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TAHESHA L. WAY Lt. Governor DIANNA HOUENOU, Chair KRISTA NASH, Commissioner MARIA DEL CID-KOSSO, Commissioner SAMUEL DELGADO, Commissioner CHARLES BARKER, Commissioner JEFF BROWN, Executive Director

RESOLUTION 2024-<u>237</u> CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR, CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURER, CLASS 3 CANNABIS WHOLESALER, CLASS 4 CANNABIS DISTRIBUTOR, CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER, AND CLASS 6 CANNABIS DELIVERY LICENSES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission"), established pursuant to P.L.2019, c.153, known and cited as the "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act"; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, the Commission adopted rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) that established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 outline the application process and requirements for both conditional license applicants and annual license applicants, including eligibility requirements and limitations for social equity businesses, diversely owned businesses, and impact zone businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued a Notice of Application Acceptance ("Notice") on July 18, 2023, outlining the specific criteria for the types of applications the Commission would accept, and the dates on which the Commission would begin accepting those applications; and

WHEREAS, the Notice also outlined the specific priority by which applications would be reviewed by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Testing Laboratories licenses on December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery

licenses for Social Equity Business applicants only on September 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review and score conditional and annual cannabis business license applications based on the priority designation of applications as set forth in the regulation and the Notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall approve and issue licenses to applicants that receive a full score or greater; and

WHEREAS, to review applications thoroughly and efficiently, the Commission developed an application review process that included the following chronological steps for each application received:

- 1. Priority assignment;
- 2. Priority verification;
- 3. Review assignment;
- 4. Completeness review;
- 5. Scoring;
- 6. Qualification, Limitations, Financial/Management Agreement review;
- 7. Quality Control;
- 8. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, for applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was sent back to the applicant with direction on how to appropriately cure any deficiencies in the application; and

WHEREAS, upon resubmission of a cured application, the application was placed in line for review in accordance with its priority designation and the time at which it was resubmitted; and

WHEREAS, the below list of conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, Class 5 Cannabis Retailer, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery licenses have been cured as necessary, have passed review by Commission staff, and are recommended by Commission staff for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7, the following applicants have satisfied the requirements set forth in the regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the applicants' applications for a conditional license:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
1	8894	Beleaf NJ	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	7849	Flower Queen	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	8089	Jersey Joints Cannabis, Inc.	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
4	8415	Top Shelf NJ	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
5	7567	A-Z Supply Inc	Cultivator	Standard	
6	8655	Bold Spirit LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
7	6198	Green Zen Therapy, LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
8	6225	Notum New Jersey Inc	Cultivator	Standard	
9	7848	Flower Queen	Delivery	Microbusiness	
10	7907	Liberty City Weed Deliveries	Delivery	Microbusiness	
11	5039	Nibblers LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness	
12	7747	Moose Transit Company Inc.	Distributor	Standard	
13	8895	Beleaf NJ	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
14	8077	Forty Eight Blocks LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
15	7870	Genuine Grow LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
16	7560	A-Z Supply Inc	Manufacturer	Standard	
17	8656	Bold Spirit LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
18	6205	Green Zen Therapy, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
19	7675	Sweetes Sweets LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
20	4429	EGH Wellness LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
21	4118	Flavors Wellness Farms	Retailer	Microbusiness	
22	7329	Larry's Best Buds LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
23	9873	Loud House	Retailer	Microbusiness	
24	5636	Paper Planes Sky Company	Retailer	Microbusiness	
25	6499	ReflectionZen, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
26	3427	Weed R Us	Retailer	Microbusiness	
27	7732	Apex Dispensaries, LLC	Retailer	Standard	
28	8161	Dank Dynasty Club LLC	Retailer	Standard	
29	8010	Edwards Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
30	7707	Highly Elevated NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard	
31	2096	Jackson Universal	Retailer	Standard	
32	7067	Token Enterprises LLC	Retailer	Standard	

The following conditions shall apply to the above-listed conditional license awardees:

- 1. Conditional licenses issued in accordance with this Resolution shall be automatically granted the additional 45 days allowed by statute to file a conditional conversion application, extending the conditional license phase to 165 days from the date of license issuance.
- 2. Conditional license-holders shall comply with all relevant provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 regarding conditional licenses, license-holders, and the conditional license phase.
- 3. If issued a conditional license as a social equity business, diversely owned business, or impact zone business, maintaining eligibility as such is a condition of the license and a condition of seeking an annual license through a conditional conversion application.
- 4. Conditional license-holders may add new owners in the conditional license phase; however, a majority of the ownership shall remain with the owners that qualified for the conditional license.
- 5. Conditional license-holders shall provide an attestation certifying that they will submit to a criminal history background check. No license holder or license applicant shall be granted an annual license without submitting to a criminal history background check and satisfactorily demonstrating that all statutory and regulatory requirements have been satisfied.
- 6. Conditional license-holders are not authorized to cultivate, manufacture, sell, or otherwise possess cannabis or cannabis items.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 8th day of May 2024.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker			Х			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso		Х	Х			
Commissioner Delgado			Х			
Chairwoman Houenou			Х			
Commissioner Nash	X		Х			