





April 3, 2025



Agenda

- Roll Call
- Executive Session (Anticipated 2 hours)
- Approval of prior meeting minutes
- Chair's remarks
- Executive Director's report
- Committee reports
 - Public Engagement and Education Committee
 - Permitting and Licensing Committee
- Consideration of amendments to agency bylaws
- Consideration of applications for permit or license changes
 - Ownership changes
- Consideration of cannabis business applications
 - Conditional-to-annual conversions
 - Annual licenses
 - Expanded ATC certifications
 - Annual license renewals



Agenda

- Cases, Claims, and Petitions
 - Determination of rehabilitation
 - Rule waiver requests
- Consideration of enforcement actions
 - INV-207-24
- Public Comment
- Adjournment



Roll Call



Executive Session

(Approximately 2 hours)



Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes



Chair's Report



Chair's Report: Industry Reminders

- Cannabis consumption area applications are open!
- Social Equity Business retailers can apply now
- Opened on April 2 to Diversely-Owned Businesses and microbusiness retailers
- All other retailers can apply July 2



Chair's Report: Industry Reminders

- Failure to cure an application = failure to move forward
- Communication and collaboration with municipalities benefits everyone
- Beware of cryptocurrency scams!

**THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
CANNABIS TRAINING
ACADEMY UPDATE**

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NJBAC Helps Local Businesses

- New Jersey Business Action Center (NJBAC) is a business advocacy team within the Department of State, dedicated to solving problems and maximizing growth opportunities for local businesses.
- NJBAC provides business support for small, medium and large companies & non-profit organizations.
- NJBAC connects local businesses to government agencies, directs businesses to appropriate officials, facilitates meetings and follow-ups with regulatory agencies at no cost and strictly confidential.



NJBAC Helps Local Businesses

30 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO NJ BUSINESSES

Three Offices Devoted to Business Advocacy:

Office of Business Advocacy – Help with real estate site searches, to find the right location whether growing or consolidating, navigating permitting, energy efficiency grants incentives, financing, and workforce development programs

Office of Small Business Advocacy – From startups to main street, help small businesses access funding, licenses, certifications, tax compliance, business planning and mentoring

Office of Export Promotion – Companies interested in global business activities can tap into a number of resources, like creating an export plan, guidance in identifying global export markets, guiding you through foreign custom procedures and access to federal grants to fund export plans



NJBAC Cannabis Training Academy Pillars

EDUCATE. The NJ CTA has 60+ courses pertaining to application preparedness, business plan development and tutorials for cannabis application submission. *All courses are available at no cost and available online.*

EMPOWER. We've onboarded 28 instructors with cannabis related experience and a track record of success in their respective field to teach courses to students.

ESTABLISH. We've included supplemental materials (text scripts, audio files, additional information) for each course to provide additional support for prospective cannabis entrepreneurs.



Cannabis Training Academy Student Journey

Overview of what students will learn and be able to accomplish at each level.



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NJBAC Cannabis
Training Academy:
Course Overview:

- 10 levels
- 60+ Courses
- 28 instructors
- All online
- asynchronous
- no-cost courses!
- Learn about the
cannabis industry &
licensing application
process!



About The NJ CTA

The New Jersey Business Action Center (NJ BAC), housed in the New Jersey Department of State, has been designated by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (NJ-CRC) to build and launch the Cannabis Training Academy (NJ CTA). The NJ CTA is a no-cost technical assistance program that supports entrepreneurs who wish to learn about the cannabis licensing application process and the cannabis industry in New Jersey.

Experiencing issues or have a question or feature suggestion? Email us at CTA@SOS.NJ.GOV or visit the [Contact Us](#) page on the navigation bar.

Enter here for the NJ CTA Curriculum

Register for webinars, workshops and other events around the country!

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OCTOBER 17

▼ New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission Public Meeting

🕒 October 17, 2024 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM America/New_York

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Cannademix - Latine Soirée

🕒 October 17, 2024 7:00 PM - 11:59 PM

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Real Cannabis Entrepreneur Conference

🕒 October 18, 10:00 AM - October 19, 2024 5:00 PM

Register

My Courses

All Modules

Not Started & In Progress

Completed

Start Your
Cannabis
Journey Here



Learning Plan

7 min

NJ CTA Level 00 Introduction:
Start Your Journey Here

📅 Created On: 9/26/2024

Learn how to navigate the Cannabis Training Academy portal for the best user experience.



Level 1:
Qualification
Courses



Learning Plan

51 min

NJ CTA Level 01: Qualification
Courses

📅 Created On: 9/11/2024

Level 1 provides a basic overview of the license and application types to consider.



Level 2: Intro to
Cannabis History,
Laws &
Regulations



Learning Plan

49 min

NJ CTA Level 02: Introduction to
Cannabis Laws and Regulations

📅 Created On: 9/10/2024

Level 2 provides a basic overview of the New Jersey cannabis law, regulations and history of legalization



Level 3: Municipal
Laws and Site
Control



Learning Plan

2 hr

NJ CTA Level 03: Municipal Laws
& Site Control

📅 Created On: 9/11/2024

Level 3 informs you on how to work with municipalities, evaluate real estate, & understand zoning & planning...



Level 4:
Application
Preparedness



Learning Plan

3 hr 3 min

NJ CTA Level 04: Application
Preparedness

📅 Created On: 9/12/2024

Level 4 provides an introductory overview of the cannabis licensing application and critical terms you'll need to know.



Level 5
Business Plan



Learning Plan

1 hr 35 min

NJ CTA Level 05: Cannabis
Business Plan

📅 Registered On: 10/8/2024

Level 5 provides the fundamental information you'll need to create a business plan.

All Achievements

Acquired Achievements

List View

NJ CTA Data

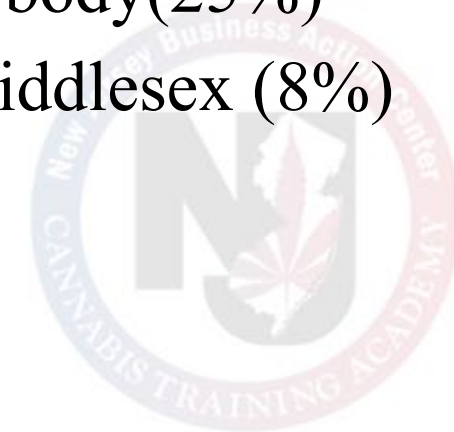
Accomplishments since Oct. 2024 soft launch

- ✓ **Levels 1 - 9 fully configured =**
 - 40+ courses
 - 40+ videos
 - 20+ total hours of course videos
 - 20+ packets of supplementary information pertaining to each course.
 - Half a dozen quizzes
 - More than 300 pages of downloadable course scripts.



NJ CTA Student Data

- ✓ **More than 1,200 students have registered**
- ✓ **Speaks to Gov. Murphy's commitment to diversity**
 - Top three most represented groups based on self identification are Black (48%), White (22%) and Latino (19%)
 - Women continue to lead the charge, making up more than 51% of the student population
 - Black women make up the most percentage of student body(25%)
- ✓ **Top counties represented by students are Essex (18%) Middlesex (8%) Camden (8%) Hudson (8%) Bergen (8%)**

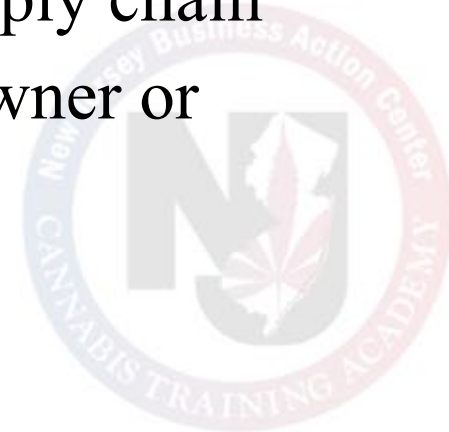


NJ CTA Data

Accomplishments since Oct. 2024 soft launch

✓ **Legacy 2 Legal, Instructor Q&A & Expert Webinars**

- Organized more than 10+ expert webinars
- Organized more 12+ instructor Q&A
- Organized 5 legacy to legal webinars
- All of this = more than 12 hours of content to consume on all aspects of the cannabis industry, cannabis supply chain and entering the regulated market as a worker, owner or ancillary service



NJ CTA Student Responses

- ✓ *It's been really helpful to me and pointing out what I knew and what I didn't know filling in gaps of information and just a really good source of so many things. So now I almost, to me, sounds sane, if someone asked me a question, I don't sound like as much of a newbie as I was before.*
- ✓ *I was awarded my conditional license. And I started taking the classes at CTA and I've learned a lot. I've learned from angles that I never even thought of and I thought it to be quite informative. The delusion of what I thought I was getting into compared to, “okay, what am I really into now?” You know what I mean? Thank you for having this and having us and I look forward to learning more. Thank you. For me, this is like one of the safest places.*

NJ CTA Student Responses

- ✓ *We have a final interview with an investigator. Just got into the CTA because we did everything ourselves and so I wanted to get more information because we're considering maybe doing a vertical later on and things of that nature. I thought it was very informative. Even at the point at which we are, going all the way back to the beginning with the application there. this was definitely informative me, my partner was discussing how even though, like I said we're through this, there still are some nuggets in there that we didn't know. So it was definitely great to hear. And, so that's why I went through the process.*

NJ CTA What's Next:

- ✓ **Spanish translation of entire site**
- ✓ **Badging curriculum for ongoing 8-hour training for all employers and employees**
- ✓ **Advising other states to build a similar program to educate the masses on supporting people who want to start a cannabis business or enter the cannabis workforce**



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Cannabis Equity Grant Programs

Aubrey Flanagan, Senior Advisor, Community Development
Genna Jones, Senior Officer, Community Development



Overview

The **Cannabis Equity Grant Program** was a \$20 million pilot program that is open New Jersey recreational cannabis license holders for their start up and operational costs during their first three years of operation.

The **Joint Ventures Grant** awarded \$250,000 grants to cannabis businesses that had site control and municipal approval.

The **Seed Equity Grant** awarded \$150,000 grants to New Jersey recreational cannabis license holders, annual and conditional. Awardees also completed a technical assistance program to assist them with opening their business.



Overview

Largest Cannabis Grant Program in the Country

Total Cannabis Equity Grant Funds Disbursed - **\$13.6M**

Total Joint Ventures Grant Funds Disbursed - **\$8.8M**

Total Seed Equity Funds Disbursed - **\$4.8M**

Joint Ventures Grant

- 40% set-aside for social equity applicants
- 5% set-aside for Impact Zones.
- Site control and municipal approval required
- Leadership/educational requirements
- Tax Clearance Certificate required
- Business must be formed before March 9, 2020
- Conditional or annual license required
- Less than 50 FT employees



Joint Ventures Applicant Pool

Applicant Overview

Joint Ventures Applicant Breakdown (Self-Reported):

- **163** applications submitted
- **91** applications Minority-Owned Business Enterprises **(56%)**
- **72** applications Woman-Owned Business Enterprises **(44%)**
- **43 applications** were both Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises **(26%)**

Breakdown by County

- **Joint Ventures County Breakdown:** Out of **163** applications, submissions were received from all **21** counties.

Joint Ventures Award Breakdown

Approvals

Joint Ventures Applicant Breakdown – First Phase

- **48** applications approved; the applicant's self selected as:
- **27** approvals Minority-Owned Business Enterprises **(56%)**
- **20** approvals Woman-Owned Business Enterprises **(43%)**
- **12** approvals were both Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises **(25%)**

Breakdown by County

- **Joint Ventures County Breakdown: 14** out of 21 counties were approved.

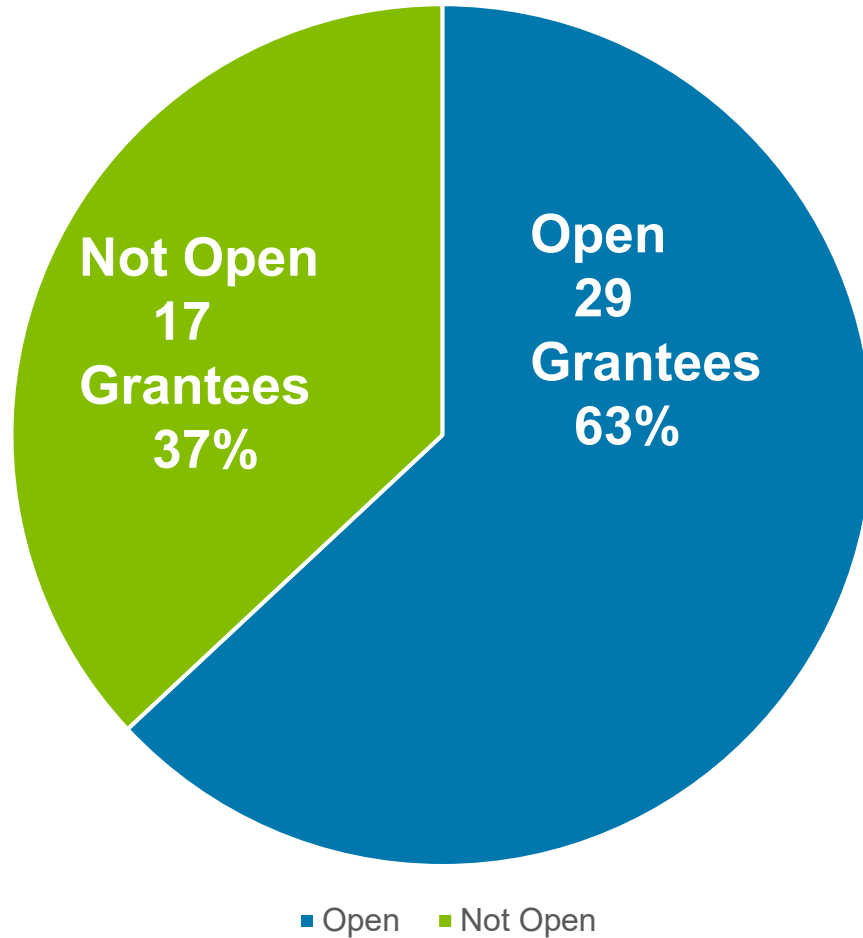
Joint Ventures Grantees

Brighterside Canopy LLC
Brotherly Bud LLC
Cannaboutique by Greenhouse
The Cannabis Clubhouse LLC
Canna P Farms LLC
Canna Remedies LLC
Citi Roots LLC
City Leaf Corp
Cloud Nine Dispensary LLC
Elevated by the CANNABOSSLADY
E.V. LLC
Ginger Hale LLC
Golden Door Dispensary LLC
Greener on Grove LLC
Green Knight Cannabis LLC
Green Leaf Pharma LLC
Hamilton Farms LLC
Hamm & Chaz LLC

Hera Solutions LLC
Highgrade Laboratories of New Jersey
LLC
Hound Town 543 Inc
Illtown Growers LLC
Indigo Dispensary LLC
J&J Flowers LLC
Jersey Roots LLC
Jersey Shore Ventures Group LLC
Jersey Smooth LLC
Kind Kush LLC
La Vida Gardens LLC
Lucky Buds LLC
Mojo Botanica LLC
Nightjar Holdings LLC
NJ GreenCare LLC
Premo Cannabis Company LLC
Puffin Store LLC

Queen City Wellness LLC
Sensory Dispensary LLC
Seraph & Sons LLC
Stoke Industries
Sun Extractions Inc
Treehouse Ventures LLC
Urge NJ LLC
Vigor Dispensary LLC
Xena NJ LLC
Yerrr Canna

Joint Ventures Outcomes



- 46 grants awarded
- Total grant funding awarded: \$11.5 million
- Total grant funding distributed: \$8.8 million
- Of the 46 grant awardees:
 - ❖ **29 grantees are open and operating.**
 - ❖ **22 Dispensaries**
 - ❖ **3 Manufacturers**
 - ❖ **3 Cultivators**
 - ❖ **1 Testing Lab**

Seed Equity Grant

- Awarded to social equity applicants only.
- 5% set-aside for Impact Zones.
- Applicants needed to meet leadership/educational requirements.
- Tax clearance at time of application.
- Business formed before March 9, 2020.
- NJCRC Conditional or annual license
- Less than 50 FT employees
- Grantees were required to complete a technical assistance program.



Cannabis Technical Assistance Program

- Developed in partnership with **Oaksterdam University**, a pioneering national leader in cannabis education, and selected through a competitive public bidding process.
- Delivered a 9-week hybrid NJ-focused entrepreneurship training covering business management, financial planning, compliance, and risk mitigation.
- Offered interactive digital resources, live virtual classes, in-person workshops, expert 1:1 coaching, and networking opportunities to support long-term business success with a **100% graduation rate**.



PRESS RELEASE: 48 SEED EQUITY GRANT AWARDEES GRADUATE FROM NJEDA'S CANNABIS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

“This program really is monumental and meaningful for me.

For me, I’m at the tail end and close to opening my dispensary [and] being a recipient of this grant from the NJEDA makes such a big difference,” **said Tahir Johnson, grant recipient and owner of Simply Pure, located in Trenton.** “Having raised money myself and being in this battle for over two years to get my business open, literally this money is coming right at the time when I need it the most, and I probably couldn’t go anywhere else for it. This money from NJEDA is going to be what gets me over the finish line.”



Seed Equity Applicant Pool

Applicant Overview

- **Seed Equity Applicant Breakdown (Self-Reported):**
- **110** applications submitted
- **82** applications were Minority-Owned Business **(75%)**
- **37** applications were Woman-Owned Business **(34%)**
- **33** applications were both Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises **(30%)**

Breakdown by County

Seed Equity County Breakdown: Out of **110** applications, submissions were received from **14** counties.

Seed Equity Award Breakdown

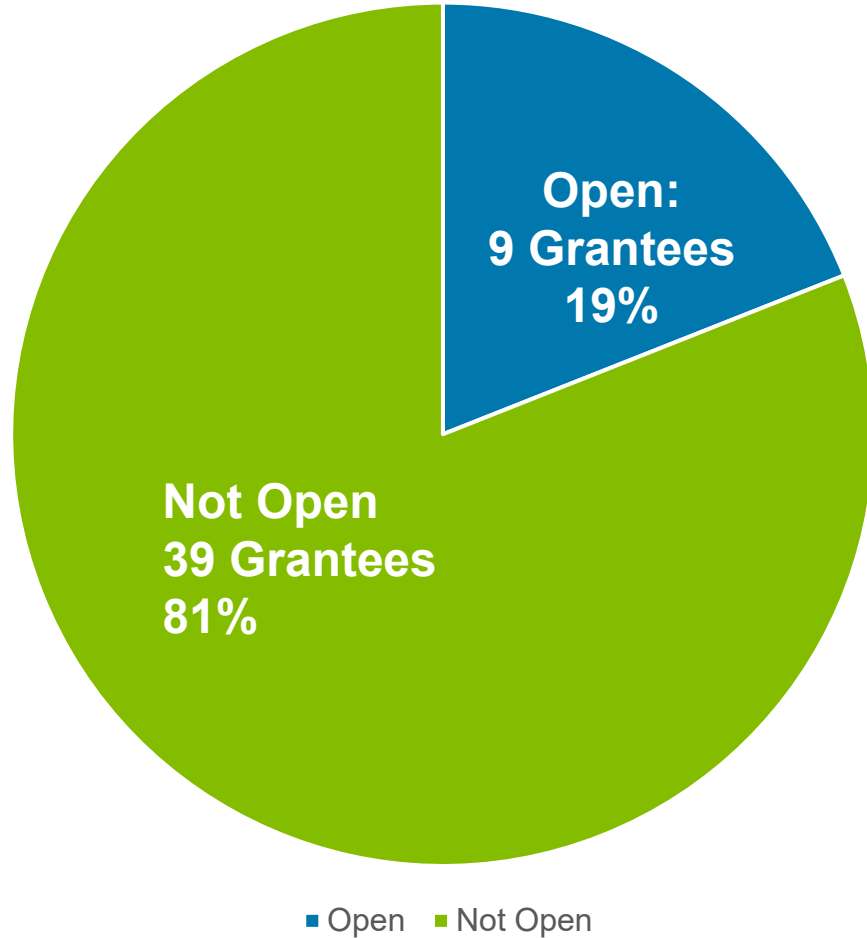
Approvals

- **48** applications approved; the applicant's self selected as:
- **36** approvals Minority-Owned Business Enterprises **(73.5%)**
- **10** approvals Woman-Owned Business Enterprises **(20%)**
- **9** approvals were both Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises **(18%)**

Breakdown by County

Seed Equity County Breakdown: Out of **110** applications, submissions were received from 14 counties.

Seed Equity Outcomes



- 48 grants awarded
- Total grant funding awarded: \$7.2 million
- Total grant funding distributed: \$4.8 million
- **Of the 49 grant awardees:**
 - ❖ **9 grantees are open and operating.**
 - ❖ **7 Dispensaries**
 - ❖ **1 Manufacturer**
 - ❖ **1 Cultivator**

Thank you!

Check our website at njeda.gov or email cannabis@njeda.gov for the latest

NJEDA





Executive Director's Report



Updates on Dispensary Openings

More than 215 medicinal and recreational dispensaries open in 21 counties.



New Recreational-only Dispensaries

- Botera Harrison, Harrison
- Dogwood Green, West Orange
- GreenStop Wellness, Jersey City
- La Vida Gardens, Belleville
- The Medicine Woman, Jersey City
- NAR Cannabis, Mount Laurel
- Navaeh Verde, Belleville
- Nile of NJ, West New York
- PPP Dispensary, Atlantic City
- Salt Air Botanicals, Atlantic City
- Sparkology Dispensary, Franklin Township
- Sussex Pharms, Sussex
- Woodbury Wellness, Woodbury
- Quality Roots - Evesham, Marlton
- Xena NJ, Jersey City





Licensing Update – Total Licenses Approved

- as of March 25, 2025

- **Total 2,889 applications submitted**
- 2,260 applications have been approved
- 140 applications are under review in the Office of Licensing
- 320 applications are pending resubmission following cure
- 169 applications under review in the Office of Compliance & Investigations



Licensing Update – Total Recreational Licenses Approved

- as of March 27, 2025

- 1,581 conditionals
- 438 conditional-to-annual conversions
- 242 annuals
- 83 expanded ATCs
- **348 Total: operating licenses (AU) and permits (Med) issued**



Applications up for Consideration

- 4 conditional-to-annual conversions
- 7 annuals
- 2 expanded ATCs
- 14 annual license renewals



Current Patient Enrollment Numbers

- as of March 15, 2025

- Total patients: 63,132
- Caregivers: 4,271
- Doctors: 1,572



Office of Compliance & Investigations

- Compliance Officers assigned to licensees and permittees (including testing labs)
 - Assist businesses in getting operational then monitor for continued compliance with the law and regulations
 - Conduct investigations into all complaints received – 557 complaints reviewed and completed in 2024, currently 129 received and under investigation for 2025
- Investigators assigned for background investigations
 - Review all owners, managers, and employees for qualification to work in the industry (criminal histories, financial histories)
 - Conduct investigations for all ownership changes, financial source agreements, and management services contracts



Ownership Changes, Financial Source Agreements, and Management Services Contracts

- All ownership changes require Board approval at a public meeting
- Financial Source Agreements and Management Service Contracts have been delegated to staff for approval
- Before the transaction is finalized, approval must be received
 - If money is to change hands in advance of receipt of approval, contracts must contain a clause that monies will be returned if approval by the NJ-CRC is not granted



Label and Packaging Approvals

- Handled through the Metrc Seed-to-Sale system by Compliance Unit
- All labels and packaging must comply with the regulations (N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.2/.3)
- Flower packaging is passed through the system without initial review due to set up in the Metrc system, but is monitored during periodic audits for compliance with the regulations



Secret Shopper

- Consumer Advocacy Group Safe Leaf’s “secret shopper” program
- Coordinated with a licensed cannabis testing lab in NJ to test previously tested flower by other labs
- NJ-CRC requested additional info from Safe Leaf to assist in the NJ-CRC investigation
- The NJ-CRC’s currently undertaking its own investigation in coordination with the Department of Health’s State lab looking into testing practices of testing laboratories



Committee Reports



Public Engagement & Education Committee



Public Engagement & Education Committee

Social Equity Excise Fee

- Imposed on the cultivation of recreational cannabis by every licensed cannabis cultivator in New Jersey
- Not imposed on medicinal cannabis cultivation
- Fee = \$2.50 per ounce of usable/unusable cannabis
- To be used for social equity investments



Public Engagement & Education Committee

The Commission's Role

- The Commission held virtual public hearings on: February 20, 25, and 26.
- No later than May 1 of each year, the Commission must submit the recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for based upon the amount of any revenues collected during the current fiscal year.
- The Commission does not have the authority to appropriate SEEF monies.



Public Engagement & Education Committee

Public Recommendations

- Public Comments included:
 - Grants/Loans to Cannabis Businesses
 - Workforce Development and Youth Services
 - Housing Opportunities
 - Criminal Justice Reform and Reinvestment
 - Public Health Initiatives
 - Harm Reduction
 - Mental Health
 - Healthcare Services



Public Engagement & Education Committee

2026 PROPOSED detailed budget appropriations for SEEF

- Department of Corrections to support Purchase of Community Services grants
- Rutgers, the State University – Newark for the Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prison Program
- Department of Education to support Restorative Justice in Education
- Juvenile Justice Commission to support the Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program
- Department of Corrections to support the Release Support Partnership Program



Public Engagement & Education Committee

2026 PROPOSED detailed budget appropriations for SEEF

- Department of State to support the New Jersey-Based Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools grant program
- Department of Community Affairs to support the Anti-violence Out-of-School Youth Summer Program, which shall provide grants to the cities of Newark, Trenton, Paterson, and Atlantic City
- Office of the Secretary of Higher Education to support the Some College, No Degree grant program



Permitting & Licensing Committee



Permitting/Licensing Committee Report

Extension Requests

50 Conditional License extensions granted from January through March 2025.

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License Applications

The Cannabis Regulatory Commission issues licenses for medicinal and recreational cannabis business operations in New Jersey. Each business requires a license, which must be active and in good standing, to perform any commercial cannabis activity, including:

- Growing cannabis plants
- Storing cannabis and cannabis products
- Making cannabis products
- Transporting or delivering cannabis and cannabis products
- Selling cannabis and cannabis products
- Testing cannabis and cannabis products

We are currently accepting applications for personal use (recreational) cannabis businesses in the following categories:

- Class 1 Cultivator Licenses

Applying

- [Apply for a Business License](#)
- [Conditional to Annual Conversion Application](#)
- [About Extension Requests](#)
- [Application Extension Requests](#)
- [License Renewal Application](#)
- [Log-in to Existing Account](#)



Permitting/Licensing Committee Report

Focus Groups Recap

- ✓ **May 2024** – The Committee hosted a statewide hearing to learn from licensees and applicants about ways to improve our current licensing/permitting processes.
- ✓ **June 2024** – This Committee provided an update to the Board and public.
- ✓ **Fall of 2024** – The Committee hosted three (3) focus groups
 - ❖ November 6th – Social Equity Applicants
 - ❖ November 7th- Microbusiness Applicants and Licensees
 - ❖ November 22nd – All operational and non-operational licensees

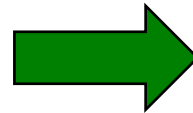


Permitting/Licensing Committee Report

Recommendation #1

Allow businesses to have cooperative purchasing agreements –

Microbusinesses highlighted the importance of being able to access discounted wholesale items. With wholesale prices being high, the ability to collaborate with other businesses to buy cannabis products in bulk would help reduce financial strain, particularly for many locally owned businesses.



Recommendation:

The Permitting/Licensing Committee recommends that the Commission issues guidance that allows businesses to have cooperative purchasing agreements (CPAs).



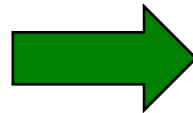
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Recommendation #2

Rescind provisional badging –

Individuals with past convictions who were issued provisional badges by the NJ-CRC are being terminated by their employers due to failure to meet background check requirements.

This leads to major life disruptions for the terminated employees and forces employers to scramble to either rearrange employee schedules or hire additional personnel.



Recommendation:

The Permitting/Licensing Committee recommends that the Commission removes provisional badging and rescind ***Resolution 2024-199 Authorization for the issuance of provisional ATC and cannabis businesses employee identification cards***, as provisional badging is no longer needed.



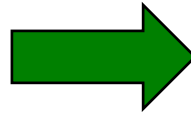
Permitting/Licensing Committee Report

Recommendation #3

Early Access to Personal Use Cannabis
Business Operational Checklist –

Some applicants expressed confusion around whether certain facility features were optional or required.

This was concerning because they were spending additional money, losing time by modifying their built-out plans, and potentially causing opening delays.



Recommendation:

The Permitting/Licensing Committee recommends that the Commission does not wait until the Final Inspection to share the ***Personal Use Cannabis Business Operational Checklist***. The checklist should be shared with applicants during the early licensing stages and can be published on the NJ-CRC website.



Consideration of amendments to agency bylaws



Amendments to Agency Bylaws

Proposed changes in the following sections of the Commission's bylaws:

1. Meetings of the Commission
2. Committees of the Commission



Meetings of the Commission

Section 4.04 Quorum

A total of three (3) Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the Commission.



Committees of the Commission

The Commission shall have permanent, standing committees as set forth in **Section 5.02**. A standing committee shall not be subject to dissolution unless the Commission has adopted a resolution amending Section 5.02 to reflect the dissolution of the standing committee.

- 1. The Audit Committee**
2. The Public Engagement and Education Committee
3. The Product Safety, Packaging, and Labeling Committee
4. The Permitting/Licensing Committee
- 5. The Underage Deterrence and Prevention Fund Committee**



Standing Committees

Section 5.02

The Audit Committee, that will be responsible for the development and approval **of the Commission's budget**, and review and monitoring of (1) the Commission's financial statements and the adequacy of its financial controls, (2) the results of any audit, and (3) compliance with all legal, regulatory, and ethical requirements. The Audit Committee will also be responsible for, in coordination with the Executive Director, coordination, review, drafting, and approval of regular annual, biennial, and other statutorily required reports before submission for consideration by the Commission. The Audit Committee is also responsible for securing a study to be conducted by a public research university at the 3-year anniversary of the inaugural Commission public meeting to review the Commission's organization, activities and effectiveness.



Standing Committees

Section 5.02 (Continued)

The Underage Deterrence and Prevention Fund Committee, that will be responsible for making recommendations to the full Board of Commissioners on appropriations of monies deposited in the Underage Deterrence and Prevention Account and to fund private for-profit and non-profit organizations, and county and municipal programs and services that are designed to improve, and support youthful community activities to divert and prevent persons under 18 years of age from activities associated with the consumption of cannabis items.



Vote:

**To approve amendments
to agency bylaws**



Consideration of Applications for Permit of License Changes



Ownership Transfer Applications:

- Blue Harvest
 - **Change in ownership structure**
- Divine Garden
 - **Transfer of ownership**
- Xena NJ
 - **Change in ownership structure**
- Peaches Garden LLC
 - **Transfer of ownership**
- Atlantic Flower LLC
 - **Change in ownership structure**



Ownership Transfer Applications:

- Somerset Green LLC
 - **Change in ownership structure**
- Ruuted LLC
 - **Change in ownership structure**
- Pantheon LLC
 - **Change in ownership structure**
- Earth & Ivy Lakehurst LLC
 - **Change in ownership structure**



Vote:

**To approve ownership change
applications**



Consideration of Cannabis Business Applications



Consideration of Conditional-to-Annual Conversion Applications



Conditional-to-Annual License Conversion Applications

- 4 conditional-to-annual conversion licenses
 - 3 retailers
 - 1 wholesalers



Adult-Use: Consideration of Conditional-to-Annual license conversion applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	13090	The Vault	Retailer	Microbusiness
2	16403	Bud City NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
3	13419	The Cannabis Connoisseurs LLC	Retailer	Standard
4	14271	M&G Distribution	Wholesaler	Standard



Vote:

**To approve 4 Conditional-to-Annual
Conversion license applications**



Consideration of Annual applications



Annual license applications

- **7 annual licenses**
 - **3 manufacturers**
 - **1 retailer**
 - **3 cultivators**



Adult-Use: Consideration of annual license applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	14396	Backpack Boyz West New York LLC	Cultivator	Standard
2	15474	High Tide Industries, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
3	18242	JAD Farms	Cultivator	Standard
4	14597	Gryzco	Manufacturer	Standard
5	15473	High Tide Industries, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard



Adult-Use: Consideration of annual license applications

Recommendation:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
6	16772	Score 420 DJ Inc	Manufacturer	Standard
7	13213	Score 420 DJ Inc	Retailer	Standard



Vote:
**To approve 7 Annual
license applications**



Consideration of Expanded ATC applications



Expanded ATC Certification

- **Columbia Care:**
 - Class 5 Cannabis Retailer, 4476 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing
- **GSCC Management:**
 - Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, 101 E. Quarry Road, Oxford



Vote:
To approve Columbia
Care expansion
certification



Vote:
**To approve GSCC
Management expansion
certification**



Consideration of Annual Renewal applications



Annual license renewals

- Ascend NJ (3)
- Twisted Hat Cannabis (1)
- Bleachers Dispensary (1)
- Union Chill Cannabis Company (1)
- Mountain View Farmacy (1)
- Agri-kind NJ (1)
- Nova Farms Woodbury (1)
- City Leaves (1)
- Scarlet Reserve Room RB (1)
- Emerald Tea Supply Company (1)
- Natures Motivation (1)
- Boone Town Provisions (1)

Adult-Use
Licenses



Vote:

**To approve 14 Annual
Renewal license applications**



Cases, claims, and petitions



ATC Identification Card

Recommendation on Rehabilitation:

- *Reinstatement of employee identification card*
- Regarding 1 ATC 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 1 ATC employee**



Consideration of rule waiver requests



Waiver Number	Entity Name	Request
WR012	Tree House Co-Op Dispensary LLC	Waiver of the retail storage requirements to allow for storage of cannabis merchandise behind the sales counter.
WR013	Green Wellness Haven LLC	

Vote:



Consideration of Notice of Enforcement Actions



Enforcement Actions

- **Garden Society (INV-207-24)**
 - Failure to adhere to regulations regarding employee badging



Vote:

**To approve enforcement
action on INV-207-24**



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 Thursday, May 1, at 11 a.m., via Zoom, will be posted on nj.gov/cannabis/meetings

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