

Tremaine Wright: Good afternoon everyone. I am Tremaine Wright, the chair of the Cannabis Control Board. I'm recognizing that all the board members present and or participating remotely I'm pleased to call to order another meeting of the Cannabis Control Board and to welcome to all of you who are participating via real-time live stream. This meeting will be recorded, and the recording and transcript will be available to the public on the Office of Cannabis Management's website www.cannabis.ny.gov. The information on Cannabis Control Meeting is available on the designated section of the OCM website. Today's agenda, we have a few items that we're excited to tackle however it will be brief. Welcoming remarks, review and approval of the minutes from our Cannabis Control Board Meeting that was held on May 5th, consideration of the recommended Conditional Cultivated Applications for Licensure, an update from Board Member McDaniel on the Social Equity Cannabis Investment and a report from the Office of Cannabis Management, Executive Director Chris Alexander. And then we will adjourn.

The Seeding Opportunity Initiative is well underway. It has 3 components which we are working to advance simultaneously. The first is the conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary License. The second is the Adult Use Conditional Cultivator License. And the third component is the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program. We have already approved 88 Adult Use Conditional Cultivator licenses. These licenses are amongst the first authorized for Regulated Adult Use Cannabis in New York State. More than 200 applications were submitted and we're working as quickly as possible to improve those that meet the requirements so that they can grow the seed. Additionally, DASNY has released request for proposals to advance the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program and we'll hear more about that investment program from Mr. McDaniel later in this meeting. At this time I'll simply remind everyone that this investment program is designed to support our first Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensaries that are scheduled to open later this year. The Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary regulations have been released for public comment and we expect licensing to open this summer. We have already begun an outreach campaign to help raise awareness about this opportunity and to answer common questions as prospective applicants begin to prepare and submit applications. As a reminder, the public comment period for these proposed Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary Regulations close on May 31st, 2022. You can access a copy of these regulations as well as submit a comment via the OCM website or e-mail. Regulations@ocm.ny.gov.

Now let's shift to the review and approval of the meeting minutes from the May 5th Cannabis Control Board Meeting. However before we proceed, I would like to make some brief remarks about the Open Meetings Law. As stated at every Board Meeting, the Cannabis Control Board is subject to the Open Meetings Law to ensure the greatest level of transparency and public participation in the affairs of the government. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have requested that members of the public join us via video conference, which we will continue to offer to keep members of the public as well as this body safe. Now, I will read a brief statement on Open Meetings Law into the record. Pursuant to chapter 1 of the laws of 2022, enacted on January 14, 2022, board members may continue to fully participate in meetings via video conference from locations that are not open to the public provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceedings, and the meetings are recorded and later transcribed. The public was

provided with information on how to access this meeting within our public meeting notice distributed to members of the press and posted on the OCM website. A recording of this meeting, together with the transcript, will also be made available on the OCM website. Previous recordings, meeting minutes, and transcripts are archived there as well. And please note, there is a designated tab on the website that is entitled Board Meetings which provides access to this information. Now may I please have a motion to approve the May 5th, 2022, board meeting minutes? We have a first, do we have a second? We have a second. Is there any discussion by any Board Members? Hearing none, I'll call for a vote. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Tremaine Wright: The motion to approve the May 5th, 2022 board meeting minutes carries. So now let's move onto the resolution before us today. May I please have a motion to consider and approve resolution No. 2022-10 resolution approving Conditional Cultivator Applications for Licensure?

Rubin McDaniel: Moved.

Tremaine Wright: Mr. McDaniel first, second _____(laughing). Thank you and now Mr. Alexander will you please provide an overview of the applications?

Chris Alexander: Thank you Madam Chair and Board Members. The 58 applications before you would add to the 88 that you approved over the previous two Board Meeting. We received more than 200 applications from New York's Hemp Farmers and we're excited to continue to advance the Seeding Opportunity Initiative. We've been moving quickly knowing that the growing season is short and wanting for our farmers to take full advantages of that season. With the applications hopefully approved today, we'll have 146 small farmers operating throughout the State of New York as Conditional Cultivators in the Seeding Opportunity Initiative group. I'm excited to advance these names and await any questions that you all may have.

Tremaine Wright: Thank you. May I have a motion to consider and approve resolution No. 2022-10 resolution approving Conditional Cultivator Applications for Licensure? Is there any discussion?

Jen Metzger: I'll just say that I'm thrilled to see such interest among our farmers for this opportunity.

Tremaine Wright: Thank you so now I will actually call for the vote. Ms. Metzger?

Jen Metzger: Aye.

Tremaine Wright: Ms. Garcia?

Jessica Garcia: Aye.

Tremaine Wright: Mr. McDaniel?

Rubin McDaniel: Aye.

Tremaine Wright: Mr. Perry.

Adam Perry: Ah Madam Chair I vote in the affirmative on all with the exception of registering my abstention on application #2022-000079 Langdonhurst Farms and I recuse and express no opinion at all on #2022-000099 the New York Seed Laboratory and again, just affirmative on all the rest.

Tremaine Wright: Thank you. And I vote in favor of the motion as well. Therefore the motion to approve resolution No. 2022-10 resolution approving Conditional Cultivator Applications for Licensure carries. At this time I'd like to ask Board Member McDaniel for an update on the Social Equity Investment Program.

Rubin McDaniel: (very echoey) Thank you Madam Chair. A lot of exciting news has been going on obviously over the past couple of months that I've been briefing you on the \$200 million social equity investment fund passed by the legislature and the budget. We have now issued 2 RFPs associated with that; first is for fund manager looking for investment professionals to help us manage the fund and raise private capital. The second is for design build firm who will build a significant number of these facilities over a 12-month period of time. so our goal is to get between 8 and 10 design build firms throughout the State of New York to assist us with that building process. Asking for things like experienced building of retail cannabis locations of other places around the country. Our retail locations inside of New York that are cannabis related things like jewelry stores and other kind of like uses. So we've very excited about that as well. The RFP for fund manager is due June the 8th, we'll have a decision made by June the 20th. And RFP for design and build firms will be June 13th and early July will be the timeframe. Doing well there, doing work on the real estate construction process and _____(very echoey hard to understand).

Tremaine Wright: Thank you very much for keeping _____(skipping echoey). Any comments? So thank you. Mr. Alexander would you please give us the _____ Report please?

Chris Alexander: So Thank you Madam Chair. So last week while attending a Cannabis conference in Rochester, I was pleased to announce the Get Ready Get Set workshops to prepare eligible New Yorkers for Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary License and opportunities and to hear from communities that have been impacted by the prohibition of cannabis. These early workshops, despite the regulations still being in the draft form and not yet final, are intended to give New Yorkers who may be eligible for card licensure as strong an opportunity to get ready and start to prepare documents that may be requested of them. So far, we've held two virtual

learning sessions; the first on May 17th of Am I Eligible for Card, and another on Wednesday, yesterday, How Can I Prepare My Community For Card Targeting community based organizations that are helping folks prepare for this opportunity? We had some great turnout, over 1,000 folks registered for both and we are just excited to continue this work to roll out this opportunity. We have two more sessions, virtual listening sessions upcoming; session 1, How to Support Cannabis Cultivation in New York State which will be on Tuesday May 24th at 4:00 p.m. and another virtual listening session on Wednesday May 25th at 4:00 p.m. How to Ensure Equity in the New York Cannabis Economy?

Tremaine Wright: Thank you and thank you for organizing these conversations around the State. That seems to be the one thing that everybody will have a conversation about so going around and answering these questions can be really helpful. So please, everyone make sure you tune in and get connected so you can hear first hand all of the information direction from OCM on how you can prepare yourself to be ready to participate as a Conditional Adult Use Retail Licensee in New York State. I will prepare to close now because I want to remind everyone that you can get the time, location, as well as the live stream link for our meetings on our website cannabis.ny.gov they are showed in advance of each Control Board Meeting. Further, there will be a reporting of today's meeting, meeting minutes and a transcription hosted on the site. That actually concludes today's agenda items. So I'm going to ask may I please have a motion to adjourn this meeting?

Frank Emerson: Frank Emerson

Tremaine Wright: Do I have a second? Thank you. Is there any discussion, questions, comments from any Board Members? Hearing none I'll call for a vote. Sorry.

Adam Perry: I'm sorry not to go backwards Madam Chair but with the selection process that Mr. McDaniel was talking about I was just wondering if there could be a brief comment on the consideration of minority and women participation in that effort.

Rubin McDaniel: Yes, I would be very happy to address that first brag on DASNY we do a lot of business throughout the state on the construction side and bond side. Last year we were at 39.7% participation by MWBEs. We take that very seriously. So in both our design, building and our fund manager we're encouraging MWBEs but also will be holding a seminar for subcontractors to do business once the design, build firms are built so that all of our New York State small minority women owned businesses as well as just the general public have the opportunity to participate in the build out as well. So we are very focused on it. We will continue to aspire to the State's goals of _____ (can't hear).

Adam Perry: Thank you very much Mr. McDaniel and thank you Madam Chair for indulging that extra question. That's all I have.

Tremaine Wright: Thank you and thank you for providing that information. Everyone is interested in how we are approaching our work so I'm happy we had the opportunity to share it today. So thank you for pausing us Adam and so it does adjourn our meeting. we are done with

our business at this point. I want to thank everyone for joining us. Wait a second I have to call for a vote. So right now I'm going to call for a vote. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Tremaine Wright: there are no abstentions, no oppositions, the motion to adjourn carries and I want to say thank you everyone for joining us today, we look forward to seeing you again soon.