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RESOLUTION 2022-56
ADOPTION OF THE COMMISSION'S CODE OF ETHICS

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, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-27(a), the “New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law,” P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-12 et seq.) shall apply to members of the Commission and to all employees of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-27(b)(1), the Commission is required to promulgate and maintain a Code of Ethics that is modeled upon the Code of Judicial Conduct of the American Bar Association, as amended and adopted by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-27(b)(2), the Code of Ethics promulgated and maintained by the Commission shall not be in conflict with the laws of this State, except, however, that the Code of Ethics may be more restrictive than any law of this State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-27(c), the Code of Ethics promulgated and maintained by the Commission, and any amendments or restatements thereof, shall be submitted to the State Ethics Commission (“SEC”) for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Code of Ethics was submitted to the SEC and approved on November 29th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and staff have reviewed, researched, and considered the appropriate sections and clauses to be included in the Code of Ethics so that the Commission can function transparently and in the best interest of the State of New Jersey and the citizens of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the proposed Code of Ethics is necessary and proper to guide the Commission in carrying out its duties fairly and impartially and to protect the integrity of the Commission as quasi-judicial entity; and

WHEREAS, each Commission member and employee shall be governed by

Commission’s Code of Ethics, as well as the ethical standards set forth in the New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law, Uniform Ethics Code, the rules and opinions of the State Ethics Commission, and any other applicable statute or regulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the attached Code of Ethics is hereby approved and adopted and shall be effective immediately.

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 2nd day of December, 2022.



Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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