Krista Nash

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Krista Nash is a distinguished social justice advocate and the longest serving Commissioner of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (NJ-CRC). She was appointed to the Commission's inaugural membership in 2021 by Senate President Steve Sweeney and reappointed to her role by Governor Mikie Sherrill in 2026. Throughout her tenure, Commissioner Nash has dedicated her public service to advancing a safe, transparent, and equitable adult-use and medicinal cannabis marketplace across the Garden State.

Throughout her landmark five-year term on the Commission, Commissioner Nash has been instrumental in shaping New Jersey's rapidly evolving cannabis industry from the ground up. Within the NJ-CRC's first five months of inception, she collaborated to successfully adopt the foundational rules governing the recreational sale of cannabis. Over the course of her tenure, her leadership facilitated the review and ultimate rollout of hundreds of operating cannabis business licenses, supporting the development of a robust and sustainable state economy while centering the principles of social equity, regional fairness, and community reinvestment.

A fierce and unwavering advocate for the workforce, Commissioner Nash is widely recognized for her strict defense of labor protections for New Jersey workers. She has championed rigorous regulatory standards that hold corporate cannabis entities accountable to their labor agreements and collective bargaining obligations. Driven by the core philosophy that the state must "favor people over profits," she remains a powerful voice ensuring that the rising industry provides high-quality, fair, and safe employment opportunities.

Prior to her work with the NJ-CRC, Commissioner Nash worked in corporate and legal administration for 30 years before changing careers to become a licensed clinical social worker. She has built an extensive career managing vital reentry, substance use, and mental health programs for justice-involved populations, bringing a deeply rooted commitment to public health and social change to her regulatory work. She holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania and continues to advance an inclusive cannabis industry that balances economic vitality with worker dignity.