing
2 me to speak.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Lorenzo Richardson, go
4 ahead.

5 MR. RICHARDSON: Good afternoon. Can
6 you hear me?

7 DIRECTOR BLAKE: We can hear you. Go
8 ahead.

9 MR. RICHARDSON: Good afternoon. My
10 name is Lorenzo Richardson. I am speaking as a
11 taxpayer and lifelong Jersey City, New Jersey. Not as
12 a school board member or a representative of the Jersey
13 City Public Schools. I grew up in the Montgomery
14 Gardens housing projects and personally lived through
15 the effect of the marijuana, cocaine, heroine and crack
16 epidemic in my community. I am not speaking against
17 legal cannabis, but I am bringing concerns about where
18 a recreational cannabis dispensary should be
19 appropriately located for the respect and wellbeing of
20 my city and the neighborhoods where I and my fellow
21 residents live. The state is aware of the federal
22 1,000 feet of a school law selling controlled
23 substances. Why is this law not being applied to
24 protect the residents of my city as you allow legal
25 recreational marijuana to be sold? My city-elected

1 officials decided to allow dispensaries within 200 feet
2 of residences and schools. This creates a negative
3 influence for children going to and from school every
4 day who we educate to stay away from drugs. There
5 should be consistency with the federal law and the
6 mountains of statistics they have on drugs which
7 profits the thousand foot-rule to be initiated. We
8 have communities all over New Jersey who are doing the
9 right thing by placing dispensaries on commercial
10 highways where it's more appropriate. It's not
11 appropriate to allow dispensaries to be located near
12 schools, childcare centers and residences. These are
13 places where you go for education, peace of mind and
14 safety. Please reconsider your regulations to only
15 allow dispensaries along commercial highways and other
16 commercial and industrial areas. Urban cities like
17 mine and other towns do not need dispensaries near our
18 schools, churches, childcare centers and homes. We
19 have enough to deal with on these streets in these days
20 and times. It's crazy that we can't fund the DARE
21 programs in school to keep children off of drugs, but
22 we can allow people to sell and smoke marijuana close
23 to us in our community and not think that this would
24 have a negative impact. Many residents are also not
25 aware of these dispensaries getting approved. You also

1 need to fully disclose all the owners and operators of
2 the LLCs opening these dispensaries. We need
3 transparency on the ownership to ensure that people who
4 are done wrong by the drug war do actually benefit and
5 not use these casualties of the drug war as a front for
6 others to benefit from. Also please consider requiring
7 city officials to sign a disclosure statement
8 preventing them, their family and associates from
9 benefitting from these dispensaries. At the end of the
10 day I had to and you should also look at the potential
11 effects that drugs near schools, childcare centers,
12 churches and residences could normalize its use. I
13 don't want this to become an unintended consequence. I
14 thank would you for taking time to listen to my
15 testimony.

16 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. The next
17 five, Mang Yip, Chirali Patel, Kevin Odenwalder, Ronald
18 Murphy, Nate Mehle, Michael Cosgrove. Mang Yip,
19 Chirali Patel, Kevin Odenwalder, Ronald Murphy, Nate
20 Mehle and Michael Cosgrove. If any of those people are
21 present please raise your hand. Chirali Patel, go
22 ahead.

23 MS. PATEL: Thank you. Good afternoon,
24 everybody. My name is Chirali Patel on behalf of Blaze
25 Responsibly. CRC, just commending you on the continued

1 work that you guys have been doing. I know it's a lot.
2 I wanted to talk about two different things, one for
3 medical patients and the other about conditionals. So
4 I thank you, Commissioner Barker, because I agree with
5 what you had said earlier about requesting a potential
6 rule waiver for edibles for medical patients. I
7 believe somebody else also talked about this. Edibles
8 and topicals represent less than two percent maybe of
9 product SKUs that are available on the market for
10 medical patients. And I recently picked up one of the
11 edibles that was available, a lozenge. And when you
12 look at the ingredients the first ingredient listed is
13 sugar. It's, you know, I mean you have sugar, you have
14 water and then you have CB and cannabis oil listed.
15 And so there's high amounts sugar. These are not ideal
16 edibles for a lot of medical patients that have sugar
17 issues. And, you know, while they taste really good,
18 the effect isn't there as far as what patients are
19 looking for for medicinal values. Topicals continue to
20 be sparse. There's maybe two on the market. One is CB
21 High. The other one has more of a ratio, but I just
22 continue -- I'm sorry I sound like a broken record, but
23 I just want to keep pushing forward for having more
24 product SKUs. We need edibles. We need topicals.
25 Patients -- if you go to doctors the majority of

1 doctors don't even recommend consumption via inhalation
2 using vapes or flowers. So as much as I love my flower
3 for conditions that I have and for other medical
4 patients, we really need the tinctures, the edibles and
5 the topicals. And then I'll comment quickly on the
6 patient process. I won't name the ATCs, but I had
7 several visits recently at several locations where I
8 wasn't sure what the process was in waiting because
9 there was -- I waited about 20 minutes at one facility.
10 There was a lady with a walker that was with me as
11 well. And they were taking batches of bret [sic]
12 consumers. So there was a dedicated POS, but there
13 wasn't a bud tender behind that POS. So I'm not
14 positive what the patient access plans are outside of
15 those priority hours. And lastly, with respect to the
16 conditional timeframe, there isn't clear consensus on
17 when the conditional license phase begins because in
18 the regulation section 17:30-7.6(a)(1) it says that it
19 begins on the date that the conditional license is
20 issued to the applicant. Does that mean, like, today,
21 for example, it's issued or does it mean when the CRC
22 sends the invoice or when the invoice is paid? It's
23 not clear. So I'd really respectfully request that a
24 frequently asked question be added to the website so
25 that individuals are clear as to when their conditional

1 timeframe starts because it's very important. That's
2 all for today. Thank you. Take care.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. And again,
4 if there is a patient access issue please report it to
5 our customer service. Nate Mehle, go ahead.

6 MR. MEHLE: Hi. Thank you. I'd like to
7 say hello and thank you to the CRC for giving us time
8 to speak during these meetings. I would like to
9 address the same concern that was commented on earlier
10 in regards to the 365 timeline for final inspection in
11 N.J.A.C. 17:30. My name is Nate Mehle. And I am the
12 CEO of Ascension Cannabis Brands. Our company has been
13 conditionally licensed and we have begun planning for
14 our construction project. However, we're being
15 informed of major delays in the construction supply
16 chain. We have met with multiple general contractors
17 that have all confirmed current 12-month delays on
18 essential construction materials like electric power
19 transformers and roof insulation. There is a potential
20 that these supply chain issues keep a large percentage
21 of new conditional licensees from being able to
22 complete construction and final inspection within 365
23 days of the Notice of Approval on conversion
24 applications. We ask that the Commission address the
25 language in N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.14(k). Currently the

1 language says that, "A licensed applicant must undergo
2 a final on-site assessment yielding a determination of
3 compliance within 365 days of the Notice of Approval or
4 the Commission shall decline to issue the annual
5 license approval, and the license shall be returned to
6 the Commission." This language currently provides no
7 flexibility to the Commission and does not allow them
8 to determine if a licensed applicant needs more time
9 than 365 days due to circumstances and delays beyond
10 the license applicant's control. We ask that the
11 Commission adjust this language to give itself the
12 flexibility of determining extenuating circumstances,
13 but also give us as licensees the security that the
14 millions of dollars we need to invest in the
15 construction of these projects is not at risk if supply
16 chain issues delay our progress beyond 365 days. We
17 want to express to the Commission that we think it is
18 of the utmost importance that we as operators and you
19 as regulators work together as a team to get this
20 industry off of the ground in New Jersey. We as
21 licensees are all facing issues in our economy that
22 will directly affect the timeline of our construction
23 projects. We ask that the Commission acknowledge these
24 challenges and make the necessary adjustment to the
25 language in the regulations. Thank you.

1 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you for your
2 comment. The next five, Judith F. Despommier, Edwin
3 Gutierrez, Michael J. Law, Junior, Alpesh Patel, Kerry
4 Wiles. Judith F. Despommier, Edwin Gutierrez, Michael
5 J. Law, Junior, Alpesh Patel and Kerry Wiles. Alpesh
6 Patel, go ahead. Go ahead.

7 MR. PATEL: Hello. I'd like to thank
8 the Board for doing what they've done so far, but I'd
9 also like to throw myself upon your mercy and just beg
10 for any sort of answer as to what is going on with our
11 application. We know that there's priority. We
12 applied as a women owned minority business at 9:02 A.M.
13 Director Brown, if what you're saying is true that
14 there's only X amount. And you said 64 applications
15 that are left to get a review. If there are some of
16 those that had deficiencies and some of them are not
17 going for conditional application, how is it possible
18 that nobody has contacted us? We should have bonus
19 points. So I'm begging anybody from the CRC to talk to
20 us because as of the time of our application we did
21 have full township approval. We had our site
22 approvals. I had legal control of the building. We
23 had -- we even had a Letter of Recommendation from the
24 union. We've done everything possible. And according
25 to the numbers we should have been reviewed by now. So

1 I don't know if there's an error in the system. I know
2 last month when we had this meeting the Chairwoman
3 Houenou told us to email licensing and CRC and they
4 would be responsive. They've been far from. And I
5 literally sent them an email as we were still in that
6 meeting and I got a response saying we're under review.
7 So how could we be under review for 30 days, have not
8 heard anything, and we're told, well, you know, some of
9 the applications are this and some of them are that?
10 Well, we don't fall under that. We should have been
11 reviewed. We should have at least gotten a phone call.
12 It's to the point where I'm double checking our
13 application. Maybe I made the wrong email. Maybe we
14 made the wrong phone number. We've been waiting over
15 140 days at this point. We're a reputable a class five
16 application. We're woman owned. We're minority. We
17 should have got bonus points to where we were in line.
18 So I don't understand how we have not been reviewed. I
19 have sent countless emails to that address and the only
20 thing I've gotten is a general, "Well, you're under
21 review." Well, how come nobody's talked to us? At
22 this point I can get township to send a Letter of
23 Preference the moment the CRC just reaches out to us.
24 So Director Brown, I'm begging, begging you. Please,
25 please somebody call us. There's nobody to call.

1 There's nobody to talk to. There's no response.

2 Please, I'm just begging. Thank you.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Next five,

4 Kevin Michaelan, Jacov Kaufman, Trent Brinkofski,

5 Thomas Marino, Osbert Orduna. Kevin Michaelan, Jacov

6 Kaufman, Trent Brinkofski, Thomas Marino, Osbert

7 Orduna. Are any of those individuals present? Kevin

8 Michaelan, go ahead.

9 MR. MICHAELAN: Good afternoon. Thank

10 you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Kevin

11 Michaelan. I've been working with cannabis businesses

12 and investors in the cannabis industry since 2017. I'm

13 speaking today hoping to learn in realtime the answer

14 to questions that most, if not all, stakeholders of the

15 New Jersey cannabis industry have. To the extent these

16 questions cannot be answered now, be helpful to have

17 information that provides better understanding of

18 licensing status, timing, et cetera, at each public

19 meeting if not more frequently. The five questions

20 today are, first, is an application for which

21 submission is made to CURE an application deemed

22 incomplete treated as applied for on the date the

23 application was originally submitted or the date of the

24 CURE submission? Second, what is the lowest priority

25 group included in the conditional class five retail

1 license applications approved? Third, when can we
2 expect the next priority group of class five
3 conditional license applications to be approved? Four,
4 will a public meeting like this be scheduled for
5 August? Fifth and last, can we expect the number of
6 personal use cannabis business applications for
7 approval at each public meeting to remain between 79
8 and 81? Thank you.

9 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you for your
10 question. Jacov Kaufman, go ahead. Mr. Kaufman, go
11 ahead.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: You hear me?

13 DIRECTOR BLAKE: We can hear you.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: Dear CRC members, first,
15 thank you very much for the wonderful work you are
16 doing for the people of New Jersey. My name is Jacov
17 Kaufman. And I am a team member of Ruuted LLC, a
18 conditional license applicant for a retail store.
19 According to our understanding there is geographical
20 issue in selecting the location of the retail stores
21 whereby applicants are considered in certain area while
22 other areas are not well served. After long thought
23 Ruuted team decide we will be interested in opening our
24 retail store in any geographic area in the State of New
25 Jersey where the CRC believes more presence is required

1 in order to serve the local population. That is, we
2 are ready to invest in opening our store anywhere in
3 New Jersey where a retail store are needed. Thank you.

4 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Trent
5 Brinkofski, go ahead.

6 MR. BRINKOFSKI: Hey. How are you?
7 Thanks for giving me a moment to speak. And I
8 appreciate everyone being here. My name is Trent
9 Brinkofski. I'm the owner of Blue Harvest LLC. And I
10 just wanted to make a couple comments. The first one
11 is, you know, in the current regulations it says that
12 the Commission will evaluate the 37 license caps on
13 standard cultivation licenses. I believe it's in
14 February of 2023. And I just wanted to say that we
15 recommend that you prepare to allow for more
16 cultivators because as it stands as a micro business I
17 would like to, I guess, envision and have the ability
18 to achieve economy of scale and become one of these
19 standard licenses in the future. My fear is that if
20 we're too centralized that we will not be incentivizing
21 quality. And I don't want to see that happen because
22 as of right now the quality seems to be pretty poor
23 based off of my personal experience and others who have
24 been using recreational products in the state. So
25 that's the first thing. And additionally, I'd like to

1 make a comment about a portion of the regulations
2 regarding changing location for an impact zone
3 business. I'm not sure if I mentioned that we are an
4 impacted zone business. But right now we're approved
5 in a town and we're finding it very difficult to find a
6 location, a secure location here. And based off of how
7 17:30-6.5(a) is written, it seems as though we can move
8 to another location or change our approved location to
9 another location rather upon conversion application.
10 But I've heard some people say that the CRC has said
11 this is not possible, you cannot move to a different
12 impact zone or you cannot move to a different town even
13 if you hire from an impact zone. So I guess I just I
14 want some clarification on 17:30-6.5(a) 1 through 3.
15 Is it interpreted 1 and 2 or 3 or is it 1 and 2 or 3?
16 I guess, you know, I'm not an attorney so it's a little
17 difficult for me to interpret it. But [inaudible]
18 information. I just wanted to put it out there. And,
19 yeah, thanks for having me. Thanks for giving me some
20 time.

21 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you for your
22 comment. Thomas Marino, go ahead.

23 MR. MARINO: How you doing? Thomas
24 Marino here speaking on behalf of The Social Leaf. So
25 we just have a few questions. And first, I want to

1 thank you for the opportunity. And our first question
2 is we're trying to -- we're trying to figure what the
3 definitive answer of rejection is as far as, like, what
4 disqualifies you. Because from our understanding when
5 you look at your website it says specific things, but
6 it doesn't clarify how far and specific it goes because
7 at the end it says or the CRC could just make a
8 decision to disqualify you and feel that you're not
9 fit. Another thing is once rejected is there a process
10 to reapply? And what is that process? And another
11 question that we do have is the timeframe. You know,
12 we applied for regular annually. Regular annual. And
13 we're trying to figure out what the timeframe is so we
14 could put the rest -- we have all our ducks in order.
15 We want to move on with the process and start moving
16 forward. And we're trying to figure out what the
17 timeframe is. And then after approval what steps we
18 have to take, how many different certifications do we
19 have to get, like, approvals from, like, the health
20 department, the CRC, all the steps we have to take
21 after approval so we know. This way we don't go back
22 and forth with the CRC, you know, thinking we're done
23 and then, you know, CRC, oh, you have to do this. We
24 want to know what all the steps are. And final
25 question is about delivery/pick-up windows and are they

1 included with the approval or do you have to apply for
2 them separately. And that's all I have.

3 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you very much for
4 your comment. Just a reminder that questions regarding
5 licenses or license applications may be sent to
6 crc.licensing@crc.nj.gov. That email address is on our
7 website. Osbert Orduna, go ahead. Osbert, you may go
8 ahead.

9 MR. ORDUNA: Hello. Good afternoon. My
10 name is Osbert Orduna. I am the CEO of The Cannabis
11 Place. We're a class five dispensary applicant. I
12 also serve as the co-chair of the National Hispanic
13 Cannabis Council Tri-state Chapter. My comment is I
14 would like to encourage the CRC to consider having a
15 special meeting in August and/or an additional meeting
16 in early September to allow for the additional
17 reporting of any licensing updates that are current
18 between today and the date of the next meeting. The
19 CRC has and continues to make great strides which
20 should be reported as they occur rather than waiting an
21 extended amount of period of time between meetings.
22 This will greatly assist all applicants especially
23 social equity and diversely held license applicants who
24 are currently paying costs for real estate, holding
25 costs, interest on borrowed funds, and additional

1 expenses that small businesses do not have the luxury
2 of affording on a long-term basis. This quick a
3 reporting of licensing updates will allow small
4 business to finalize their licensing, their municipal
5 approvals and processes and to begin hiring and
6 building out so that they can serve as a platform for
7 community impact and economic empowerment in the
8 respective communities that they're looking to launch
9 their dispensary operations. I yield back the rest of
10 my time. And I would just like to say thank you and
11 appreciate the consideration of this request on behalf
12 of all applicants.

13 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you so much.

14 Kerry Wiles, go ahead. Terry Wiles?

15 MR. WILES: Yes, ma'am. Can you hear
16 me?

17 DIRECTOR BLAKE: We can hear you. Go
18 ahead.

19 MR. WILES: Great. Thank you. I would
20 definitely like to echo the comments of the last
21 gentleman if that's possible. So I would just like to
22 say that thanks for giving me the time to speak. I am
23 the founder and CEO of Essayon Greenery. I am a
24 disabled veterans. And the company is a certified
25 disabled veteran owned business through obviously the

1 New Jersey Department of Treasury which lands us in
2 priority two on the CRC's priority review list. We
3 initially submitted our applications for cultivation
4 and manufacturing on December 15th and 16th
5 respectively. Application ID number is 1172 and 1197.
6 I am not discouraged nor am I losing hope. We are
7 simply just scratching our heads obviously. There
8 isn't a scheduled CRC meeting in August so we will look
9 forward to September that way. So I did receive a CURE
10 letter for additional entity disclosure forms for my
11 investors on March 16th. And that information was
12 submitted back to the CRC on March 22nd. I personally
13 know of three other businesses in the marketplace that
14 also received CURE letters in March that have already
15 received approvals. One of them was actually approved
16 in the March meeting which took place a week after they
17 turned in all their CURE documents. I know each case
18 is different, but considering that we are priority two
19 on the priority review list we assume that we would
20 have seen some movement by now. I will note that the
21 CRC staff has been very responsive to emails and calls,
22 but still without offering any solid answers which I
23 assume they just cannot because of the process; right?
24 I will mention that one of your amazing -- the
25 directors did reach out to me personally to let me know

1 that the CURE to our applications was accepted and we
2 are still in the review process. And I thought that
3 was exceptional. And I thanked her. But it doesn't
4 help that we continue to see application numbers below
5 us and ahead of us make it on the list. So in closing,
6 I would just like to say that we are holding the faith
7 for and affirmative approval here soon. And we are
8 eager to get started. Thanks for listening to me
9 speak. Thank you for all you continue to do for our
10 great state and this marketplace. Thank you.

11 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Our next
12 five are Scott Bent, Francis Falcicchio -- I'm sorry.
13 Scott Bent, Hugh Giordano, Raymond Cantor and Benjamin
14 Alcantaro. That is Scott Bent, Hugh Giordano, Raymond
15 Cantor and Benjamin Alcantaro. If you are present
16 please raise your hand. Scott Bent, go ahead.

17 MR. BENT: Hello. I thank you so much
18 for allowing me to take this time to speak. I want to
19 say much respect to Chairwoman Houenou, the Vice Chair
20 Delgado and all the Commissioners. I became aware of
21 the CRC maybe about a year ago or so. Time moving
22 quick. But I became instantly a fan when I recognized
23 the mission that you all were given and the heart of
24 the way that you all wanted to build this market to be
25 a market that did not open its doors widely to the

1 existing millionaires and built a market that could be
2 solidly representative of the communities that have
3 been impacted by the war on drugs. Which on a sidenote
4 to all those speaking against cannabis in your
5 community, you have been -- you've had the wool pulled
6 over your eyes. You've been misinformed. And we have
7 medical professionals who never were taught that there
8 is an endocannabinoid system. That your body produces
9 cannabinoids. That your body interacts with
10 cannabinoids which is a part of what cannabis is. So
11 for those of you all who are still battling against
12 what you've been misinformed with the wrong drugs, take
13 a deeper look at what cannabis can do for you and your
14 community, not fighting against it, but actually
15 including it in your -- how you handle the people who
16 have been misinformed with it because it has great
17 benefits. But I'm getting sidetracked here. I was a
18 great fan of what you all were trying to do and making
19 it one license at a time so that people needed to
20 depend upon each other and build the market together.
21 And it can be strengthened by minorities, by women, by
22 disabled veterans coming together, by others working
23 together and building a strong market for small
24 businesses. But I would encourage you today to get
25 your focus back on track because you are failing

1 miserably. There is not one approved annual
2 application. There is a bunch of people with a lot of
3 questions but there are doors wide open for the
4 existing millionaires to make more millions. You
5 actually took the time to create a pathway so that
6 these people could open an ATC and instantly go
7 recreational. What does that mean? That means they
8 can be retail. They can be cultivators. They can be
9 manufacturers. They can do everything that you have
10 limited everybody else from not being able to do as
11 long as they have the million dollars to make it
12 happen. You're failing at your mission. Get your
13 focus back on track. It is time for this market to
14 really be different like it was supposed to be. I know
15 that your heart is in the right place, but you're being
16 political pawns. And I urge you to stand your ground
17 or step away from it as a statement to make them
18 accountable for what they're supposed to do and getting
19 these applications and these people in place. Thank
20 you.

21 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Hugh
22 Giordano, go ahead.

23 MR. GIORDANO: Yes. Can you hear me
24 okay?

25 DIRECTOR BLAKE: We can hear you fine.

1 Go ahead.

2 MR. GIORDANO: Excellent. Thank you.

3 Chair, Vice Chair, and other Honorable Commissioners
4 along with Director Brown and all the great employees
5 of the CRC, always good to be on. So I want to give
6 you an update and with a couple comments in regards to
7 some issues that may affect workers and our members
8 here in New Jersey that work at the facilities. We are
9 in contract negotiations with GTI, Ascend and The
10 Botanist. We are looking to certify some legal
11 documents in regards to Harmony Dispensary and
12 cultivation sites so that we can begin collective
13 bargaining. Same thing with Just As Grown. We're
14 looking to begin collective bargaining with Just As
15 Grown a/k/a Bloc in the near future. We -- I have some
16 comments in regards to the meetings themselves for the
17 future. I would like to suggest that the CRC consider
18 a hybrid model feature of these meetings using the Zoom
19 and in-person. The reason is two-fold. One, workers,
20 unfortunately, will have to either be on the line or
21 listen on their break. And there's no way they'll be
22 able to be part of the conversation or hear the
23 conversation if there is no access via Zoom. This also
24 gives our union members at these facilities from seed
25 to sale the opportunity to comment during public

1 session and take their break to do so. I think it's
2 important for workers to be involved in all
3 conversations just as patients and owners and other
4 groups are. These folks deserve to be heard. And I
5 hope that you will consider that. The technology's
6 already here. We're already doing it. And I hope that
7 that will be a consideration for the entire Commission.
8 The second thing that I would like to suggest is that
9 in regards to workplace standards, I hope that you will
10 protect workers' rights in regards to using off the
11 clock for adult use and also in regards to the medical
12 patients who are working. We understand that if they
13 have a job that is federally regulated then there's
14 issues there, but outside of that we would hope that
15 folks will be respected for their time off the job and
16 also medical patients. Workers must be able to be part
17 of the industry at all levels whether it's consuming
18 and/or working in it. And we don't want to see our
19 members attacked for using cannabis as opposed to
20 drinking alcohol on the weekend. So thank you so much.
21 Keep up the great work. Always appreciate you. UFCW
22 always loves to see new licensing. So thank you.
23 Bye-bye.

24 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Raymond
25 Cantor, go ahead.

1 MR. CANTOR: Thank you. My name is Ray
2 Cantor. I am with the New Jersey Business Industry
3 Association. I want to thank the Chair and the members
4 of the Commission for allowing me to testify today. As
5 you know, since the very beginning we have been very
6 concerned with workplace safety issues. We appreciate
7 the comments today of the Chair and the Executive
8 Director and from the last meeting as well stating that
9 you are going to be issuing guidelines or guidance
10 eminently concerning workplace safety issues. We've
11 spoken to staff. We are encouraged by the progress you
12 are now making. We would just encourage you to
13 continue making that progress and to get the guidance
14 out as expeditiously as possible. The employer
15 community needs this guidance in order to ensure safe
16 workplaces, also to protect the rights of employees as
17 the previous speaker had mentioned. We all want to do
18 the right thing. We just need to know what we are
19 allowed to do and how to do it. So we are encouraged
20 by the progress being made. We thank you for taking
21 this very seriously. I will look forward to seeing the
22 guidance as soon as soon practical. Thank you.

23 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Benjamin
24 Alcantaro, go ahead. Alcantaro? Going once.

25 MR. ALCANTARO: Hello. Can you hear me?

1 DIRECTOR BLAKE: I can hear you.

2 MR. ALCANTARO: Perfect. Thank you. So
3 the reason I wanted to speak today is probably the same
4 reason the first -- it was in regard to the whole
5 process. Basically doing a duo application,
6 application with the state and application with the
7 city. And basically the way I've seen it is it doesn't
8 matter how many conditional applications the state
9 approves. The people that actually hold the power is
10 the municipality. And they are very hard to get in
11 contact with. And I'm a previous license owner holder
12 from Oregon. And I had nowhere near the amount of work
13 that I have to go through to get a license over there.
14 I don't see the reason why I need to hire a lawyer
15 because he knows somebody in the municipality to make
16 it easier for me. And for example, I currently have a
17 conditional license for a cultivation facility. I was
18 able to find a facility in New Brunswick. I came to
19 lease terms with the owner, but when I contact
20 [inaudible] they already gave all their sponsorship
21 back in the fall, even before the applications for rent
22 went out. So I don't know how they were able to just
23 give out sponsorship and totally disregard the
24 priority. My business is a social equity, diversely
25 women owned. And -- but that priority is only --

1 applies at the state level. It gets thrown out at the
2 municipality level. And another big problem is that a
3 lot a lot of the conditional license or lot of the
4 applicants that are applying as minority or social
5 equity are just outside out-of-state businesses that
6 are coming in, using New Jersey residence for the
7 application, and doing deals where they going to take
8 out the New Jersey residence in two years. They have
9 the advantage already been working in other states. So
10 they have the money to get the property. They got the
11 money to do the construction. And they have the money
12 to hire the lawyer. So we are at a total disadvantage
13 when it comes to this whole process. So I just want to
14 throw that out there. And, you know, I don't know what
15 changes can be done, but that's the situation. I know
16 other conditional license holder and they're at the
17 point where they just going to give up and not continue
18 with the process because of the situation. Thank you.

19 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Thank you. Madam
20 Chairwoman, that was the last registered speaker for
21 today.

22 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Thank you, Director
23 Blake. And thank you to all the members of the public
24 who provided input this afternoon. I believe this
25 concludes the business before us today. Are there any

1 new matters or new -- is there any new business for the
2 Commission to consider at this time?

3 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Madam Chairwoman,
4 may I have the floor, please?

5 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Vice Chair Delgado,
6 go ahead.

7 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Madam Chairwoman
8 and Commissioners, as regulators we have to be aware
9 and cognizant of schedules in the marketplace.
10 Regulators' schedules very often do not coincide with
11 marketplace schedules. We have applicants right now
12 that we heard from that are waiting Commissions -- this
13 Commission's consent to move forward in their licensing
14 process. We have equity, we have diverse, we have
15 women, we have non-diverse, we have veteran applicants
16 as well as existing operators that are operating right
17 now that are waiting our decisions to schedule
18 municipal zoning -- with municipal boards or city
19 council approvals and other standing issues that we as
20 regulators may not even be aware of in the marketplace.
21 These applicants and businesses have consultants. They
22 have legal and lease payments to make. To some a delay
23 may make or even break them financially or be extremely
24 expensive, costly. So that's why I feel that this
25 Commission and staff should use August to challenge

1 ourselves, circle the wagon, and go the extra mile.
2 Let's schedule a meeting for the first week of
3 September and move this market forward. I hope all my
4 fellow Commissioners will support me with a unanimous
5 vote to amend September's schedule, but equally as
6 important I hope that Executive Director Brown and his
7 staff will also support me. So with that, I move that
8 we amend our September schedule from September 22nd to
9 the first week of September right after Labor Day.

10 COMMISSIONER NASH: I second that.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: All right. There's
12 been a motion to amend the September schedule. And
13 Vice Chair, I just want to make sure I get the language
14 correctly. From the first week -- from the September
15 22nd to the --

16 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: To the first week
17 of September.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: The first week of
19 September.

20 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: And Commissioner
22 Nash seconded the motion. Is there any discussion on
23 this motion? Hearing none, Director Blake, can you
24 please call the vote as it relates to the motion to
25 amend the September schedule from September 22nd to the

1 first week of September.

2 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Barker?

3 COMMISSIONER BARKER: Aye.

4 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Del

5 Cid-Kosso?

6 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: No.

7 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Vice Chair Delgado?

8 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Commissioner Nash?

10 COMMISSIONER NASH: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR BLAKE: Chairwoman Houenou?

12 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: No.

13 DIRECTOR BLAKE: The motion passes.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Is there any

15 further new business for the Commission to consider at

16 this time? Hearing none, do I hear a motion to

17 adjourn?

18 COMMISSIONER DEL CID-KOSSO: Motion,

19 Madam Chairwoman.

20 COMMISSIONER NASH: Seconded.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOUENOU: Motion to adjourn

22 by Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso. Commissioner Nash

23 seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion to

24 adjourn? Hearing none, all those in favor say ayes.

25 [All responded "aye".]

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true and complete summary of the public meeting held by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission on **July 28, 2022**.



Christopher Riggs
Chief Counsel

Date: August 2, 2022



Daniel Said
Board Secretary

Date: August 2, 2022