





## **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](https://nj.gov/cannabis).



**September 19, 2024**



# Agenda

- Roll Call
- Executive Session (Anticipated 90 minutes)
- Approval of prior meeting minutes
- Chair's remarks
- Executive Director's report
- Committee reports
  - Product Safety, Packaging, and Labeling Committee
- Consideration of public notices and publications
  - Rule adoption for expansion of adult-use cannabis ingestible products
  - Report on medicinal cannabis activities, 2022-2023
- Consideration of applications for permit or license changes
  - Ownership changes
- Consideration of adult-use cannabis business applications
  - Conditional licenses
  - Conditional-to-annual conversions
  - Annual licenses
  - Expanded ATC certifications
  - Annual license renewals



# Agenda

- Cases, Claims, and Petitions
  - ATC employee ID cards
- Consideration of enforcement actions
  - NOV-76-24
  - NOV-77-24
  - NOV-121-24
  - NOV-125-24
  - NOV-126-24
  - NOV-141-24
- PEEC Update
  - Roundtable on September 25, 2024
  - Consideration of Safe Use Campaign extension
- Public Comment
- Adjournment



# Roll Call



# **Executive Session**

**(Approximately 90 minutes)**



# **Approval of prior meeting minutes**





# Chair's Report



# Chair's Report: Hemp-Derived Products

- Intoxicating hemp-derived products are often untested and widely accessible to young people.
- Senate Bill 3235 (P.L.2024, c.73) requires these products to be sold only through licensed facilities.
- Regulations will be developed in the future.



# Chair's Report: Industry Reminders

- Failure to cure an application = failure to move forward
- Applicants should check email spam folders and voicemail for NJ-CRC notices
- Contact the ODI, Office of Licensing, or assigned investigator for help curing an application
- Deficient applications will be removed from consideration



# Chair's Report: MCP Registration Clinics

- Services: first-time registration, renewing registration, updating patient or caregiver info
- Walk-ins welcome
- Details are on the NJ-CRC website under the Resources tab

## September 24 - Newark

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

212 Washington Street

## September 26 - Trenton

12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

50 Barrack Street

## October 1 – Atlantic City

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

1325 Boardwalk

(Casino Control Commission building)



# Chair's Report: Virtual Public Comment

- Use the phone number included in your registration
- Call from a quiet place
- Use headphones
- Silence other nearby devices



# **Executive Director's Report**



**More than 160 medicinal and recreational dispensaries open in 21 counties.**



# Updates on Dispensary Openings

## New Recreational-only Dispensaries

- 4Twenty Somewhere, Hewitt
- BluLight Cannabis, Woodbury Heights
- Boone Town Provision, Boonton
- Canna Remedies, Ewing
- Cannavibes, Elmwood Park
- City Leaf, Newark
- City Leaves, Egg Harbor Township
- Conservatory Cannabis Company, Egg Harbor Township
- Fresh Elizabeth, Elizabeth
- Frosted Nug, Red Bank
- Ginger Hale, Oaklyn
- Honey Buzz Farms, Atlantic City
- HudHaus, North Bergen
- Island Vibez, Plainfield
- Pure Natural Vibes, West Orange
- Ruuted, Englishtown
- Simply Pure Trenton, Ewing
- THC Shop, Atlantic City
- Treeotics, Newark

## New Medicinal-only Dispensaries

- Theory Wellness, Trenton





# Licensing Update – Total Licenses Approved

- as of September 4, 2024

- **Total 2,689 applications submitted**
- 2,036 applications have been approved
- 134 applications are under review in the Office of Licensing
- 314 applications are pending resubmission following cure
- 124 applications under review in the Office of Compliance & Investigations





# Licensing Update – Total Recreational Licenses Approved

- as of September 4, 2024

- 1,475 conditionals
- 367 conditional-to-annual conversions
- 194 annuals
- 78 expanded ATCs
- **291 Total: operating licenses (AU) and permits (Med) issued**



# Applications up for consideration

- 32 conditional applications
- 20 conditional-to-annual conversion applications
- 19 annual applications
- 1 expanded ATC
- 28 annual renewal applications



# Current Patient Enrollment Numbers

- as of September 15, 2024

- Total patients: 72,336
- Caregivers: 4,883
- Doctors: 1,564



# **Committee Reports**



# **Product Safety, Packaging, and Labeling Committee**



# Roundtable Topic and Process

- Solicited feedback from patients and practitioners
  - Assess monthly allotment limits
  - Pricing
- Selected 20 roundtable participants on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Over 500 respondents
  - 3 patients, 1 provider confirmed attendance
- Received over 80 responses to email survey questions



# Survey Questions and Responses

**Q: Do you think the current monthly medicinal cannabis allotment maximum of 3 oz is enough?**

51.55% responded No

**Q: How much do think is enough?**

53.19% desired an unlimited supply

**Q: What change, if any, have you noticed in medicinal cannabis pricing since the opening of the recreational market?**

35.48% responded that prices have gone up significantly

**Q: Have your medicinal cannabis purchasing habits changed since the recreational market opened?**

47.31% reported that their purchasing habits have not changed.

**Q: Has the cost of your cannabis medicine forced you to purchase from the illicit market?**

53.26% responded that the cost has not forced them to purchase from the illicit market.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with the committee about allotment maximums and cannabis pricing?**

- High prices/unaffordable
- Standard discounts for medicinal patients



# Next Steps

- Review and assess responses
- Hold more conversations with healthcare providers
- Inform policy





# **Consideration of public notices and publications**



# Expansion of Adult-use Cannabis Ingestible Products Rule Adoption

- 60-day comment period ended on December 15, 2023
- New rules would:
  - Expand the types of edible cannabis products
  - Allow Non-Time/Temperature Control for Safety (Non-TCS) products
    - **Examples:** chocolates, baked goods, butters, and single-serve beverages
  - Products required to be made by Class 2 Manufacturers
  - Prohibit any product that would require further cooking preparation by the consumer
  - Maintain existing THC limits for foods while beverages would be limited to 5 mg of THC
- The notice will be filed with the Office of Administrative Law



# **Vote:**

**To approve expansion of adult-use  
cannabis ingestible products rules**



# **Report on Medicinal Cannabis Activities, 2022-2023**

- Summarizes the regulatory and operational activities related to medicinal cannabis from 2022-2023
- NJ-CRC required to annually report to the Governor and Legislature on medicinal cannabis activities
- Reports do not contain any personal identifying information
- NJ-CRC has prepared annual reports and met all statutory requirements



**Vote:**

**To approve report on medicinal  
cannabis activities, 2022-2023**



# **Consideration of Applications for Ownership Changes**



# Ownership transfer applications:

- Cure Wellness NJ LLC
  - **Adding new owner**
- Flower and Flame
  - **Adding new owners**
- GDBS Distribution LLC
  - **Adding new owners**





# Ownership transfer applications:

- Lucky Buds LLC
  - **Change in ownership structure**
- TCG New Jersey
  - **Change in ownership structure**





**Vote:**

**To approve ownership change  
applications**



# **Consideration of Adult-use Cannabis Business Applications**



# **Consideration of Adult-use Conditional License Applications**



# Conditional applications:

- 32 conditional licenses
  - 4 cultivators
  - 5 manufacturers
  - 20 retailers
  - 3 delivery



# Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional applications

## Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	11595	Boutique Gardens	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	10498	NJ Pure	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	9903	Skinner Farms LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
4	10625	Agrinity LLC	Cultivator	Standard
5	10053	Bevrly	Delivery	Microbusiness
6	8850	The Reefer Group	Delivery	Microbusiness
7	6672	Urban Goods LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness
8	12372	Exquisite Images and Fine Entertainment	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
9	10564	NJ Pure	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
10	11620	RushBudz Dispensary LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
11	11645	Agrinity LLC	Manufacturer	Standard



# Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional applications

## Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
12	10454	BleuDream Revolution, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
13	11316	Blaze Factory, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
14	10623	Hazey Gardens LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
15	10901	Natures Cannabliss	Retailer	Microbusiness
16	12807	New Jersey Cannabis Club	Retailer	Microbusiness
17	10624	Planet Oz LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
18	10229	Sorbays llc	Retailer	Microbusiness
19	8849	The Reefer Group	Retailer	Microbusiness
20	10529	Tranquil Herbal Consortium	Retailer	Microbusiness
21	11039	YGG DRASIL CANNABLISS	Retailer	Microbusiness
22	10439	BleuDream Revolution, LLC	Retailer	Standard



# Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional applications

## Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
23	11723	Bommer's Goods LLC	Retailer	Standard
24	11861	Broad Street Buds LLC	Retailer	Standard
25	10613	Delta-89, LLC	Retailer	Standard
26	10446	Gotham 725	Retailer	Standard
27	11276	Green Leaf Healing LLC	Retailer	Standard
28	8853	Hacherl Cannabis NJ	Retailer	Standard
29	10949	Hashes to Ashes LLC	Retailer	Standard
30	5038	The Growcery NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
31	6364	The Spot NJ Inc.	Retailer	Standard
32	10526	We the Best NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard



**Vote:**

**To approve 32 conditional license applications**





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



# Conditional-to-Annual license conversion applications

- 20 conditional-to-annual conversion licenses
  - 3 cultivators
  - 1 manufacturer
  - 16 retailers



# Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional-to-annual license conversion applications

## Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	Conditional Application ID	License Class	Business Category
1	7617	Culture Craft Cannabis Collective LLC	1957	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	7602	Victorious Gardens	1363	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	7643	AGJRA LLC	3985	Cultivator	Standard
4	7713	Navigator Wellness Group, Inc	1952	Manufacturer	Standard
5	3631	AC Leef LLC	1653	Retailer	Microbusiness
6	10226	Budflow	1501	Retailer	Microbusiness
7	6132	Can XA Group LLC	2936	Retailer	Microbusiness
8	9744	Green Wellness Haven LLC	4261	Retailer	Microbusiness
9	7286	Inhale Industries Inc	2061	Retailer	Microbusiness
10	2885	Leafy D'Lites	1924	Retailer	Microbusiness



# Adult-Use: Consideration of conditional-to-annual license conversion applications

## Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	Conditional Application ID	License Class	Business Category
11	9618	Royal Smoke LLC	2235	Retailer	Microbusiness
12	9345	Taste of Earth LLC	2115	Retailer	Microbusiness
13	9875	Arbory Wellness, LLC	1502	Retailer	Standard
14	5020	Magicae Wellness LLC	2457	Retailer	Standard
15	9886	Neon Heights LLC	2013	Retailer	Standard
16	10399	Pink Balloon, LLC	1441	Retailer	Standard
17	2801	Public Absecon Inc.	2127	Retailer	Standard
18	7850	Smoking Classics Inc.	1589	Retailer	Standard
19	6348	The Goods Supply Co. Victory Gardens LLC	1646	Retailer	Standard
20	2815	The Wildflower Market LLC	1497	Retailer	Standard



**Vote:**

**To approve 20 conditional-to-annual  
license conversion applications**



# **Consideration of Adult-use Annual Applications**



# Annual license applications

- **19 annual licenses**
  - **3 cultivators**
  - **7 manufacturers**
  - **8 retailers**
  - **1 testing lab**





# Adult-Use: Consideration of annual license applications

## Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	3316	Green Oasis Dispensary NJ, LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	9323	Raritan Growth LLC	Cultivator	Standard
3	6662	Shiv Leela NJ, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
4	8463	Culture Craft Cannabis Collective LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
5	8366	E. V. LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
6	10186	Parks Grove	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
7	7510	Bango New Jersey Inc.	Manufacturer	Standard
8	8458	Bud's Goods of NJ Corp	Manufacturer	Standard
9	6723	Fresh Cut Cannabis Inc.	Manufacturer	Standard
10	9325	Raritan Growth LLC	Manufacturer	Standard





# Adult-Use: Consideration of annual license applications

## Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
11	7318	Canabhang	Retailer	Microbusiness
12	7559	A-Z Supply Inc	Retailer	Standard
13	5064	Cannabista, LLC	Retailer	Standard
14	3955	Cannapi	Retailer	Standard
15	7565	Discofries LLC	Retailer	Standard
16	9324	Raritan Growth LLC	Retailer	Standard
17	9807	RC Group Bloom LLC	Retailer	Standard
18	8437	The May Queen NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
19	2250	Anresco NJL LLC	Testing	Standard



**Vote:**  
**To approve 19 annual  
license applications**



# **Consideration of Expanded ATC Application**



# Expanded ATC Certifications

- Niche LLC, Class 1 Cultivator, 2600 71<sup>st</sup> Street, North Bergen



**Vote:**

**To approve Niche LLC  
expansion certification**



# **Consideration of Adult-Use Annual Renewal Applications**



# Annual license renewals

- BLOC (1)
- Garden State Botanicals (1)



First year of  
operations



# Annual license renewals

- Curaleaf NJ II, Inc.
  - Ascend New Jersey LLC
- } Second year of operations





# Annual license renewals

- Phula LLC (1)
- Garden Greenz (1)
- Hackettstown Dispensary LLC (1)
- Cloud Nine Dispensary (1)
- The Cannabis Place 420 Corp. (1)
- Garden Greens LLC (1)
- Soulflora Inc. (1)
- Hello High Dispensary LLC (1)
- 1634 Funk LLC (1)
- Phasal (1)

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Licenses



# Annual license renewals

- Pure Blossom LLC (1)
- Inclusion Gourmet (1)
- Loud Labs NJ (1)
- Med Leaf LLC (1)
- Hamilton Farms (1)
- Baked by the River (1)
- Evolve Cannabis LLC (1)
- The QCC Group LLC (1)
- Highway 90 LLC (1)

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Licenses



# Annual license renewals

- E.V. LLC (1)
- Elevated Herb LLC (1)
- Nightjar Holdings LLC (1)
- Fire and Oak (1)
- The Cannabis Clubhouse LLC (1)

Adult-Use  
Licenses



**Vote:**

**To approve 28 annual license  
renewal applications**



# **Cases, Claims and Petitions**



# ATC Identification Cards

## Recommendation on Rehabilitation:

- ***Reinstatement of employee identification cards***
- Regarding 3 ATC employees and one AU employee
- Received notice that criminal history check revealed disqualifying conviction
- Employee was given opportunity to challenge the accuracy of their criminal history results and/or request a determination of rehabilitation



**Vote:**

**To approve rehabilitation  
for 3 ATC employee ID cards**



**Vote:**

**To approve rehabilitation  
for 1 AU CBID cards**





# **Consideration of Notice of Enforcement Actions**



# Enforcement Actions

- **Curaleaf NJ (NOV-76-24)**
  - Failure to adhere to record-keeping and tracking of cannabis and cannabis product
- **Leaf Haus LLC (NOV-77-24)**
  - Failure to adhere to proper record-keeping and distribution of cannabis and cannabis products
- **Green Medicine NJ LLC (NOV-121-24)**
  - Failure to properly store cannabis, to properly provide video surveillance access and access to the physical premises, and to establish proper inventory controls
- **Botera Union LLC (NOV-125-24)**
  - Failure to adhere to policies governing conduct of personnel while performing work for cannabis business



# Enforcement Actions

- **Green Analytics New Jersey (NOV-126-24)**
  - Failure to properly test cannabis and cannabis items
- **The Social Leaf LLC (NOV-141-24)**
  - Failure to adhere to appropriate ownership change process



**Vote:**

**To approve enforcement  
action on NOV-76-24**



**Vote:**

**To approve enforcement  
action on NOV-77-24**



**Vote:**

**To approve enforcement  
action on NOV-121-24**



**Vote:**

**To approve enforcement  
action on NOV-125-24**



**Vote:**

**To approve enforcement  
action on NOV-126-24**





**Vote:**

**To approve enforcement  
action on NOV-141-24**



# PEEC Update

- **Roundtable coming up: September 25, 2024, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **Safe Use Campaign**



**Vote:**

**To extend Safe Use  
Campaign contract**



# 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](https://NJ.gov/cannabis/meetings)



# Adjournment

Details for our next meeting on Thursday, October 17,  
will be posted on [nj.gov/cannabis/meetings](https://nj.gov/cannabis/meetings)