



The meeting will begin momentarily

We will take public comments at this meeting. Written comments for the record may also be submitted to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission before, during and after the meeting at nj.gov/cannabis.



April 11, 2024



Roll Call



Agenda

- Roll Call
- Executive Session (Anticipated 45 minutes)
- Approval of prior meeting minutes
- Chair's remarks
- Executive Director's report
- Committee reports
 - Permitting & Licensing Committee
 - Product Safety & Labeling Committee
- Consideration of Rule waivers and advisory notices on regulatory policy
 - N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.14: Annual cannabis business license acceptance; inspection; issuance; commencement of operations
- Consideration of Revisions to 2019 Request for Applications for ATCs



Agenda

- Consideration of applications for permit or license changes
 - Name changes
 - Ownership changes
- Consideration of adult-use cannabis business applications
 - Conditional licenses
 - Conditional-to-annual conversions
 - Annual licenses
 - ATC expansions
 - Annual license renewals
- Cases, Claims, and Petitions
 - ATC employee ID cards
- Consideration of enforcement actions
 - NOV-45-24
- Public Comment
- Adjournment



Executive Session (Approximately 45 minutes)



Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes



Chair's Remarks

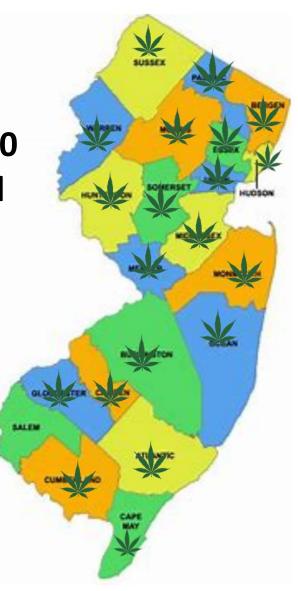


Executive Director's Report



Updates on Dispensary Openings

More than 120 medicinal and recreational dispensaries open in 20 counties.



New Recreational-only Dispensaries

- Bakin' Bad, Atlantic City
- Blue Violets, Hoboken
- The Dispensary of Somerset, Somerset
- The Dispensary of Union, Union
- Flower & Flame, Blackwood
- Golden Door, Jersey City
- Natural Apothecary, Belleville
- Ohm Theory, Elmwood Park
- Plantabis Dispensary, Rahway
- Sunny Tien, Atlantic City
- Timber 5, Somerset
- Township Green, Riverside
- Zacate, Delran

New Expansions into Recreational

Roots Dispensary, Willingboro





Licensing Update – Total Licenses Approved

- as of April 2, 2024

- Total 2,481 applications submitted
- 1,856 applications have been approved
- 131 applications are under review in the Office of Licensing
- 303 applications are pending resubmission following cure
- 98 applications under review in the Office of Compliance & Investigations



Licensing Update — Total Recreational Licenses Approved

- as of April 2, 2024

- 1,380 conditionals
- 312 conditional-to-annual conversions
- 164 annuals
- 72 expanded ATCs
- 236 Total: operating licenses (AU) and permits (Med) issued



Applications up for Consideration

- 17 conditional applications
- 15 conditional-to-annual conversion applications
- 4 annual applications
- 3 expanded ATCs
- 9 annual renewal applications



Current Patient Enrollment Numbers

- As of April 8, 2024

• Total patients: 79,722

• Caregivers: 5,068

• Doctors: 1,547

Quarterly Data Report Q1 2024



(All data in this report is as of March 25th, 2024, unless otherwise stated.)



Awardee Application Data



Awards by Class & Application Types

<u>License Type</u>	Approved Annual	Approved Conversion to Annual	Approved Conditional	Grand Total
Class 1 Cultivator	34	79	328	441
Class 2 Manufacturer	27	65	226	318
Class 3 Wholesaler	-	-	7	7
Class 4 Distributor	-	-	6	6
Class 5 Retailer	97	168	806	1071
Class 6 Delivery	-	-	7	7
Testing Laboratory	6	-	-	6
Grand Total	164	312	1380	1856

<u>License Type</u>	Approved Annual	Approved Conversion to Annual	Approved Conditional	Grand Total
Class 1 Cultivator	20.73%	25.32%	23.77%	23.76%
Class 2 Manufacturer	16.46%	20.83%	16.38%	17.13%
Class 3 Wholesaler	0.00%	0.00%	0.51%	0.38%
Class 4 Distributor	0.00%	0.00%	0.43%	0.32%
Class 5 Retailer	59.15%	53.85%	58.41%	57.70%
Class 6 Delivery	0.00%	0.00%	0.51%	0.38%
Testing Laboratory	3.66%	0.00%	0.00%	0.32%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



DVOB and SEB Awardees

476 Annual Licenses Awarded*					
Social Equity Businesses	79	17%			
Diversely-Owned Businesses	337	71%			

Note: Twenty-six awarded licenses were designated as both Social Equity Businesses and Diversely-Owned Businesses.

^{*}Includes conditional-to-annual conversions



Key Population Data of Awardees

Key Population	Conditional Submission	Conditional Approval	Annual Submission	Annual Approval
Justice Involved	19%	19%	13%	14%
Minority Owned	50%	49%	41%	41%
Black or African American	20%	19%	13%	12%
Hispanic or Latino	12%	12%	7%	7%

Notes:

Annual data includes conditional-to-annual conversions.

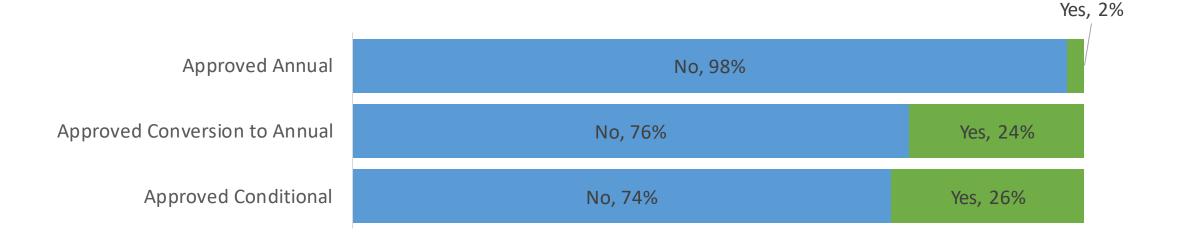
Justice-Involved describes applicants with past marijuana convictions qualifying for social equity status **Minority-Owned** refers to businesses owned by applicants who self-attest to being minority, minority and women or minority and disabled veteran owned.

Black or African American/Hispanic or Latino are subsets of "Minority-Owned" and are a percentage of total persons of interest, not percentage of ownership.



Awards by Social Equity Status

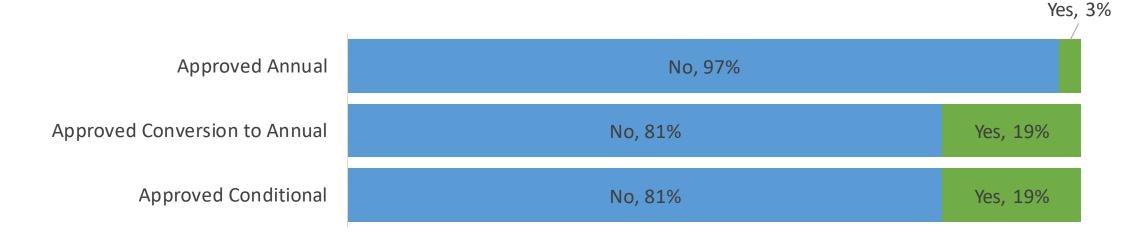
	Social Equ	ity Business	
<u>License</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Approved Annual	160	4	164
Approved Conversion to Annual	237	75	312
_Approved Conditional	1015	365	1380
Grand Total	1412	444	1856





Majority Ownership Awardees with Prior Marijuana Conviction

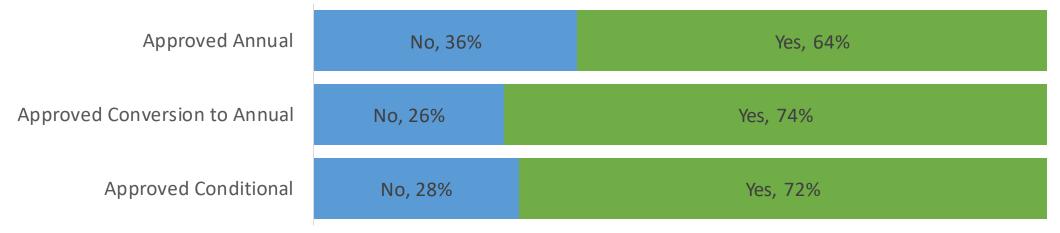
	Previous Ma	Previous Marijuana Conviction	
<u>License</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Approved Annual	159	5	164
Approved Conversion to Annual	254	58	312
Approved Conditional	1113	267	1380
Grand Total	1526	330	1856





Diversely-Owned Business Awardees by Application Type

	Diversely Owned Business		
<u>License</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Approved Annual	59	105	164
Approved Conversion to Annual	80	232	312
Approved Conditional	384	996	1380
Grand Total	523	1333	1856

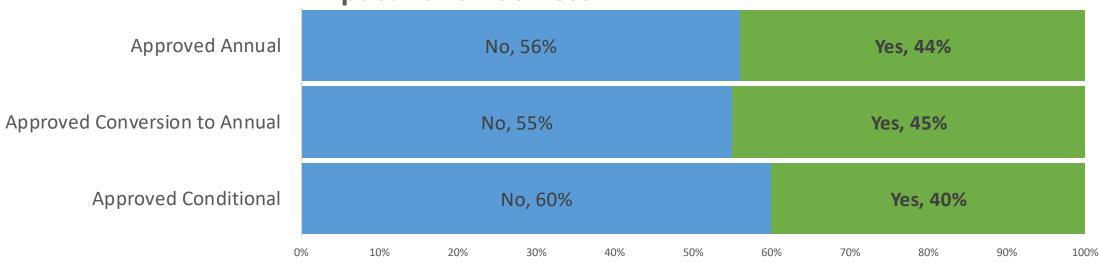




Impact Zone Business Awardees

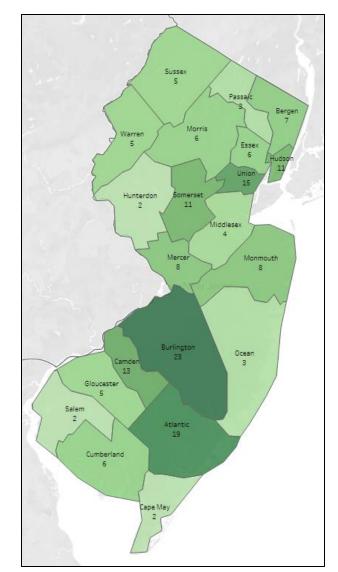
Grand Total	1094	762	1856
Approved Conditional	829	551	1380
Approved Conversion to Annual	173	139	312
Approved Annual	92	72	164
Business Category	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Impact Z	Impact Zone Business	







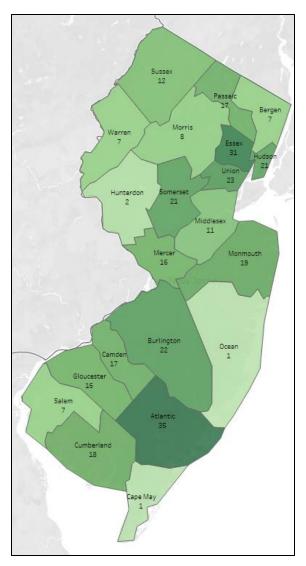
Annual Licensee Awardees Distribution by County



Annual Awardees				
County Number				
Atlantic	19			
Bergen	7			
Burlington	23			
Camden	13			
Cape May	2			
Cumberland	6			
Essex	6			
Gloucester	5			
Hudson	11			
Hunterdon	2			
Mercer	8			
Middlesex	4			
Monmouth	8			
Morris	6			
Ocean	3			
Passaic	3			
Salem	2			
Somerset	11			
Sussex	5			
Union	15			
Warren	5			
Grand Total 164				



Conditional-to-Annual Conversions Distribution by County



Conversions to Annual by County					
Approved County Annual					
Atlantic	35				
Bergen	7				
Burlington	22				
Camden	17				
Cape May	1				
Cumberland	18				
Essex	31				
Gloucester	16				
Hudson	21				
Hunterdon	2				
Mercer	16				
Middlesex	11				
Monmouth	19				
Morris	8				
Ocean	1				
Passaic	17				
Salem	7				
Somerset	21				
Sussex	12				
Union	23				
Warren 7					
Grand Total 312					



Quarterly Data Benchmarks



Diversely-Owned Benchmark Data

	<u>Number</u>	Percent of Licensees	<u>Benchmark</u>	Plus/(Minus)
Minority Owned	787	47%	15%	+32%
Woman or Disabled Veteran Owned	868	45%	15%	+30%

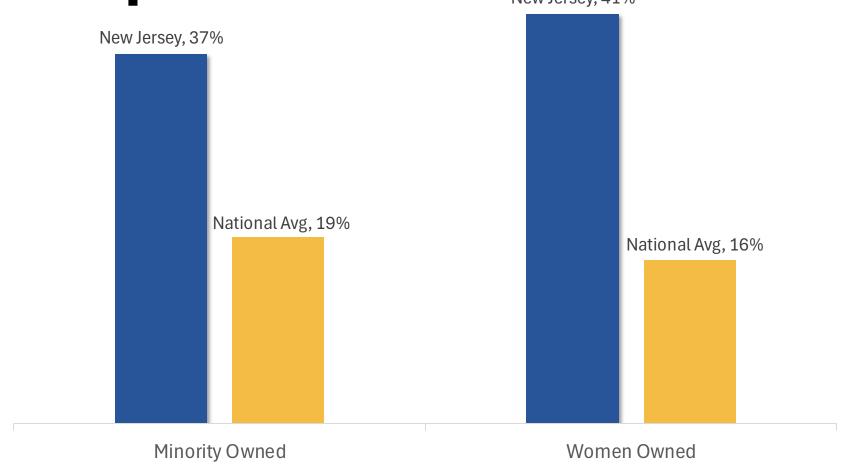


ODI Update: Diversely-Owned Certification Data

	New A	U Licenses_	Expansions	Percent of Licenses Awarded	
DOB Certification Type	<u>Annual</u>	Conversion	<u>Annual</u>	New AU	Total Awarded
DVOB	4	7	0	2%	2%
MBE	37	61	1	21%	18%
MBE/DVOB	2	4	0	1%	1%
MBE/WBE	21	70	1	19%	17%
MBE/WBE/DVOB	0	2	0	0.40%	1%
No Certification	56	89	51	30%	36%
WBE	44	79	17	26%	25%
Sub Total by Type	164	312	70		
Sub Total by Group		476	70		
Grand Total		546			



ODI Update: Diversely-Owned Comparisons New Jersey, 41%





ODI Update: Diversely-Owned Benchmarks

Benchmarks Including Expansion Licensees			
	Percent of Licensees	<u>Benchmark</u>	Plus/(Minus)
Minority Owned	37%	15%	+22%
Woman or Disabled Veteran Owned	44%	15%	+29%



Reconciled Race/Ethnicity for Annual Awardees

Reconciled Majority Owner Race/Ethnicity Table (DORES/Self-Report)		
<u>Race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
White	183	38.4%
Black or African American	93	19.5%
Asian	83	17.4%
Other or Not Listed	51	10.7%
No Majority	36	7.6%
Latino	28	5.9%
American Indian Or Alaska Native	2	0.4%
Grand Total	476	100.0%

Note: Includes all Annual/Conversion to Annual Awardees



Operational Businesses Licensed Under CREAMM Act (N=79)

License Type			
<u>License Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	
Class 1 Cultivator	8	10%	
Class 2 Manufacturer	6	8%	
Class 5Retailer	59	75%	
Testing Laboratory	6	8%	
Grand Total	79	100%	

Key Categories		
Category	<u>Percentage</u>	
Impact Zone Business	43%	
Previous Marijuana Conviction	10%	
Social Equity	13%	
Diversely Owned	70%	



Operational Businesses Licensed Under CREAMM Act (N=79)

DORES Certifications			
DORES Certification	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	
WBE	27	34.2%	
No Certification	22	27.8%	
MBE	15	19.0%	
MBE/WBE	14	17.7%	
DVOB	1	1.3%	
Grand Total	79	100.0%	



Operational Businesses Licensed Under CREAMM Act (N=79)

Reconciled Majority Owner Race/Ethnicity Table (DORES/Self-Report)		
Race/Ethnicity	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Other or Not Listed	23	29%
White	16	20%
Asian	15	19%
No Majority	10	13%
Latino	9	11%
Black or African		
American	6	8%
Grand Total	79	100%



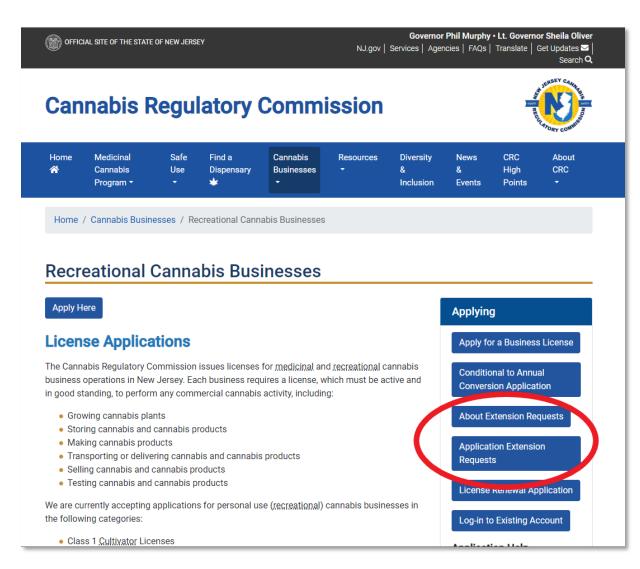
Committee Reports





43 total extensions granted in March.

- 35 conditional extensions
- 2 2019 RFA extensions; and
- 6 AU extensions to operate





- Out of 44 2019 RFA awardees, 21 awardees are still waiting to become operational.
- Awardees are facing significant construction build-out and local permitting delays to become operational.
- Committee's recommendation: Amend the 2019 RFA to remove operational deadlines and amend the 2019 RFA Final Agency Decisions accordingly.



- 394 awardees that have yet to request an onsite assessment.
- Under N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.14(f), awardees must request a final onsite assessment within 365 days from the date of award.
- External factors: Facilities are not yet built out or remain under construction, and delays with local approvals.
- Committee's recommendation: Waive N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.14(f) to eliminate the 365-day deadline by which a cannabis business must request a final onsite assessment.



The Committee will solicit feedback on the application and licensing processes.

The Committee will convene a public hearing this spring to:

- Give the public an opportunity to weigh in on the current licensing process
- Understand what's working and what can be improved
- Hear ideas to make processes more efficient

Stay tuned for details via our social media platforms.



Product Safety & Labeling Committee

Packaging and Labeling Guide





Packaging Requirements

- Sanitation
- Serving Size (Manufacturers)
- Child Resistant Packaging
- Containers
- Weight
- Authorized forms and more...



Packaging Requirements

Serving Size

Each package of finished cannabis or cannabis product, dependent on form shall contain:

Product Type	Active THC	Usable Cannabis	
Inhalable		¼ ounce or less*	
Ingestible	100 mg or less		
Cannabis	10 mg or less*		
*or equivalent weight dependent on form:			

Each single serving of a cannabis product shall have a cannabinoid concentration that is within 90% -110% of the specified milligram serving size claimed for that cannabis product.



Packaging Requirements

- Child Resistant Packaging
- Designed or constructed to be significantly difficult for children under five years of age to open and not difficult for adults to use properly.
 - Be fully enclosed, opaque, of a single color, and light resistant;
 - Able to be resealed in a child-resistant manner unless the package contains a single serving cannabis item; and
 - For ingestible products in liquid form with multiple serving units, the container must have a resealing cap or closure



Labeling Requirements

- General Requirements
- Expiration Dates
- False, Misleading, Deceptive Labeling
- Universal Symbol
- Consumer Warnings and more...



Labeling Requirements



- False/Misleading Information
- Statement, Illustration, Image, Cartoon, Color Scheme, Graphic, or Feature that might make the cannabis item or package attractive to children.









Labeling Requirements/Universal Symbol



New Jersey Universal Symbol For Adult Use Cannabis







Minimum Size

Packing and Labeling: 0.75" x 0.5" Edible Marijuana Product: 0.25" x 0.25"





Clear Space

The NJ Universal Symbol must always have a clear area surrounding it, free from any other element.

To define this area around the symbol, measure the height of the symbol and use a quarter of this measure to create the boundary of clear space.

PACKAGING & LABELING: .125" PRODUCT IMPRINT: .0625"





Background

The icons should be placed on a white or light-colored background. The interior of the icon must remain white as shown. If it must go on a dark background, use the correct symbol for dark backgrounds.

Restrictions

- Do not re-create or modify the icons in any manner.
- Do not stretch or distort the icons.
- Do not use the icons smaller than the minimum size.
- Do not change the icon colors (Note: Coloring is not required for on-product markings.)
- Do not use the icons on a dark background.

Required Colors

The Universal Symbol must be reproduced in full color as listed.



RED:

CMYK: C15% M 99% Y 93% K 5% HEX: #c8102e PANTONE: 185 C



YELLOW:

CMYK C 1% M 19% Y 99% K 0% HEX: #ffd100 PANTONE: 109 C



BLACK:

CMYK: C 75% M 68% Y 67% K 90% HEX: 000000 PANTONE: BLACK



- Chemotypes
- Laboratory Testing
- Serving Sizes



Laboratory Testing

- A summary of the written report detailing the results of the laboratory testing, including, but not limited to:
 - Potency of all major cannabinoids
 - A list of major terpenoids detected



Serving Size

- Single Serving
 - Each single serving of a cannabis product contained in a multipleserving package shall be marked, stamped or otherwise imprinted with the universal symbol issued by the Commission that indicates that the single serving is a cannabis product
- Multiple Servings
 - Packaging for cannabis products sold or displayed for consumers in multiple servings shall include the following statement on the exterior of the package in a printed font that is no smaller than (10) ten-point Times New Roman, Helvetica or Arial, including capitalization: "INCLUDES MULTIPLE SERVINGS."



- More information is included in the guide
- Can be found on the Commission's website at NJ.gov/Cannabis under the "Cannabis Businesses" dropdown menu then by selecting "Business Resources"



Consideration of Rule Waivers and Advisory Notices on Regulatory Policy



Consideration of Rule Waivers and Advisory Notices on Regulatory Policy (N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.14)

- Proposed elimination of 365-day operational deadline for final onsite assessments for cannabis businesses
- Waiver will:
 - Ensure more efficient licensing process for applicants
 - Benefit cannabis businesses that may be at risk for losing their cannabis business licenses due to delays caused by external factors
 - Not impede on public health safety or welfare
 - Allows businesses to take needed time necessary to become operational



Consideration of Rule Waivers and Advisory Notices on Regulatory Policy (N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.14)

- Waiver is subject to following terms and conditions:
 - Only applies to annual cannabis business license applicants
 - Eliminates 356-day deadline by which a cannabis business must request a final onsite assessment
 - Awardees must remain in communication with field monitor regarding status of construction and preparation
 - The Committee will periodically review status of cannabis business license awardees to ensure communication with field monitor



Vote:

To approve Rule waivers and advisory notices on regulatory policy (N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.14)



Consideration of Revisions to 2019 Request for Applications for ATCs



Consideration of Revisions to 2019 Request for Applications for ATCs

- Proposed elimination of removal of all operational deadlines
- Final Agency Decisions issued to the Dispensary 2019 RFA awardees on December 7, 2021, would be amended to remove operational deadlines to be fully permitted.
- Awardees shall remain subject to all other terms and conditions of the Final Agency Decision.



Vote:

To approve revisions to 2019 RFA Request for Applications for ATCs



Consideration of Applications for Name Changes



Name change applications:

- GreenSky Dispensary LLC Red Oak Dispensary Absecon LLC
- Happy Time Buds Casa Verde Wellness LLC
- Lotus EHT LLC Red Oak Dispensary EHT LLC
- Munsee Three Sisters Medicinal Farm LLC Munsee Three
 Sisters Cannabis LLC
- Terrapin Investment Fund II LLC The Station, Hoboken LLC



Vote:

To approve 5 name change applications



Consideration of Application for Ownership Changes



Ownership change applications:

- Anka Field
 - Adding new owner, Viego Verde Cannabis
- Blossom Dispensary
 - Transferring ownership to Blossom Jersey City LLC
- Docanna LLC
 - Change to existing ownership structure



Ownership change applications:

- Natural Selections Dispensary
 - Adding new owner, C3 Industries
- Puffin Store
 - Adding new owner, NY2 Holdings LLC



Vote:

To approve ownership change applications



Consideration of Adult-use Cannabis Business Applications



Consideration of Adult-use Conditional License Applications



Conditional applications:

- 17 conditional licenses
 - 2 cultivators
 - 1 manufacturer
 - 1 wholesaler
 - 1 distributor
 - 7 retailers
 - 5 delivery



Adult-Use: Consideration of <u>conditional</u> applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	6573	RPI Partners, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
2	6792	Unity Alternative Therapy of NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard
3	6764	CannaBoy Tree House, LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness
4	6550	Grab & Dash Logistics LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness
5	6746	High Rollerz LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness
6	6606	Original Scarlet Reserve NJ	Delivery	Microbusiness
7	6526	Vayana II	Delivery	Standard
8	6552	Grab & Dash Logistics LLC	Distributor	Microbusiness
9	6791	Unity Alternative Therapy of NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
10	5835	Decebal LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
11	3649	Spliffmasterhq	Retailer	Microbusiness
12	1672	The Cannabis Store LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
13	4920	Glyph Innovations LLC	Retailer	Standard
14	6726	Heritage Cannabis Farms LLC	Retailer	Standard
15	6570	NJ Cares II LLC	Retailer	Standard



Adult-Use: Consideration of <u>conditional</u> applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
16	6693	Kush Express LLC	Wholesaler	Standard

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	1967	SVA NJ Services LLC	Retailer	Standard



To approve 17 conditional license applications



Consideration of Adult-Use Conditional Application Denials



Adult-Use: Consideration of <u>conditional</u> application denials

Payment Process Overview for conditional licenses:

- Upon approval, applicants are required to pay required fees
- Payment is considered delinquent after 30 days
- Final 30-day notice is issued after an additional 30 days
- Notice of denial recommendation is issued after 60 days



Adult-Use: Consideration of <u>conditional</u> application denials

Recommended denial for nonpayment:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	3043	Endure Exotics LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	5644	Equality Richman Estates	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	4518	Canna Cafe NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
4	5241	Endure Exotics LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
5	3816	Hazlie Corri-Ahna	Retailer	Microbusiness
6	4779	New Jersey Bound Inc	Retailer	Standard



To deny 6 conditional license applications



Consideration of Adult-use Conditional-to-Annual Conversion Applications



Conditional-to-Annual license conversion applications

- 15 conditional-to-annual conversion licenses
 - 4 cultivators
 - 2 manufacturers
 - 9 retailers



Adult-Use: Consideration of <u>conditional-to-annual license conversion</u> applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	Conditional Application ID	License Class	Business Category
1	5618	Divine Garden L.L.C.	1403	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	4837	Iron Falls Growery LLC	1066	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	4681	Market Wave LLC	2929	Cultivator	Standard
4	2990	Royal Dynastic Organics LLC	1272	Cultivator	Standard
5	4838	Iron Falls Growery LLC	2487	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
6	4734	OGeez Brands NJ LLC	1181	Manufacturer	Standard
7	5041	Cuzzie's LLC	1424	Retailer	Microbusiness
8	4339	L'Eagle Dispensary, LLC	1726	Retailer	Microbusiness
9	5093	Chilltown Dispensary LLC	1730	Retailer	Standard
10	4406	Flowerpower Wellness, LLC	1652	Retailer	Standard
11	5012	Hamm and Chaz, LLC	2204	Retailer	Standard
12	5151	Magic Garden Botanicals LLC	2776	Retailer	Standard
13	5400	Releaf Newton LLC	2700	Retailer	Standard
14	4912	The Dispensary of Saddle Brook LLC	1427	Retailer	Standard
15	3436	The Other Side Dispensary	1676	Retailer	Standard



To approve 15 conditional-to-annual license conversion applications



Consideration of Adult-use Annual Applications



Annual license applications

- 4 annual licenses
 - 1 cultivator
 - 1 manufacturer
 - 2 retailers



Adult-Use: Consideration of <u>annual</u> <u>license</u> applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	1338	As Promised Farms LLC	Cultivator	Standard
2	5908	Nova Farms Woodbury LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
3	5451	Ervana Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
4	3372	Mom & Pop Shop LLC	Retailer	Standard



To approve 4 annual license applications



Consideration of Expanded ATC Certifications



Expanded ATC certifications:

- Theo A. Cannabis LLC, Class 5 Retailer, 3059 Route
 27, Units 104 and 105, Franklin Park
- HillviewMed Inc, Class 1 Cultivator, 30 Hillview Road, Lincoln Park
- Green Medicine NJ LLC, Class 1 Cultivator, 638 Brunswick
 Pike, West Amwell



Vote: To approve Theo A. Cannabis LLC expansion certification



Vote: To approve HillviewMed Inc expansion certification



To approve Green Medicine NJ LLC expansion certification



Consideration of Adult-Use Annual Renewal Applications



Annual license renewals

- Earth & Ivy (1)
- Nova Farms Woodbury (1)
- MPX NJ (1)
- Union Chill Cannabis Company (1)

First year of operations

- Ascend New Jersey LLC (1)
- Ayr Wellness NJ LLC (4)



Second year of operations



To approve 9 annual license renewal applications



To approve reinstatement of 1 employee identification card



Consideration of Notice of Enforcement Actions



Enforcement Actions

- URB'N Dispensary (NOV-45-24)
 - Failure to secure storage area
 - 378 South Street, Newark



To approve enforcement action on NOV-45-24





Public comment

- 1. Speakers signed up in advance.
- 2. 3 minutes per speaker.
- 3. Please be respectful, concise and on-topic to issues the Commission has the power to address and/or should be aware of.
- 4. Do not use this time to market or advertise private businesses.
- 5. May also submit comments in writing at NJ.gov/cannabis/meetings



Adjournment

Details for our next meeting on Wednesday, May 8, will be posted on nj.gov/cannabis/meetings