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RESOLUTION 2024-269
APPROVING THE REQUESTS FOR TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP

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.A.C. 17:30-9.3(a), from the submission of a conditional license conversion application or an annual license application to at least two years after the cannabis business commences operations, a license holder holding an annual license shall not make any change to more than 50 percent of its ownership interest, except that: (1) a transfer of ownership interest in a license applicant or license holder from a deceased owner to their heir shall not be prohibited, and (2) a transfer of ownership interest in a license applicant or license holder from a deceased owner to their surviving spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner, if the license was issued jointly to both the parties, shall not be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.3(b), from the submission of the conditional license conversion application or an annual license application to at least two years after the cannabis business commences operations, a license holder may add new loans from new or existing financial sources or gifts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.3(c), until at least two years after the cannabis business commences operations, a diversely owned business license holder shall maintain all conditions required to qualify as eligible for its diversely owned business certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.3(d), until at least two years after the cannabis business commences operations, a social equity business license holder shall maintain the conditions required to qualify for its social equity business status; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.3(e), a license holder operating as a microbusiness shall not transfer ownership interest such that the license holder no longer qualifies as a microbusiness; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.3(h), the Commission retains discretion to determine when a transfer of ownership interests has occurred; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.17(j)(3), the fee to apply for the transfer of more than 50 percent of ownership interest in a license holder is \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7(k)(2), the sale or transfer of any interest of five percent or more in a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit shall be subject to approval by the Commission and conditioned on the entity that is purchasing or receiving transfer of the interest in the medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit completing a criminal history record background check pursuant to the requirements of the statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.5, an Alternative Treatment Center (“ATC”) permit is not assignable or transferable without Commission approval, and it shall be immediately null and void if the alternative treatment center ceases to operate, if the alternative treatment center’s ownership changes or if the alternative treatment center relocates; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.10, the fee to apply for the transfer of ownership for an ATC is \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, Cure Wellness NJ LLC, an adult-use cannabis retailer, requests approval of an ownership transfer by which minority owner Konja Bassan (45%) would transfer the entirety of their ownership stake in the company to Firas Alosachie (to be 45%) in exchange for Alosachie sharing their cannabis expertise. There was no financial compensation as consideration for the 45% equity stake. Under the proposed structure, current owner Sarah Moussa (55%) and proposed owner Firas Alosachie (45%) would share ownership of the company; and

WHEREAS, a Personal History Disclosure was filed as required to conduct the investigation into this ownership change for Firas Alosachie and no derogatory information was found; and

WHEREAS, Flower and Flame, an adult-use cannabis retailer, requests approval of an ownership transfer by which minority owner Joshua Wing (40%) would relinquish a portion of his ownership stake in the company to be split equally between his sisters Sydney Wing (to be 15%) and Sarah Wing (to be 15%). Majority owner Krystal Boodram-Wing would continue to hold 51% ownership. No financial compensation has been exchanged as consideration for the ownership transfer

WHEREAS, Personal History Disclosures were filed by Sydney and Sarah Wing and no derogatory information was found; and

WHEREAS, GDBS Distribution LLC, an adult-use cannabis manufacturer, requests approval of an ownership transfer by which sole owner Gyasi Bryan-Smith would relinquish a portion of their ownership to be evenly distributed among three individuals (Virginia Bryan at 15%, Stephan Lowy at 15%, and Keith Lowy at 15%) with Gyasi Bryan Smith retaining 55% majority ownership. No financial compensation has been exchanged as consideration for the ownership transfer; and

WHEREAS, Personal History Disclosures were filed by Virginia Bryan, Stephan Lowy, and Keith Lowy and no derogatory information was found; and

WHEREAS, Lucky Buds LLC, an adult-use cannabis manufacturer and cultivator, requests approval of a restructuring of the current ownership, with James DeMaio's interest reducing from 33% to 4%, John DeMaio's interest increasing from 16% to 22.9%, and majority owner Harsimran Kaur Bal's interest increasing from 51% to 73.1%. All three of the members have been previously vetted and all three will remain the only owners of the business. The recapitalization will result in the exchange of \$28,858.63 for the ownership stake exchange; and

WHEREAS, a Membership Interest Redemption Agreement was filed as well as a Revised Entity Disclosure Form and no derogatory information was found; and

WHEREAS, TGC New Jersey, an adult-use cannabis manufacturer and cultivator, requests approval of an ownership transfer by which majority owner Christopher Lacy (51%) would receive an additional 35.1% from co-owner David McGorman (originally 40%, to be 4.9%). Additionally, following the passing of another owner (4%), her stake is to be transferred to Christopher Lacy (to be totaling 90.1%). The resulting ownership will be as follows: Christopher Lacy at 90.1%, David McGorman at 4.9%, and Jaease Lacy at 5%. David McGorman will become a passive investor holding less than 5% with no decision-making authority; and

WHEREAS, no additional Personal History Disclosures or Entity Disclosure Forms have been filed at this time as all members were vetted previously and no derogatory information was found; and

WHEREAS, Commission staff has completed a thorough investigation of the above proposed ownership transfers, as well as associated documents and materials, for compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:30, et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:30A, et seq., and N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, Commission staff has found no evidence that would preclude the aforementioned ownership transfers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the above proposed transfers of ownership are hereby approved.

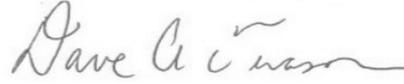
Submitted by:



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 19th day of September 2024.



Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

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