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Meeting Minutes

Title:	New York State Cannabis Control Board Meeting
Time & Date:	May 19, 2022
Location:	Virtual via Webcast

Attendance

Board Chair:	Tremaine Wright
Board Members Present:	Jessica Garcia, Reuben R. McDaniel III, Jen Metzger
Board Members Present (virtually):	Adam W. Perry
Board Members Absent:	None
Others Present:	Chris Alexander, Axel Bernabe

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2022 Board Meeting
- IV. Consideration of Additional Recommended Conditional Cultivator Applications for Licensure
- V. Update on the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program
- VI. Executive Director Report
- VII. Adjourn



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Action Items

Resolution No. 2022-10:	Resolution Issuing Certain Conditional Adult-Use Cultivator Licenses.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
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Notes & Comments

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair Wright commented that 88 Adult-Use Conditional Cultivator Licenses have been approved to date, and with DASNY releasing Requests for Proposals to advance the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program to support the first retail dispensaries opening later this year, the Seeding Opportunity Initiative is well underway.Chair Wright commented that the Seeding Opportunity Initiative has three components:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License (CAURD)Adult Use Conditional Cultivator LicenseSocial Equity Cannabis Investment ProgramChair Wright noted that the public comment period for the proposed Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Regulations close on May 31, 2022.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Director Chris Alexander provided an overview of Resolution No. 2022-10, Issuing Certain Conditional Adult-Use Cultivator Licenses. The Office of Cannabis Management completed the review of and recommended 58 more applicants for an Adult-Use Conditional Cultivator License to the Board, in addition to the 88 already approved. OCM has received over 200 applications and continues to review applications on an ongoing basis to get them to the Board for review and approval.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Member Adam Perry commented that he votes in the affirmative on all with the exception of registering his abstention on application #2022-000079, Langdonhurst Farms and recuses and expresses no opinion at all, on #2022-000099, New York Seed Laboratory.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Member Reuben McDaniel provided an update on the \$200 million Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program.<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) released two Request for Proposals. The first is for a Fund Manager looking for investment professionals to help manage the fund and raise private capital. The second is for a Design Build firm to provide design, construction, and other services needed to renovate spaces for Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Licensees as part of the Seeding Opportunity Initiative.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Responses for the Fund Manager RFP are due by June 8, 2022.Responses for the Design Build RFP are due by June 13, 2022.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Director Chris Alexander provided his Executive Director's Report.<ul style="list-style-type: none">"Get Ready, Get Set" - CAURD



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- “Get Ready, Get Set” is a virtual learning and listening series to prepare eligible New Yorkers for Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) licenses and hear from communities impacted by over policing.
- Two learning sessions were held, the first on May 17, 2022 on “Am I Eligible for CAURD?” and another on May 18, 2022 on “How Can I Prepare My Community for CAURD?”
- The following two upcoming virtual listening sessions will be held:
 - Session 1: How to Support Cannabis Cultivation in NYS will be held on May 24, 2022 at 4:00pm.
 - Session 2: How to Ensure Equity in the NYS Cannabis Economy to be held on May 25, 2022 at 4:00pm.

- Board Member Adam Perry asked for a brief comment on the consideration of women and minority owned business participation in the RFP selection process for the DASNY RFPs.
 - Board Member Reuben McDaniel commented that in both the Design Build and the Fund Manager, DASNY is encouraging MWBEs, but also will be holding a seminar for subcontractors to do business once the Designs Build firms are built so that all New York State small minority and women owned businesses, as well as the general public have the opportunity to participate.
- The Board then adjourned the meeting.