

Cannabis Control Board Meeting - June 11, 2024

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Multipurpose: Okay, well, good afternoon and welcome. I'm Trermaine Wright, the chair of the Cannabis Control board, and it's a pleasure being here with all of you today, recognizing we have majority of Board members present. I'm pleased to call to order another meeting at the Cannabis Control Board and to welcome all of you who are participating here in person, or via our real time live stream.

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Multipurpose: We would like to note that board member, Adam Perry, is not able to attend today's meeting.

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Multipurpose: and we will now move forward into our agenda.

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Multipurpose: Today's agenda includes welcoming and opening remarks. Approval of the meeting. Minutes from May 10, th 2024, is board meeting consideration of adult use, cannabis, licenses for approval, consideration of conditional adult use, cannabis, licenses for denial.

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Multipurpose: consideration of adult use, cannabis, licenses for denial.

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Multipurpose: Those are 2 different things, and then consideration of home cultivation, regulations for adoption.

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Multipurpose: consideration of a registered organization, non dispensing application and report from the office of Cannabis management. Then we'll have public comment, and thereafter we'll adjourn this meeting.

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Multipurpose: So as chairperson of the New York State Cannabis Control Board, I welcome you every month as we convene to address the most pressing concerns of the cannabis rollout in New York statements. This Board has an unwavering commitment to supporting the successful rollout of the cannabis market.

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Multipurpose: We are forward looking and dedicated to ensuring that our market meets the demands of innovation, equity, and economic growth. We are actively shaping the next chapter of New York cannabis, and, most importantly, we are leading by listening.

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Multipurpose: Each of you have taken the time to attend these meetings to send comments, suggestions, and even complaints have played a crucial role in shaping the future of this industry.

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Multipurpose: These times demands adaptability and a continued commitment to doing better.

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Multipurpose: As a result, we have been working to integrate feedback from our value stakeholders.

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Multipurpose: At our last meeting the Board passed resolutions to prioritize applications submitted in the November queue to extend the provisional license period and additional 12 months to provide flexibility in dispensary locations for card licensees and streamline provisional licensing procedure for all applicants. We heard you, and may changes. Our goals remain the same.

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Multipurpose: and we hope our continued commitment to incorporate feedback into our work demonstrates our commitment to making this rollout more efficient for everyone involved.

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Multipurpose: Together we are embarking on a journey to not only regulate, but also nurture, a thriving cannabis ecosystem in New York.

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Multipurpose: and at this moment of transition it is important for all of us to embrace change.

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Multipurpose: and I am delighted to have the honor and opportunity to introduce the new office of cannabis management executive deputy director and acting executive director, Felicia read.

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Multipurpose: we're being joined by her via the stream.

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Felicia A. B. Reid: Hi!

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Felicia A. B. Reid: Thank you.

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Multipurpose: Over a decade of experience in State government, and has spent the last 6 years at the office of children and family services, where she served as Deputy Commissioner, overseeing statewide juvenile justice operations.

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Multipurpose: Additionally, Miss Reed is admitted to the New York State Bar Association. She earned her law degree from New York Law School and her Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University. It is a pleasure to welcome our new executive deputy director and acting executive director, Miss Felicia Reed. Would you like to give some remarks.

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Felicia A. B. Reid: Sure. Thank you so much. I feel like I'm like coming out with like a smoke machine at a basketball game. This is really great

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Felicia A. B. Reid: it is such a pleasure to be here again. Thank you. Chair. Right. I'm certainly looking forward to working with the board and with all of our partners across the State to really think about how to strengthen. You know New York's cannabis industry and make sure

that there is a strong and structured I love structured presence. Of our work. I I love what you said. Chair right around, leading by listening. That tends to be my

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Felicia A. B. Reid: my very specific way of practice. From where I come from in juvenile justice we often talk about meeting folks where they're at, and that involves going out getting feedback, understanding criticism and seeing where the gaps are, where we can make things better. So my role and the way forward is both understanding more about Ocm and the in the cannabis industry in New York, but also figuring out ways in which

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Felicia A. B. Reid: to build framework build systems, build process, and so that we can get the work done at the end of day for all New Yorkers. So with that I will keep it short and sweet, because I know there is a full agenda, but I wanna thank everybody for the warm welcome so far that you've given me, and I appreciate and look forward to working with all of you.

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Multipurpose: Thank you, thank you, Miss Reed, and I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to also welcome and acknowledge our new chief administrative officer, Miss Susan Philburn. Unfortunately, she is not able to join us today, but Miss Fullburn has more than 20 years in State government, including the last 4 years as Deputy Commissioner of Employment Security at the Department of Labor.

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Multipurpose: Miss Philburn is a Us. Army veteran. She holds a masters of public masters of public administration from the Syracuse Maxwell School, as well as a Bachelor of science from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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Multipurpose: Miss Philburn will focus on stabilizing and formalizing administrative functions of the agency to support licensing compliance and enforcement operations. We welcome her.

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Multipurpose: and finally, I would like to say, congratulations to our very own Jessica Wolfert, who has been working diligently as a part of the Ocm. Team, and was recently promoted to the position of de

Director of external affairs. In this role she will continue to ensure that communication and community engagement are prioritized as the agency implements transformative change.

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Multipurpose: So our 1st incentive.

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Multipurpose: our 1st order of business today is the review and approval of the meeting minutes from our May 10, th 2024 Cannabis Control Board meeting.

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Multipurpose: and please have a motion to consider and approve the top. May 10, th 2024. Board meeting minutes. Have a second.

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Multipurpose: You got it? Thank you. Is there any discussion? My new board members

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Multipurpose: hearing none, I'll call for the vote all in favor.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: Aye.

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Multipurpose: The motion to approve. The May 10, th 2024. Board meeting minutes carries

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Multipurpose: for our 1st resolution. Today, Matt, please have a motion to consider resolution number 2024, cash, 76. Consideration of adult use, cannabis licenses.

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Multipurpose: So we have a second

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Multipurpose: second. Thank you. I will please now ask Patrick Mckeach

to provide a brief overview of this resolution.

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Multipurpose: Thank you, madam. Chair. And before the board today is our 5th cohort. Now of adult use licenses that we've been working on, you know, reviewing and getting out the door. They've all been through our our multi step review process from background checks, locations, eligibility, social and economic equity review.

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Multipurpose: In this cohort, today we have a hundred 5 applications. Including 17 retail dispensaries, 22 micro businesses, 25 cultivators.

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Multipurpose: 22 distributors, and 19 processors. There's also an additional 5 retail licenses that'll are eligible for provisional licenses that the the office is now able to issue outside of board meetings, but wanted to make you aware of those and so altogether in in terms of licenses we've been able to put forward for the board and approve.

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Multipurpose: In in 2024. We're we're up to 654 adult use cannabis licenses.

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Multipurpose: And you know, that is obviously a a pretty substantial number. And I just wanna really do a a thank you to our licensing team. And and it's not just a licensing team, because so many other people get involved at at the office and in in this review. So a real shout out to the the The, you know, boots on the ground, who are reviewing these applications day in, day out, and to the applicants who I know this process is not always

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Multipurpose: streamlined and easy it it takes a lot of back and forth and submitting the right documents and materials. And so we we thank you for your patience, and thank you for helping, you know, work to get those applications in and and licenses out the door.

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Multipurpose: I John will be providing that an update, you know, a little bit more formal later on. But we have made, you know good

progress through that November queue. We now officially are halfway through it. I think we're up to 1,000 and and 91 in in the queue so getting getting there. And that means at least, if you're before that, you should have at least had your application open touched.

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Multipurpose: Someone's looking at it, and we'll just continue processing as as more licensing staff. Come on board and and make this process as streamlined as possible. And happy to answer any questions you may have? Are there any questions or comments from the Board?

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Multipurpose: May I ask? Just can you clarify for people? So you just said that you're over. I think you said 1,091 and if someone has not heard from you, but they're queued higher somewhere in the

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Multipurpose: July ken.

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Multipurpose: They assume that things are going well, that their application is meeting.

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Multipurpose: but the expectations no news is good news and Re remain calm. So some of those? Yeah, exactly. We could just still be in the process of reviewing and getting that deficiency. Notice out the door so that that could be part of the process. And if not, you know, it's always you can reach out to au licensing. Ask for an update, and the team will work to provide them. Thank you so much.

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Multipurpose: So are there any other questions or comments from the board?

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Multipurpose: Hearing none. Alcohol? Okay.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: I would say just quickly. So if there are folks that are before that number, before 1,091 that are working through this. You know, I've I've seen a couple of emails about people

that said, I'm this number. It's this on this much lower down and we're still going back and forth, or I haven't heard from anyone. But those people will hear from the office

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: soon to know what it is they need to do to finish up.

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Multipurpose: E. Exactly board of immigrants. Yep, sorry, Anna Jenkins, exactly. And I I will just highlight to. You know the order in the queue determines that how we are approaching the application review

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Multipurpose: depending on the specific application. You know, they all take different amount of times, so that the the queue order really just represents. When we'll pick up the application. Some of them take more than longer for a variety of circumstances, but

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Multipurpose: that's good thing to keep in mind.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: Thank you.

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Multipurpose: Oh, I'll call for the vote. Are there any other comments? None. I'll call for the vote.

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Multipurpose: Dr. Gilbert Jenkins.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: Aye.

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Multipurpose: Miss Knight. Alright, Miss Garcia, Hi. And I vote in the affirmative as well. The motion to approve resolution number 2024, dash 76. Consideration of adult use. Cannabis licenses carries

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Multipurpose: next for our next order, business. May I please have a motion to consider resolution number 2024 77. Consideration of conditional adult use cannabis licenses for denial.

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Multipurpose: So moved.

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Multipurpose: we have a second

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Multipurpose: second. Okay.

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Multipurpose: thank you. And I will again ask Mr. Mckee, if you please provide an overview of this resolution.

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Multipurpose: of course, and so this one similar to the the same resolution we passed last board meeting. These are card initial applications that have have not been issued a provisional license yet. They because of the the card litigation. We were kind of

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Multipurpose: prohibited from making a determination on these applications. They've all been reviewed back in 2022, 2023. And now we're kind of just clear in the deck, giving the final determination on these applications. There's 21 in in this resolution that are that are up for denial. And they all fall into either 2 categories of not meeting the requirements of of the card for program, which is either proving justice, involvement

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Multipurpose: or proving qualifying business criteria in in accordance with with Part 1 16

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Multipurpose: and so for those of you who are a a initial card applicant and has not heard on your application yet. We are continuing to work down this list. I do think we'll have another another batch at

the July meeting. But there's also some initial card applications that are gonna be moving forward with provisional licenses

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Multipurpose: which we don't have to wait for board meetings to happen so that that could be issued by the office now. So you'll you'll be contacted by the office outside of a kind of a board meeting prep. If if that scenario applies to you.

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Multipurpose: Thank you. Are there any questions, comments or any discussion from any board? Members

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Multipurpose: hearing none? I'll call for the vote. Dr. Gilbert Jenkins.

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Multipurpose: Miss Knight, Miss Garcia, and I vote in the affirmative as well. The motion to approve resolution. Number 2024, 77. Consideration of conditional adult use cannabis licenses for denial carries

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Multipurpose: next Matt. Please have a motion to consider resolution number 2024, dash, 78.

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Multipurpose: Consideration of adult use, cannabis licenses for denial.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: So moved.

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Multipurpose: I have a second second.

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Multipurpose: Again, Mr. Mckech, will you please provide an overview of this resolution?

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Multipurpose: Absolutely. So this is a slightly different than the 1st one. So the denials before the board today, these are all associated applications with someone who has already been issued a license

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Multipurpose: from from the November queue. So you know, people were able to apply for like a retail license, you could apply 3 times many of these applications are just those associated applications with either the entity or the majority owner of the entity that did receive a license and with the kind of spirit of trying to make sure, in this 1st round, that we are getting as many licenses to as many different people as possible

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Multipurpose: possible, rather than you know, some people being able to stack a bunch of licenses.

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Multipurpose: we're we're at a policy where one license per per per entity or majority owner. And so the 79 applications in this resolution all fall into that category.

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Multipurpose: Is there any discussion question of comments from the Board members?

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Multipurpose: Alright, hearing none, I'll call for the vote. Dr. Gilbert Jenkins.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: I.

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Multipurpose: Miss Knight, Miss Garcia. Aye, and I voted in the affirmative as well. The motion to approve resolution number 2024 to ash 78. Consideration of adult use. Cannabis licenses for denials carries

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Multipurpose: next before us, ma'am, please have a motion to consider resolution number 2024, dash 79. Consideration of home cultivation regulations for adoption.

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Multipurpose: I have a second second, and you have a second again. Now please ask Miss Mckee to feel. Provide an overview of this proposed resolution.

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Multipurpose: we'll do, and and this one, I I is a little more excited than the last 2. So this is a right resolution to approve the home cultivation regulations for adoption, meaning that home cultivation for adults, 21 and older in New York State

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Multipurpose: would become legalized once these regulations become in effect, these regulations were originally approved at the February or proposed regulations for approved for public comment at the February Board meeting. They've gone through that public comment period no. Substantial changes were were made to them, and they're now being recommended for the Board for approval.

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Multipurpose: This is, you know. I think one of those last kind of pillars in terms of cannabis legalization. So I I think it's very exciting. And I'm happy to report to that we have met the timeline in the Mrta which gave the board within 18 months of the 1st sale of adult use cannabis, in order to make these home cultivation regulations effective. You know, what we've seen from other States is a lot.

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Multipurpose: A lot of people are really interested in home cultivation, but it ends up being a little bit more tricky and harder to do than than I think. Some think, but you know similar to people like to brew their own beer make their own wine. It kinda provides that access outside of a a regulated framework. I will say there. There is a prohibitions on using like volatile solvents and utain propane. We've heard horror stories from others.

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Multipurpose: for people are doing things in garages and basements, so please do not blow yourself up, but very excited that these

regulations are now moving forward, and the office will be putting out some further guidance on our website, just around the parameters and the rules and regulations. So folks know, what is what is and is not allowed.

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Multipurpose: Thank you.

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Multipurpose: Any questions, comments, discussion from the board.

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Multipurpose: Okay, hearing none. I'll call for the vote. Dr. Gilbert Jenkins.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: Aye.

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Multipurpose: Miss Knight, Hi, Miss Garcia and I voted in the affirmative as well. The motion to the motion to approve resolution number 2024, dash 79. Consideration of home cultivation regulations for adoption carries.

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Multipurpose: Now, may I please have a motion to consider resolution number 2024, dash 80

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Multipurpose: consideration of registered organization, non-dispensing application.

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Multipurpose: So I have a second.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: Second.

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Multipurpose: Again, I'll ask Nikki to feel. Please provide an

overview of the resolution last one we've approved 8 registered organizations to participate in the adult use market this one is an applicant for a rond application, which is our our app

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Multipurpose: acronym. It stands for a registered organization mountain dispensing this means the registered organization would be permitted to participate in the wholesale aspect of the adult use supply chain, as well as continuing to provide for medical patients, at their existing dispensaries, and in that market, the register organization has submitted an application with all the requirements, including a

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Multipurpose: environmental plan, a medical patient prioritization plan and a

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Multipurpose: community impact plan. And so they've met all the requirements as laid out in our our regulations and is being recommended for approval. Thank you. Any discussion question comments from any board, members

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Multipurpose: hearing none. I'll call for the vote. Dr. Gilbert Jenkins.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: Hi.

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Multipurpose: Ms. Knight, I, Miss Garcia and I voted in the affirmative as well. The motion to approve resolution number 2024, dash 80. Consideration of registered organization, non-dispensing application carries.

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Multipurpose: And that concludes the resolutions before the board. Today we'll now hand the floor back over to Mckee for the office of cannabis management report.

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Multipurpose: Thank you very much, madam. Chair. I think we have 3 areas of discussion today. A market updates, a social economic equity update and an update kind of on the license review process. And now I am going to pass it over to our policy Director John Cadilla, to take us through them.

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Multipurpose: Kind of put this place

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Multipurpose: morning, madam. Chair board members thank you all for being here. John Pierce, senior director of policy and delighted to to present an update on where we are both in the market and in the build out of this program.

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Multipurpose: Really noticeable to me that as Pat said earlier, we've issued 654 licenses already, which makes this one of the largest license rollouts attempted to date. And we're just getting started a lot more work to do. And we're heartened that we're going to be getting a lot more resources to to accelerate pace of our license issuance. But we're just providing a a big snapshot, an overarching snapshot of where we are in rolling out and building out the supply chain.

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Multipurpose: We have 155 cards who have been licensed and receive the final licenses, which means they're now able to open their doors. Of those 532 are open, the last dozen and half are on the cusp of getting their doors open on the final stages. Operationalization?

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Multipurpose: We also have 9 who are still doing a temporary delivery or operating out of a delivery location. We've extended some grace there, just as folks are looking for locations and build that out. There was a lot of expectation last year about the ingress of the registered organizations into the adult use market. And we've had 4 and now 5 transition in.

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Multipurpose: And we have nearly 350 folks who can issued provisional licenses for dispensaries. That's a robust base for our retail sales. Certainly much more work to be done. We have quite a a lot more applicants in both November and December queues to review but it's a start that is building momentum

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Multipurpose: on the supply side

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Multipurpose: 115 cultivators, 70 processors, 74 distributors, 113 micro businesses, the 1st to be licensed in the State. And we're going to be providing that kind of micro more craft oriented type of production which we think is going to be a great compliment to the larger scale producers.

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Multipurpose: and finally, out of the adult use retail application cohort. From November we issued 131 licenses.

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Multipurpose: this has been a phenomenal amount of work, and while we understand that there's still a lot more work to be done, and a lot more opportunities to accelerate the pace of which we're doing, it is worth noting that we have laid a very robust foundation for this supply chain, and it is a broadly distributed supply chain. So part of what we're trying to do is ensure that this continued continuity from the point in which seats are put into the ground

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Multipurpose: until the point in which consumers are able to walk out of the store or receive a delivery to their home. With a cannabis grown and produced here in the State of New York.

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Multipurpose: Now, I'll actually turn over to Tabitha for a profile of the social and economic equity stakeholders, and then we'll get into some of the traditional market numbers. for the for the market. So

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Multipurpose: thank you, John, and good morning to the board. Thank you for having me.

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Multipurpose: Today. I'm here to discuss our C licensees. We have 55% of the entire supply chain within our dot east market owned by our social economic equity licenses.

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Multipurpose: the act now

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Multipurpose: being very proud of that number, it keeps us above of the statutory requirement of the percent. And if you look at the breakdown amongst the very categories, you'll see that minority owned businesses and women on basic businesses are basically equivalent. About 39% of the distribution service disabled veterans are 9% distressed farmers at 8% and Cds at 6%.

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Multipurpose: I also like to note today that the agency has begun the reconsideration process reconsideration is a requirement under adult boost regulations which offers applicants the opportunity to request from the agency reconsideration of a negative determination of c status. So, for example, if an applicant has applied as social and economic equity.

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Multipurpose: and upon review of their application we issued them a negative determination. The applicant can request

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Multipurpose: reconsideration. Now that reconsideration is only afforded to advocates who need 2 criteria, the 1st criteria. The 1st criterion is that the applicant must have

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Multipurpose: attempted to cure deficiencies.

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Multipurpose: the second is that the applicant must have received a negative determination.

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Multipurpose: This is not an extension of the 30 day care period. It's important to make that known. This is rather an opportunity for the office to take a second look and see if we've missed anything in our review. Now, there are some applicants who may not be interested in further pursuing that. See status.

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Multipurpose: And that's fine. It is an opportunity. And so those applicants who are looking, for example, to reduce their application fee and the licensing fee, and to be to qualify for any other social economic equity programming. We encourage them to consider this option. But again, it's not a requirement.

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Multipurpose: and if they know further questions, I'll pass it back to John.

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Multipurpose: Thank you.

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Multipurpose: Switches quick.

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Multipurpose: So building on that

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Multipurpose: we're not only building the supply chain quickly, but you're building a phenomenally diverse supply chain, most diverse supply chain in the country. And we expect this to continue as we continue the rollout of this market.

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Multipurpose: and the market is rolling out. We have sold over 350, maybe 360 million dollars canvas to date may broke our a new record with 46.2 million dollars

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Multipurpose: and June is taking a long at at without already reporting already at 10.4 1 million. So over the last few months we've been seeing roughly a 4 to 6 million dollar month of a month increase in our sales monthly growth. And on the next slide

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Multipurpose: you'll see that the last week of May went absolutely barnstorm. We did 12.5 million. Our highest week of sales to date exceeded the nearly 11 million that we were growing about at 4 20, which was supposed to be a banner week.

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Multipurpose: But you know, 2 things are happening in parallel. One is that, the additional addition of new stores is helping these numbers, but we're also continuing to see sustained week of a week month of a month growth amongst the stores that are open.

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Multipurpose: Very few of our retailers have reached this steady state, yet we're seeing that in some cases taking up to 6 months for a retailer to get to the steady state of operations. So we, expecting that you know folks who who have opened in the last 2 or 3 months will continue to see growth well into late summer before they start to reach the new levels of platform. We're also expecting to see in the early data. Is is, certainly, positive. But starting to see that the

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Multipurpose: enforcement actions in our communities is having some positive effect, particularly in the most proximately located dispensaries. We're hoping to be able to do a bit more reporting on that at the next Board meeting since the the

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Multipurpose: Enforcement actions and task forces really just deployed. But at least, when retail has reached out very positive, and being very excited to finally see some of the most approximately located unregulated dispensaries close down. So the enforcement team has been going. Absolute gangbusters still has a city's enforcement units. And we think this is going to be one of the absolutely critical components of the acceleration of growth in this market.

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Multipurpose: I find the quarterly snapshot really good way to look at the growth trend. We're nearly 200 million, in fact, based on the data

that would have come in late last night. We just crossed the 200 million dollar mark for the year. And it's meant that you know, with just q 1 and and Q 2 reported to another June. We're nearly or we have well exceeded our totals for 2023

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Multipurpose: the momentum will continue. We will easily double these numbers. By the by the time we get to the end of the year, because of the number of new stores we are opening on a on a weekly basis, and because of the continued strength that we are seeing so great to see the cash registers ringing, it's great to see the the tax revenues that we will be able to collect with this. And we're very much looking forward to deploying those tax revenues in our upcoming through the Community Investment Fund.

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Multipurpose: which is something we're gonna be discussing at upcoming Campus Advisory Board.

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Multipurpose: It is worth noting. And and this is based on some questions that we have been receiving about kind of the spread in performance. We've been seeing across retailers critically important to understand that. You know, we have such a range of retailers across the country across the State. The different sizes. They're located in different communities. They they're running very different types of operations, and have taken very divergent approaches to how they're managing the inventory and how how they're managing the case.

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Multipurpose: So always

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Multipurpose: careful to caution against looking at just the average. And assuming that everybody's going to perform in that average

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Multipurpose: in this profile, we're looking at the full quarter 1,000 performance, plus the average across the market, and you can see the top performers in the market are really capturing a very significant share of the total revenue that we're using. And some of that is longevity that's been open for for longer. The the leveraging, significant retail experience.

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Multipurpose: We're seeing the the management of inventory be an important factor, an important differentiating performance?

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Multipurpose: but you know, on a weekly basis, the the top quartile is, doing over a million dollars the 3, rd

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Multipurpose: second quartile in diverse orders at roughly 283rd at 1, 48, and 4th at 78

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Multipurpose: point, being as retailers are preparing to launch the the operations. One can certainly be optimistic, but understand the dynamics of the places in which your business is located. Understand the profile of the consumers who you've got to keep tracking, understand the competitive dynamics of the neighborhood in in your day.

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Multipurpose: Think global at local there's a lot of great insights to be gained from the way the the constellation of Re retailers have performed to date and while it is important to be aspirational, one of the things that does tend and said this before, but worth repeating because of the number of defaults we we will have coming online here.

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Multipurpose: One of the things that does get folks off to a a challenging start is ordering too much inventory on day one, and that gives you very little flexibility. Your customers are coming in looking for things that you don't have on shelves. So try and minimize how much capital you have tied up on inventory until you have a better sense of how your your customer profile is is behaving. Leverage. The plma rules the packaging, labeling, and marketing, app

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Multipurpose: advertising rules to, to identify ways in which you can reach and engage consumers ideally do the community engagement. One of the differences we have seen in the top performers. At least the top performers out the gate is, they spent a lot of time engaging the communities before they open their doors, and they're showing up at community warmly. So we're showing up at at community events, letting

folks know know that their businesses were coming.

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Multipurpose: That level of pre work ensures that you can have folks ready for you when when when your doors open.

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Multipurpose: So next slide, please.

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Multipurpose: At the last board meeting, Madam chair. You'd asked us to to provide some insight into the ingress of the our rules into the adult use market, and we finally been able to do our 1st pass into these data. These data are from the last week of May.

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Multipurpose: So currently, we have half of our retailers are carrying at least one. Our brand. About 20% occurring.

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Multipurpose: 10% of the inventory is is our products. you have

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Multipurpose: 17% who are carrying between 10 and 20% of of inventory and we have 4% of our Vtn is recurring 30% plus of the inventory being our product.

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Multipurpose: So you know

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Multipurpose: we haven't yet seen any real kind of geographic

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Multipurpose: patents yet in terms of who's carrying our products versus not but the trend has been for very rapid adoption of of these our road products, and at least for some retailers, the the pace of the up ingress has been has been quite arrested.

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Multipurpose: 2 more details. Specifically related to this.

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Multipurpose: Okay, brands. Distribution has grown. We now have 347 brands on the market. When we last met we had 280 and so the pace at which new brands are entering. The space is growing. But that's happening on both sides of the ledger. So our rules now account for about 10% of the brands we have across the 5 who are who are selling into the adult use market.

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Multipurpose: We've tallied with us for 39 brands from the arrows against the 308 brands from the records and was actually able to do a quick analysis of how many ro brands amongst the stores were carrying these products. And roughly, 20%, 17% only carrying one product the majority, 51% are carrying between 2 and 5 ro brands. So it's not a massive brand kind of takeover. It's just that a lot of folks are not carrying at least one or 2 of these companies

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Multipurpose: and a final point specifically related to brands and brand distribution. So if our products making up 11% of the brands of market, 9% of the sales. It really is across

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Multipurpose: flower, primarily

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Multipurpose: and then pre-rolls vaporizers and concentrates being the categories in which our products are entering the market.

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Multipurpose: We haven't yet seen as much adoption yet in the minor product categories edible standards interest topical. But that you know this distribution. Isn't that surprising? That flower would be the tip of the spear? and so we'll be monitoring to see how this evolves over time. We obviously have a lot of cultivators who are transitioning to the new final adult use status. We have a lot of micro businesses.

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Multipurpose: That are gonna be schooling up here over the next few months. So we're expecting to have a very lively flower market moving

forward. But as we've seen so far flower has been the tip of the spear for our moving rest into this market.

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Multipurpose: and then maybe a final kind of lens on the market and of the priorities of the offices we move for

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Multipurpose: you know, I think transitional moments are an important opportunity to kind of reflect on where we are and and provide context on some of the issues and priorities that we're going to be very closely monitoring and very aggressively prioritizing. As we move forward.

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Multipurpose: We have laid the foundation for a regulated marketing. Cannabis is now fully legal. we have begun the licensing process. We have just legalized home cultivation, which I know is something that a lot of folks have been very keen on.

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Multipurpose: and we're hard to see, for example, that even a cannabis events private was able to get the middle of today or just before the close of session.

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Multipurpose: But there's still an immense amount of work to be done.

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Multipurpose: So we just kind of broken up our prior our priorities, at least some of our key priorities into 5 broad buckets. So 1st is market scaling

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Multipurpose: critically important for us to get through the licensing process as quickly as possible. We've been very heartened to hear that that the Calgary is on the way, additional resources to help and catalyze our our piece of of retailing of licensing. But it's not just about issuing licenses. It's also getting those businesses up and running.

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Multipurpose: And so as Pat said, for those of you know, we we are now very deep into the queue specifically related to business operation operationalization. Please look out for emails from the office and please respond in a timely way.

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Multipurpose: but also related to market scaling, is looking at ways in which we can re review and refine our rules to help businesses perform more efficiently and effectively. So one example of that is, we're conducting a detailed review right now of our packaging, marketing, labeling, advertising regulations.

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Multipurpose: We wanted to start low and go slow. We wanted to be very conscientious in how we developed our initial rules, and now that we have more than a year's worth of data on which we can assess how these businesses performing. We're going back through these rules to to assess where we can provide a little more latitude for these businesses to to market and advertise the awareness to adults who are consumption aid.

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Multipurpose: So those plma rules are just one of the number of aspects of the the way the market of market regulations that we're willing to consider to help drive efficiency.

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Multipurpose: 2 is efficiency optimization. We're in the process of building out the seat to sales system which will dramatically improve our data access our data reporting certainly help and speak a little bit selfishly to help with our market updates to the board. But it's also the deployment and development of technology systems that enable us to engage and ma work our manage our relationships with our licenses more efficiently.

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Multipurpose: make it easier to to for example, make business changes through the business portal. It will help with the communications responsiveness which is important to feedback that we're we've received and so there's gonna be a large priority on that

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Multipurpose: 3rd is unregulated market capture. We have done. We've we've set the benchmark already with the deployment of the task force,

and the State's efforts to to padlock these illicit dispensaries we have focused on the unregulated and licensed storefronts.

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Multipurpose: But there are other elements to unregulated market capture, including consumer education. We need to. We need consumers to really understand the difference between the unlicensed shots and the license shots. There's been a lot of discussion over the last few weeks about

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Multipurpose: the the synthetic cannabinoids or the synthetic derivatives of cannabinoids that have gotten us a very long way from what the plant originally was to what is being sold in some of these stores, and consumers need to understand that you know all cannabis as it is being framed out there, particularly in these illegal shops, is not equal.

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Multipurpose: And so there's gonna be some important team education to be done to ensure consumers understand the differences between what is being sold in our regulated establishment versus what is available. Through these channels.

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Multipurpose: The 3rd critical part is regulatory protections and enforcement of the regulations.

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Multipurpose: You know it's not just important that we transition this market from fully and regulated, unlicensed and unmanaged into into a regulated framework, but that we protect the rules that ensure that market is managed in a safe and equitable way.

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Multipurpose: We want New Yorkers to feel comfortable and confident that the canvas that they're buying is meets the standards of our rules and is being delivered in a in a way that serves the public that serves the interest of public health and public safety.

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Multipurpose: so ensuring that we have the resources to to ensure kind of compliance, adherence will be another important part of the work

that we do.

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Multipurpose: We have an immense amount of stakeholder engagement to do as we move forward

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Multipurpose: the the and then I'll just a couple of areas where we think this is important. We will continue to work with municipalities for helping to build this industry out. Those relationships critically important, helping both the municipal governments and the municipal law enforcement agencies understand? the differences between unregulated and legal and what the bounds of the laws are.

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Multipurpose: I think this immense opportunity is to engage with business communities from investors as we're looking to raise capital for this industry, this critical moment, improve helping folks understand how this new industry intersects well with their corresponding sectors. Hospitality being one sector that, I think, is is the particular note.

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Multipurpose: the science and technology. We are so excited about the opportunities for research in this State research to help us understand the the biology of the pot. But research research that helps us understand ways in which we can capitalize on all of the industrial applications of the pot. I know this has been something that been near to Dr. Gilbert Jenking. Real opportunity there.

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Multipurpose: and finally, one which we we have been begun our conversations with, and there's a lot more work to do is with education, helping our educators kind of manage, navigate, and help be prepared to address cannabis in the classroom

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Multipurpose: and and identify where those issues would be. We understand that protecting our youth is a critical part of the public health work that we're doing and engaging with the education sector is, gonna be critical.

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Multipurpose: And finally, there's some big national and global issues that are emerging. We are no longer dealing with an industry that is just singularly based in New York, with the da's announcement that we scheduling is imminent. It is going to be a long drawn out process, but we cannot wait until switch gets flipped for us to consider how this might implicate our market.

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Multipurpose: So we have begun the process of thinking through and working through the implications of Federal rescheduling on market and understanding how to show up and safeguard our market

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Multipurpose: 2 is the considerations around cannabinoid hemp. We have a farm bill that's pending in the in the in Congress right now, that could have very significant implications for the cannabinoid hemp market that is being manufactured that is, being built here in the State of New York. So we're following that very closely, and as we kind of recognize that even as we are critically focused on building a market for New Yorkers right now.

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Multipurpose: as we look out over the next decade of the next 20 years. This is going to be a national market. This is going to be a global market. And so we're starting to lay the foundation and and participate in this community of Regulators who are starting to kind of share best practices, share and insights, and hoping that will help us collectively shorten the the learning curve, deploy best practices and ensure that we're building markets. That can be true.

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Multipurpose: Truly sustain lot more work to be done there. But we are beginning of that boost efforts.

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Multipurpose: and finally 132 dispensaries open across the State, many, many more to come. The split with, upstate and downstate continues to be very well balanced. And if there isn't a neighborhood cannabis dispensary near you gives a little bit of time to work in seriously to get as many open as quickly as you can.

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Multipurpose: Pat mentioned this slide earlier, but I I will close with this point that we are now at near the number 1,100 in our review

order. That doesn't mean that we have contacted 1,100 people yet, just that those are the more files that we have touched. If you have not heard from us yet. please stand by. But do look out for emails from office canvas management. Please be responsive. During that 30 day cure period.

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Multipurpose: and continue to send us those questions. We're working to to stop up our customer response teams and and and and show that we are getting back to folks in a a timely way. So with that. I'll

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Multipurpose: refer to any questions from the board. But thank you for this opportunity, and we look forward to continuing to build this market at this moment. Thank you both John and Tabitha, for your reports and presentations today. Are there any questions or comments from the Board.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: I just have a super quick one.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: John. Thank you for all that update. And i i i hear you that the enforcement update will really be coming in July. I I just wanted to offer that if there is any way that I can help in coordinating or if there's any work that as a board member I can be a part of, I think that that is something that here in Central New York is

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: really important, as our small one horse town with one stop light has 3 legal dispensaries, and so that will be the you know the

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: the drum that I keep beating is that the more that we can close these down the better that our legal market will be. And so I'm here to help in any way that I can other than busting through their doors, and just being like.

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Multipurpose: Come and.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: For you.

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Multipurpose: Well, my advice against doing that, but we appreciate

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Multipurpose: or or another, and and I'll certainly extend that out to our enforcement unit that's been working very diligently on this.

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Multipurpose: But but thank you for saying that. Because it is worth underscoring. We understand that there's been a lot of concern from our community members who are just kind of very frustrated with seeing these dispensaries in in their neighborhoods next to their schools, next to the places of worship next to their homes. And so just a reminder that on the New York State office campus management website there is an incident reporting forum, there's

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Multipurpose: please. You can go in and report unregulated dispensary in your neighborhood. You can also confirm which ones are legal. And so, if you have concern about business that's operated and unregulated by any neighborhood. Please let us know. Now is the moment because we have a mobilized and extraordinary coalition law enforcement agencies, tax and finance office management personnel

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Multipurpose: to to tackle this issue. So we've been extraordinarily grateful for the support that we've received from across the communities that we've we've conducting conducting these actions in, and they will continue and the hope is that even as we continue to very aggressively target these unlicensed operators. We will, with similar expedience, open the new newly license businesses in the State.

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Multipurpose: And thank you, John

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Multipurpose: Dynamic Company.

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Multipurpose: Thank you. I just wanted to correct the record for my previous statement that I made in my presentation regarding the social and economic equity applicants and licenses. I mentioned that 55% of those licensing are held by our C. Rc. Stakeholders. The 50 is a statutory goal. It's not a requirement. The requirement is for us to collect this data and report out on this data. But the statutory goal is 50, and we continue to exceed that goal.

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Multipurpose: Thank you.

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Multipurpose: Thank you. Everybody for engaging us that with that update.

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Multipurpose: it's our plan. Next order of business. We'll be providing members of the public with an opportunity to address the board again. We won't be answering questions, but we welcome everyone to take this opportunity to share their thoughts again. You'll be limited 2 min. Please be mindful of the timekeeper, and I believe that they'll be speaking over here at this podium. So after your name is called.

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Multipurpose: because we have people in an overflow room. We're gonna call about 3 or 4 names, and we're gonna ask that you can please begin to line up so that folks who are coming from the other room can kinda join in a queue, and there won't be any confusion. So I'll be in with

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Multipurpose: the 1st 4 Vineyard met Meada.

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Multipurpose: Father Chuck's a Coachi Sharon, Derek, and David Hooper again. Vinnie, Father Chacha Kochi Sharon dang David Hooper.

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Multipurpose: Yes, it's referred to as thank you for it. Thank you.

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Multipurpose: Good afternoon. Thank you for the updates and information. Today. My name is Vanessa, and I'm here to speak on behalf of Gotham manufacturing Ocm. App license applicant number for processing number 12. Our business was formed in 2,021. Since then we have raised investor funds, secured a location, acquired equipment invested in R&D. Grants, and are doing everything in our power

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Multipurpose: to provide Gmp. Compliant manufacturing for the cannabis industry.

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Multipurpose: We are here, and we are ready.

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Multipurpose: but we need your help. We are burning through cash on a lease that this government agency required at the time of the application

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Multipurpose: or facility we cannot do anything with until we are licensed.

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Multipurpose: We submitted our application. On October 4, th the 1st day the portal was over.

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Multipurpose: We meticulously planned every step we've taken to ensure that we have enough runway for licensing. At 1st we thought maybe we would hear something by February or march.

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Multipurpose: Surely things would start moving in April or May.

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Multipurpose: However, I'm standing here before you in June, with no understanding of what to expect.

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Multipurpose: We understand that you are working hard, we get them.

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00:53:58.263 --> 00:54:04.789

Multipurpose: I'm not here to complain or talk about the sacrifices that have been made to be here right now.

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00:54:05.250 --> 00:54:07.380

Multipurpose: but we are here and we are ready.

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00:54:08.030 --> 00:54:16.939

Multipurpose: I've listened to the dialogue of the previous committee meetings and have understood. There's been limited discussion about the processing pool of applicants.

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00:54:16.950 --> 00:54:28.240

Multipurpose: We are growing, we are not growing the product, and we are not selling it to consumers. However, the infrastructure process and people are critical to scaling successfully scaling

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00:54:28.280 --> 00:54:30.709

Multipurpose: the legal New York cannabis market.

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00:54:31.629 --> 00:54:38.019

Multipurpose: The dispensaries are opening at a faster rate, more licenses are being awarded and market demand is growing.

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00:54:38.440 --> 00:54:51.989

Multipurpose: It is critically important. Now that we increase supply chain reliability and increase product innovation for dispensaries and consumers. To do this, we need a lot more than 70 processors in the State.

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00:54:52.100 --> 00:54:56.039

Multipurpose: And how many of those are. 0 open and operating like discussed today?

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00:54:56.410 --> 00:55:04.429

Multipurpose: Additionally, we create high paying manufacturing jobs train workers and teach skills that can be used for decades to come.

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00:55:04.620 --> 00:55:09.491

Multipurpose: I'm advocating for this committee to immediately start

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00:55:10.520 --> 00:55:29.767

Multipurpose: reviewing more processing applicants on this queue, because it's really not fair to the other twenty-something people waiting. So

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00:55:30.770 --> 00:55:33.267

Multipurpose: father checks Ok.

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00:55:40.580 --> 00:55:42.226

Multipurpose: Afternoon, everybody.

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00:55:44.196 --> 00:55:49.223

Multipurpose: I am far at chuck Socracy, a faculty member of St. John's University.

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00:55:50.910 --> 00:55:56.460

Multipurpose: teaching for versus students courses in communication

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00:55:57.306 --> 00:56:04.043

Multipurpose: in Fermat, director of fast food. Yes. Services at Calgary, hospitals in the Bronx. Some of you may have

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00:56:04.450 --> 00:56:16.129

Multipurpose: ahead of this, or have family members in that hospital. This is the countries only fully accredited. Acute care speciality hospital

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00:56:16.830 --> 00:56:18.470

Multipurpose: as who's living

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00:56:18.480 --> 00:56:22.079

Multipurpose: provided care for adult patients

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00:56:22.280 --> 00:56:24.539

Multipurpose: with advanced cancer

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00:56:24.650 --> 00:56:26.330

Multipurpose: and other live

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00:56:26.690 --> 00:56:28.900

Multipurpose: limiting illnesses.

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00:56:29.370 --> 00:56:34.730

Multipurpose: In most cases patients are able to access comprehensive pay management

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00:56:35.415 --> 00:56:37.439

Multipurpose: entering end of life. Care

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00:56:37.580 --> 00:56:39.220

Multipurpose: bring my jolly.

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00:56:40.550 --> 00:56:43.400

Multipurpose: We are not aware of the struggles

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00:56:43.730 --> 00:56:50.430

Multipurpose: of the economically disadvantaged patients. Population we have.

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00:56:51.070 --> 00:56:59.059

Multipurpose: and New York State needs to prioritize the insurance of additional medical arrow licenses

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00:56:59.230 --> 00:57:01.520

Multipurpose: to ensure patient access

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00:57:01.980 --> 00:57:04.000

Multipurpose: so very good canabies

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00:57:05.070 --> 00:57:12.040

Multipurpose: as an attendee of ocean's recent faith based leadership coalition meeting

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00:57:12.240 --> 00:57:18.139

Multipurpose: rather than focusing on grants to faith based and

community organizations.

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00:57:18.400 --> 00:57:22.789

Multipurpose: we should be redirecting cannabis tax revenue

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00:57:22.810 --> 00:57:25.720

Multipurpose: to subsidize medical cannabis

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00:57:25.930 --> 00:57:28.738

Multipurpose: for Medicaid patients. I'm very

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00:57:30.060 --> 00:57:34.559

Multipurpose: New York State. Ocm. Has not addressed the Ca, you know this issue.

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00:57:35.160 --> 00:57:36.340

Multipurpose: Those who are

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00:57:36.390 --> 00:57:37.950

Multipurpose: affected

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00:57:38.520 --> 00:57:39.820

Multipurpose: by 4 budget

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00:57:40.080 --> 00:57:41.719

Multipurpose: as much as pay.

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00:57:42.290 --> 00:57:43.240

Multipurpose: So

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00:57:44.400 --> 00:57:51.609

Multipurpose: you know, we should reconsider where we channel our tax money to be able to have those who I need.

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00:57:51.680 --> 00:57:56.500

Multipurpose: those who are poor, and especially the veterans within our State.

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00:57:56.820 --> 00:58:03.506

Multipurpose: I'll be taking this off again within the ecclesiastical cycle. To make sure that this is achieved.

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00:58:04.290 --> 00:58:27.518

Multipurpose: Sharon, Derek, Sam, yes, Sharon Derek, followed by David Cooper and Kevin Kamikar and Charles Gonzalez

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00:58:29.040 --> 00:58:58.360

Multipurpose: on the queue for the past. The early 1, 250 is not actually in the queue of 2 15 pretty good enough number and we have not heard back at all from the Ocm. Past. I don't know no response from Au or anybody that I reached out to, and I just wanted to bring to you attention. That is probably because, unfortunately, I applied with a advocate that had John.

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00:58:58.360 --> 00:59:19.499

Multipurpose: and he has has had some predatory actions against my application. He's you know, he submitted. Application control the portal. I don't have access to the portal at all, even though I'm 51 and the Z application. I just wanna leave you with 2

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00:59:19.650 --> 00:59:29.619

Multipurpose: sound bikes from this, just to give you a breadth of who I'm dealing with. Forging documents. There's there's a lot of things going on with this guy.

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00:59:29.760 --> 00:59:32.769

Multipurpose: But, more importantly, I want to say this one

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00:59:38.630 --> 00:59:39.439

Multipurpose: hard work

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00:59:40.150 --> 00:59:42.640

Multipurpose: take over as your

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00:59:43.210 --> 00:59:45.210

Multipurpose: I don't want to.

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00:59:47.435 --> 01:00:02.660

Multipurpose: So he's just saying that you know he's calling the C

program copy. Yeah, he's also was admitted to forging his his documents as well, trying to submit documents on the portal.

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01:00:11.250 --> 01:00:24.870

Multipurpose: He was trying to force documents and upload to the portal. I had no control. I just wanted to bring your attention and see if I can respond to you guys. I haven't been able to upload any of my Tpi documents. I think our application is stuck

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01:00:24.890 --> 01:00:25.930

Multipurpose: subtest.

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01:00:25.950 --> 01:00:28.101

Multipurpose: Thank you so much. Thank you.

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01:00:28.550 --> 01:00:35.429

Multipurpose: David Hooper. Phone by Kevin Kamikar. Then Charles Gonzalez and Robert Ponson.

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01:00:36.510 --> 01:00:42.670

Multipurpose: Well, good afternoon. When the data will be filled with. And I would like, and I am a card application

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01:00:42.970 --> 01:00:45.379

Multipurpose: waiting for final licenses.

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01:00:45.560 --> 01:00:55.160

Multipurpose: Of course I would like to say thank you to Chris Damon the bullet, and always seems to have made the peace for the new campus market. As far.

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01:00:55.760 --> 01:01:01.869

Multipurpose: It's easy to point fingers on the sidelines, and in no shape or form does not accept.

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01:01:01.960 --> 01:01:08.509

Multipurpose: Mistakes are in a negative thing, and when it's corrected it's just information to get it right

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01:01:09.760 --> 01:01:30.189

Multipurpose: or when, when you continue to make the same mistakes, when it become a problem, I'll watch many board meetings and witness people come to speak about how they are leading financially. From this process I process. I now find myself here. We had a virtual inspection back in April, and still have not been issued. The license

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01:01:30.400 --> 01:01:38.051

Multipurpose: every 1st of the month that passes. I cannot tell Amanda that I am waiting for Ocm. The rent still has to be made.

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01:01:38.680 --> 01:01:56.420

Multipurpose: I email, I emailed and I called, and no one has no information for me except for the application is just waiting on the decision. Again, a process that wasn't clear. I want to applicants before asking folks who have already suffered from the criminal criminalization

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01:01:56.420 --> 01:02:08.642

Multipurpose: marijuana to make this significant investment. In fact, the report from the State boy was the 1st time hearing about the the the different hand that the applicant passes through

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01:02:09.770 --> 01:02:21.099

Multipurpose: have been passing through the pro. The promise was equity, and I hope that this board remains an independent body, not to be influenced by the likes of the Governor's office.

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01:02:21.180 --> 01:02:24.279

Multipurpose: or the special interest that have set out

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01:02:24.480 --> 01:02:38.330

Multipurpose: to railroad New York. I'm hoping that speaking here today after this board meeting, someone can point me in the right direction and to close. I like to give a special thanks to Monique and compliant and V. And licensing. Thank you.

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01:02:40.910 --> 01:02:47.234

Multipurpose: Kevin, followed by Charles Gonzalez, then Robert Ponce and Igor. Colt.

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01:02:47.950 --> 01:02:55.695

Multipurpose: Morning. Everybody. Morning. Ocm board. Everyone here

today congratulations to everyone today who got their licenses.

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01:02:56.812 --> 01:03:03.589

Multipurpose: I'm involved in a license that was already approved in a couple of board meetings ago. I'm here on behalf of

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01:03:03.630 --> 01:03:12.610

Multipurpose: an associate of mine who is in the 200. He's been holding proximity protection. He's a c applicant.

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01:03:13.412 --> 01:03:15.189

Multipurpose: He's had, have.

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01:03:15.220 --> 01:03:19.090

Multipurpose: He's had communication. But communication went silent.

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01:03:19.924 --> 01:03:22.199

Multipurpose: It's in a great area.

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01:03:22.858 --> 01:03:27.160

Multipurpose: It would benefit the community. We're just trying to get some answers.

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01:03:27.852 --> 01:03:43.380

Multipurpose: I have other people here as well at this board meeting, who are also in the same position. Just communication, you know. The board has been communicating their members of the Ocm. That I've personally spoken to, and communications great, but

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01:03:43.900 --> 01:03:47.629

Multipurpose: in some certainties it's not, you know, and

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01:03:48.080 --> 01:03:51.095

Multipurpose: I don't want to throw shade on anybody, because

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01:03:51.470 --> 01:04:00.969

Multipurpose: any 1st rollout is going to be difficult. But, like the gentleman said before, people are bleeding money the 1st of every month you want us to hold these locations

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01:04:02.050 --> 01:04:06.760

Multipurpose: we need. We need some communication. We need to know if we are or we're not getting it.

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01:04:07.167 --> 01:04:20.040

Multipurpose: There's only been a little of I forgot the exact number. It's over a hundred licenses from the general lab from November. Queue for retail being specific for retail, have been issued provisional non provisional

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01:04:21.365 --> 01:04:22.059

Multipurpose: act

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01:04:22.826 --> 01:04:49.559

Multipurpose: communication. And I also did want to thank you guys for shutting down all these illicit shops. I have friends who are operating as we speak to this day, and it has definitely made a huge impact on sales and to the community. So thank you for that. But please people who are in the November queue who have been closer to the number one, and we'll have con been contacted in January, February.

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01:04:50.340 --> 01:04:55.864

Multipurpose: You guys gotta reach out and let us know what's going on. Thank you for your time.

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01:04:56.420 --> 01:05:04.530

Multipurpose: Charles, followed by Robin Pensee, Igor Cutlar, and then will. Sorry. Not only, Walter, you are too.

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01:05:06.808 --> 01:05:14.269

Multipurpose: Hi! Good afternoon. I am Charlie Gonzalez, representing else to Lse and doing business as marijuana dream.

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01:05:14.360 --> 01:05:19.089

Multipurpose: We recently received an enormous amount of assistance from the license team.

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01:05:19.150 --> 01:05:23.950

Multipurpose: and we are hopeful and confident that we will be a new license C company

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01:05:24.130 --> 01:05:28.489

Multipurpose: in the next few weeks. My question is, when you do get license.

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01:05:28.700 --> 01:05:35.919

Multipurpose: what do we call for guidance and assistance to help us better understand the process from license, actual, detailed dispensary store.

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01:05:37.320 --> 01:05:38.010

Multipurpose: Thank you.

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01:05:39.202 --> 01:05:43.367

Multipurpose: Robert, followed by Igor. Then Walter, then Jocelyn Fenton.

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01:05:45.090 --> 01:06:08.179

Multipurpose: Hi, my name is Bob, say, I represent the M. Cannabis, New York. Podcast. We cover the legal cannabis industry. My statement is all questions. I'm not expecting a response in this venue, but I hope, as a further date, to talk to people at Ocm. And get some answer. My 1st question is, What is Ocm. And the Governor's current commission to social equity?

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01:06:08.180 --> 01:06:31.489

Multipurpose: There's been a lot of turmoil and and change, and we understand it was necessary. But we want to know going forward. You know, that that commitment still remains in place, and in particular. How does Ocm. The Governor in the new interim Executive Director plan to revive or rescue the card program that has had its its challenge.

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01:06:32.269 --> 01:06:44.740

Multipurpose: Another question is, when will Damian Fagan, the Equity officer, be reinstated, and I say reinstated, because in context know that he was

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01:06:45.260 --> 01:07:09.659

Multipurpose: put on administrative leave with a an issue of an accusation of him targeting a certain processor. We know that Ocm's director of health and safety. Nicole Rosa responded to those accusations in an affidavit that basically refuted that Damon Fagan

had any role in any action. And so

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01:07:09.660 --> 01:07:23.589

Multipurpose: that being the case, it should be a time that we clear his name and get him back to work, so that we have a social equity officer who's on duty and working in that regard as per the Mtna.

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01:07:24.052 --> 01:07:47.989

Multipurpose: Mr. Ta, we also would would. I'm curious as to what? Why the Ogs in this investigation did not include an examination. What happened with the Social Equity Fund? So these are questions we all want to hear more answers. What from? And I think I'll leave it there and ask that any appropriate people from Ocm. Be available to talk about family.

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01:07:48.870 --> 01:07:53.540

Multipurpose: you, Igor, followed by Walter, then Jocelyn, the camel, Jamal.

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01:07:57.110 --> 01:08:01.719

Multipurpose: Good afternoon. You will copy our smell, and I'll leave court license 6, 6, 7.

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01:08:02.400 --> 01:08:06.550

Multipurpose: I'm sitting at this meeting right now, and I'm just thinking about one thing.

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01:08:06.690 --> 01:08:09.539

Multipurpose: how many people at the Ocm.

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01:08:10.110 --> 01:08:27.380

Multipurpose: On the Board, in the office of operations in the policy office? How many people have business experience I'm talking about not a degree, but a simple course in business, 1 0 1, or accounting one on one. Think about this. This entire room of people

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01:08:27.630 --> 01:08:41.080

Multipurpose: has a problem with mostly one thing communication. You cannot build the business and then build an infrastructure. It does not work like that. It can't work like that. It's impossible.

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01:08:41.819 --> 01:08:46.209

Multipurpose: 655 licenses, cord licenses approved.

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01:08:46.640 --> 01:08:53.549

Multipurpose: And what? And a hundred, 31 open. That's not a successful operation. That's less than 22%,

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01:08:53.560 --> 01:08:55.920

Multipurpose: 789

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01:08:56.180 --> 01:09:00.670

Multipurpose: licenses are getting proximity protection. How are you gonna handle that?

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01:09:01.029 --> 01:09:08.379

Multipurpose: How 60 days ago? And I'm speaking to you, miss. Right? I apologize. 60 days ago I stood here. I gave you my problem.

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01:09:08.680 --> 01:09:22.250

Multipurpose: After the meeting you introduced me. You told me who to go speak to. I spoke to Linda Baldwin, she told me I'm in a better place than I was before I spoke to John Caggia. He gave me his card, told me to call him

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01:09:22.310 --> 01:09:29.959

Multipurpose: told me to email him. He replied to one email, 60 days ago, spoke to a man once, told me that he will handle it.

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01:09:30.240 --> 01:09:33.000

Multipurpose: Spoke to Patrick Mckage told me one week

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01:09:33.170 --> 01:09:35.639

Multipurpose: he will have a letter from me with this.

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01:09:35.930 --> 01:09:37.700

Multipurpose: I don't know what's going on.

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01:09:38.100 --> 01:09:39.760

Multipurpose: Here's a survey

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01:09:39.970 --> 01:09:51.890

Multipurpose: for 70 Canal Street, proving that I'm 200 feet away from the Buddhist temple, a survey that I paid extra money for to have ready for this meeting today.

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01:09:52.328 --> 01:10:18.050

Multipurpose: since Linda Baldwin told me. I'm in a better place. It has costed me \$40,000 more. The communication does not exist. Mrs. Wright. I'm handing you this original survey with the seal the original seal, not the copy. Please procure this for me. I'm getting thrown out of my place of business because of this 40 grand 60 days later. Nothing.

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01:10:18.200 --> 01:10:28.660

Multipurpose: absolutely nothing. How can you approve more licenses? How you're gonna have to run the stadium for the next meeting. This is for you, Mrs. Right, I'm giving this to you. Thank you.

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01:10:28.850 --> 01:10:31.991

Multipurpose: Please get me open, please.

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01:10:36.220 --> 01:10:40.963

Multipurpose: Walter, followed by Jocelyn. Then Camel, then Ellington Keys.

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01:10:42.880 --> 01:10:57.750

Multipurpose: My name is Walter. Read you the email I got yesterday. Your application has been reopened for correction. You need an updated certificate of authority. It has your entity name boxes 2,001

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01:10:57.840 --> 01:11:06.820

Multipurpose: a nonprofit. The provided certificate authority lists. Neither the entity name or the Dba legal justice. 3.

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01:11:06.850 --> 01:11:09.979

Multipurpose: Please submit this updated document and report.

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01:11:11.900 --> 01:11:18.439

Multipurpose: It's typically authority that was issued. February says, back to 2,001 Inc.

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01:11:18.580 --> 01:11:24.290

Multipurpose: We could just this free. So I'm at a loss. They've had it since February.

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01:11:24.670 --> 01:11:26.281

Multipurpose: I don't know what to do.

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01:11:26.970 --> 01:11:28.300

Multipurpose: Thank you very much.

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01:11:32.080 --> 01:11:39.529

Multipurpose: Jocelyn Vincent, followed by Camel Jamal Ellington Keys and Nicole in the in the eye. Sorry.

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01:11:41.339 --> 01:12:07.539

Multipurpose: thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Jocelyn Fenton, and I'm the current applicant. New York canvas license. Our company is in the December queue, and has been diligently following the Ocm. Rules, but with the new policies implemented on 8 10 we find ourselves in the fall with navigating treacherous wars. The Ocm. Rules from last summer provide a straightforward process. And now we are left in limbo. Those same rules establish 2 queues, the November queue for those site controls

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01:12:07.540 --> 01:12:12.880

Multipurpose: specific queues for those without both queues were to be reviewed concurrently and architecturally.

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01:12:12.880 --> 01:12:30.349

Multipurpose: We are in December queue. We receive confirmation from the Oc. In May 4, th that our application screen lit. So we immediately obtained site control shockingly 6 days later, on May 10, th but most were probably changed. Prioritize them over the queue entirely before the December queue many applicants

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01:12:30.350 --> 01:12:48.769

Multipurpose: for many applicants. This endeavor is the super bowl. Imagine the chaos of the referees and rules for change, to super bowl, to halftime. For example, we were only playing 3 quarters instead of 4 quarters, the results would be chaos. This is the magnitude of the disruption caused by the change

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01:12:48.990 --> 01:12:50.400

Multipurpose: in the rules.

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01:12:50.800 --> 01:13:00.619

Multipurpose: This is a mistaking assumption that the November queue will open faster. But many applicants have delayed site control to manage financial risk. Also.

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01:13:00.700 --> 01:13:05.056

Multipurpose: critical results are increased proximity conflicts, and market saturation.

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01:13:05.600 --> 01:13:21.729

Multipurpose: If the Ocf. Dns, the market saturated after review and anni November queue, the deceiver queue might never be reviewed, and that is a blame, misrepresentation, decision makers must fully engage rather than make it hackizer and disjoint decisions that create problems rather than solving them.

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01:13:21.840 --> 01:13:47.989

Multipurpose: Now, who has the power to make such a politically tumultuous and legally legally careless decision. Changing the rules mid process penalizes those who detrimentally relied upon, and application fees willfully insignific, insignificant to compensate for applicant damages, create significant liability, and possibly official and profound remedies must be sought to do no harm to applicants and adhere to equitable principles.

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01:13:48.060 --> 01:13:49.548

Multipurpose: Thank you. Thank you.

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01:13:52.600 --> 01:14:01.375

Multipurpose: No. Followed by Ellington Keys, Nicole and Kevin Paula.

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01:14:02.560 --> 01:14:09.360

Multipurpose: We're in 4 63 Main Street, New York. Our corporate name is 4 63 Station, Inc.

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01:14:10.000 --> 01:14:16.089

Multipurpose: In September we ran the canvas for a showcase, and we were number 2 in revenue.

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01:14:16.370 --> 01:14:21.880

Multipurpose: We're in the November queue at Number 5 74. We receive proximity, protection.

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01:14:22.447 --> 01:14:24.649

Multipurpose: We were taking on proximity protection.

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01:14:25.170 --> 01:14:27.689

Multipurpose: We received our provisional license. Thank you

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01:14:28.310 --> 01:14:30.310

Multipurpose: who submitted for

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01:14:30.680 --> 01:14:37.990

Multipurpose: public convenience, and we did every single step needed. And we've been receiving the email. But now it's silent.

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01:14:38.180 --> 01:14:40.440

Multipurpose: Then we received the welcome packet

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01:14:40.450 --> 01:14:45.897

Multipurpose: and we started our work. 4 days later we received welcome packet email, saying it was an error.

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01:14:46.900 --> 01:14:49.659

Multipurpose: countless emails with no replies.

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01:14:50.350 --> 01:14:53.870

Multipurpose: I truly feel that I'm purgatory because

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01:14:54.150 --> 01:14:58.849

Multipurpose: it's not that I'm denied. I have an application that's been submitted and approved.

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01:14:59.270 --> 01:15:00.880

Multipurpose: I have a location.

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01:15:00.930 --> 01:15:04.740

Multipurpose: That's a former retired police station in Beacon, New York.

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01:15:04.830 --> 01:15:12.800

Multipurpose: We ran a successful showcase that was Number 2 in the entire State and sales revenue with 0 errors.

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01:15:13.270 --> 01:15:33.141

Multipurpose: You have a city that has enough space for 3 locations. 2 of them are micros that are not open, and both have licenses, and both on their lease, one of them the buildings for sale and the other one has no possible space to put it. The landlord made a bonus lease. We own our property.

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01:15:33.700 --> 01:15:48.829

Multipurpose: Our police station is historical, and we could be a highlight to the Ocm. And the entire state canvas industry. So I'm asking you. My application is on your desk to please take a look at it. It's costing us \$20,000 a month till today.

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01:15:48.960 --> 01:15:50.930

Multipurpose: Thank you. Thank you.

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01:15:51.170 --> 01:15:52.943

Multipurpose: Ellington Keys.

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01:15:53.870 --> 01:15:58.388

Multipurpose: followed by Nicole, then Kevin Polar, then chair shop.

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01:16:01.410 --> 01:16:07.102

Multipurpose: Hello! My name is Evan Keys. I'm an advocate for retail license.

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01:16:07.994 --> 01:16:23.749

Multipurpose: I brought with me a marketing deck created by top marketing, firm country and an interior design deck created by architects and interior design people for our store. I was listening to everybody speak and the things that were said.

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01:16:23.910 --> 01:16:25.280

Multipurpose: We're confusing some.

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01:16:25.739 --> 01:16:33.699

Multipurpose: There's only been 1,091 applications approved from the November queue, which is only half of

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01:16:33.790 --> 01:16:38.479

Multipurpose: that queue. 4,077 in the December queue. So

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01:16:38.830 --> 01:16:41.470

Multipurpose: I have absolutely no idea when I'm becoming a license

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01:16:42.360 --> 01:17:01.550

Multipurpose: like right everybody else in here. I've been losing money. They we raised an initial investor pool, but we've had to return a large portion of that money to not be licensed. Investors didn't want their capital tied up. We're supposed to get where we anticipated getting our license in March. That didn't happen. So

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01:17:01.930 --> 01:17:03.949

Multipurpose: investors wanted their money back.

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01:17:04.631 --> 01:17:26.489

Multipurpose: There's 115 cultivators. Let's assume that each cultivator can grow 10,000 pounds. That's 1.5 million pounds for 131 retails. How's that possible? That would mean that each retail would have to sell about a thousand pounds per month, or 33 pounds a day at 138 per pound. That's 4,290 transactions per store.

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01:17:26.877 --> 01:17:47.200

Multipurpose: There's only a hundred. Let's see 131 retail licenses. But there's 8 million people in the 5 boroughs. That means that each store would have to service a hundred 22,000 people. How's that possible? If you think that Madison Square Garden could hold 19,000 people, imagine a hundred 22,000 people trying to get into one store.

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01:17:47.500 --> 01:17:54.149

Multipurpose: There has to be, in my personal opinion, at least 5 times as many details as cultivators in order to make

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01:17:54.660 --> 01:18:19.314

Multipurpose: this business work. Oh, and now that you're closing down all the shops, I don't even know where to get my weed anymore. I used to have a delivery service that I had a whole day, Bill, and now I don't even know where to go.

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01:18:20.280 --> 01:18:39.690

Multipurpose: The old Cm. I'm not gonna go into all the numbers and statistics. I want to highlight the homework program. I am found up once he was. I started as a head farm. I've been at this for a very long time. My license was one of the 1st in the queue. And I'm still waiting

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01:18:39.800 --> 01:18:41.159

Multipurpose: shout-out to Sarah.

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01:18:41.370 --> 01:19:11.000

Multipurpose: I've been talking to getting things solidified with my deficiencies. 3 reasons why I think home grow is so important. It was more of an equity issue, and my friend is Shea Dawson. Made that acknowledgement also decriminalizing the industry, like the mindset of people. In this industry, has to be changed to education and community empowerment. I think that essentially home grow is a near

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01:19:11.676 --> 01:19:13.010

Multipurpose: plan to

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01:19:14.457 --> 01:19:28.052

Multipurpose: empower the community as far as equity and resilience, and being in control of growing your own cannabis legally. It symbolizes the progress towards ocm and the equity and the exclusivity that you guys have

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01:19:28.600 --> 01:19:44.769

Multipurpose: tempted to do and any of you guys have my license. You can just get to it right now. But you know, shout out to Lcn home grow. I'm really happy about home grow. And also the research. So research is definitely gonna be needed in the State of New York. Thank you.

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01:19:44.800 --> 01:19:50.899

Multipurpose: Thank you. Kevin, followed by Rochers and Robin. Then David Simon.

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01:19:52.610 --> 01:19:58.590

Multipurpose: Good afternoon, everyone I'm from Upstate Pines, Hudson Valley, Red Hook, New York.

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01:19:58.980 --> 01:20:03.243

Multipurpose: waiting on getting a license getting closer, closer every day.

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01:20:04.800 --> 01:20:14.429

Multipurpose: we did get a communication since last meeting, and actually got another email today, asking where my fingerprints are

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01:20:14.750 --> 01:20:20.872

Multipurpose: returned in many, many months ago. But so I'm very happy. Positive is

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01:20:21.960 --> 01:20:26.410

Multipurpose: we are communicating with you guys so hopefully, it's going forward.

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01:20:27.060 --> 01:20:33.880

Multipurpose: I was hoping to be open by the end of the summer. But I don't think that's gonna happen. And like everybody else, we're just leaving money.

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01:20:34.590 --> 01:20:35.440

Multipurpose: though.

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01:20:36.120 --> 01:20:41.419

Multipurpose: paying surveyor, we're doing parking lot work. It's very expensive.

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01:20:41.920 --> 01:20:43.780

Multipurpose: very, very expensive.

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01:20:44.590 --> 01:20:47.130

Multipurpose: but hopefully it will pay you off.

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01:20:47.570 --> 01:20:52.024

Multipurpose: And glad to see that everything's reorganized and

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01:20:54.390 --> 01:20:55.170

Multipurpose: just

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01:20:56.420 --> 01:21:00.589

Multipurpose: the communication is a big thing, and hopefully it will get better.

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01:21:01.304 --> 01:21:03.329

Multipurpose: So thank you. Thank you.

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01:21:04.233 --> 01:21:11.566

Multipurpose: Richard, followed by Robin. Then David, and then Tiffany Stoker.

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01:21:12.830 --> 01:21:21.120

Multipurpose: Oh, good afternoon! Can you hear me? I do as we share Shawn. I've probably been coming to a cup of meetings for a while, even before

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01:21:21.270 --> 01:21:27.800

Multipurpose: the 1st window open. My partner and I applied for the November window. You've got a review. We submitted our

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01:21:28.117 --> 01:21:38.219

Multipurpose: deficiencies in the 2440 h the last thing we heard is we were in a background check, and when I asked Lily what was the entailing the background check, our attorney said.

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01:21:38.580 --> 01:21:43.909

Multipurpose: it just requires that you're not convicted referral and whatnot, not helpful marketing.

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01:21:44.110 --> 01:21:55.351

Multipurpose: which none of us are. My thing to you is I'm not gonna complain and not gonna beg anybody to give me my license or give us a license or anything. Pretty sure everyone's in the same boat.

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01:21:55.720 --> 01:22:08.049

Multipurpose: there's a lot of people in this room is because they still have faith in the system. And you guys, basically, it shouldn't take this long to say yes or no for an application. It's really, really not much in the

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01:22:09.305 --> 01:22:16.769

Multipurpose: so some people just want to, yes or no answer, and I, the Enforcement actions are good and everything's great, but

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01:22:16.950 --> 01:22:19.500

Multipurpose: like shutting down illegal stores.

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01:22:19.510 --> 01:22:25.289

Multipurpose: Also, the process of licensing needs to be streamlined. So then it takes the incentive. Anyone that needs to leave.

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01:22:25.690 --> 01:22:28.400

Multipurpose: That's why we have a listen market. Because there's a way

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01:22:28.410 --> 01:22:29.439

Multipurpose: I was doing something.

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01:22:29.700 --> 01:22:30.680

Multipurpose: There's

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01:22:31.770 --> 01:22:33.100

Multipurpose: where it is

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01:22:33.310 --> 01:22:37.520

Multipurpose: financial incentive to be to be elicited incentive license.

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01:22:37.550 --> 01:22:41.737

Multipurpose: So if the process was a little bit more smoother and more transparent.

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01:22:44.370 --> 01:22:46.199

Multipurpose: hey? Thank you.

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01:22:46.670 --> 01:22:50.827

Multipurpose: Robin, followed by David, the Tiffany, then Jeffrey Hoffman.

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01:22:52.480 --> 01:22:55.729

Multipurpose: Honorary Board members and staff.

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01:22:56.459 --> 01:23:05.439

Multipurpose: It may not appear it, but fast forward. 10 years from now it will be seen that, and acknowledge that you've done an amazing job

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01:23:06.230 --> 01:23:12.810

Multipurpose: I handled the application process for my wife, who was awarded license number 3.

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01:23:13.420 --> 01:23:14.910

Multipurpose: You communicated

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01:23:14.960 --> 01:23:16.190

Multipurpose: very well

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01:23:16.789 --> 01:23:24.909

Multipurpose: the office. There was constant communication when there was a deficiency we turned it out. It turned it around right away.

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01:23:24.960 --> 01:23:35.119

Multipurpose: and she was awarded her license the system work wonderfully. I'm sorry to hear that it's not working wonderfully for some, but I did want to put it out there.

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01:23:35.380 --> 01:23:38.730

Multipurpose: and it does work, and and and I saw

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01:23:39.125 --> 01:23:45.000

Multipurpose: my wife. Had the honor of receiving the license she will be opening on Sutton Boulevard.

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01:23:45.838 --> 01:24:02.739

Multipurpose: in the Jamaica station area, right next door to my father, God bless his soul! Is 90 year old liquor store. It is really amazing that we were able to. I pulled the siblings. My dad's liquor store get very sentimental with this.

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01:24:03.155 --> 01:24:07.509

Multipurpose: Thank you for providing an opportunity to a woman on business.

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01:24:07.820 --> 01:24:10.840

Multipurpose: The injured industry got launched at a time

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01:24:11.230 --> 01:24:14.770

Multipurpose: with various factors that made it difficult to the beginning.

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01:24:15.380 --> 01:24:33.620

Multipurpose: These same issues occurred in 1934. All the way up to the 19 forties I have the records. I have the diaries. I have the notes that are buried in my father's 9 year old store. That I would like to share. I'm gonna skip some of this, since I have 1 min

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01:24:34.840 --> 01:24:36.709

Multipurpose: for the health of the industry.

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01:24:36.980 --> 01:24:43.249

Multipurpose: You you're in a tough position, but you need to look long term, or please look very long. Term

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01:24:43.550 --> 01:24:50.579

Multipurpose: a web has occurred. It needs to be untangled, and it's not gonna be untangled

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01:24:50.960 --> 01:24:52.140

Multipurpose: easily.

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01:24:52.800 --> 01:24:59.662

Multipurpose: It needs to be. It needs to happen with a plan which John spoke up.

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01:25:00.500 --> 01:25:02.279
Multipurpose: I have faith in you.

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01:25:02.658 --> 01:25:11.600
Multipurpose: I I really do believe that it's gonna be. It's gonna work. It's gonna be an amazing industry, and thank you for all of your hard work. Thank you.

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01:25:13.310 --> 01:25:14.570
Multipurpose: David.

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01:25:15.330 --> 01:25:17.389
Multipurpose: followed by Tiffany.

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01:25:17.680 --> 01:25:20.829
Multipurpose: Still Girthan Jeffrey. And then Tony Smith.

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01:25:22.267 --> 01:25:49.080
Multipurpose: Excuse me, thank you, Madam Chair, and distinguished members of this course. My name is David Simon. I am cultivator, so I'm here to speak on the importance of prioritizing, expediting Canada's nursery licenses to existing farms and cultivators in the approval, queue, traditional agriculture. Every successful farm relies on the consistent supply of quality.

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01:25:49.080 --> 01:26:00.689
Multipurpose: This foundational aspect is equally vital for the campus industry by priming the top of the supply chain for less nurses and sure cultivators have immediate access to high quality plans which is crucial, crucial for their operation.

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Multipurpose: expediting nursery licenses will bring significant benefits. Firstly, we'll provide cultivators and speak to marketing crop sooner and reducing the time lap between plans and harvest. This is especially critical in the canvas industry, where market competition.

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01:26:17.850 --> 01:26:29.010
Multipurpose: second, having accessible nurseries, saves cultivators both time and money, instead of waiting for approval, and then scrambling, secure plant material cultures and rely on establishing

issues to supply them with them.

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Multipurpose: And when they get this streamline process reduces overhead costs and minimizes delays contributing to a more efficient and resilient supply chain. Additionally, nurseries play a critical role in genetic diversity and innovation by having a variety of strings and genetic material readily available. Cultivators can experiment with and optimize best performing plans for specific

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01:26:52.340 --> 01:26:55.240

Multipurpose: nurseries also contribute to sustainability

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01:26:55.290 --> 01:27:17.749

Multipurpose: and environmental stewardship of cannabis cultivation. I can implement and disseminate best practices for customs, disease management, reducing the need for chemical intervention and promoting healthier growing environments. Furthermore, nurseries can focus on breeding, pest system and high yield strength significantly, improve overall properties. In conclusion, prioritizing the issues of cannabis, nursery licenses

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01:27:17.780 --> 01:27:36.817

Multipurpose: is not just a matter of convenience. It's a strategic move that will strengthen the entire cannabis industry in the State of New York by supporting nurseries. We support the background cultivation, Tiffany, followed by Jeffrey Hoffman, Tony Smith, and Jonathan Gonzalez.

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01:27:38.778 --> 01:27:42.009

Multipurpose: No, Tiffany. Alright, Jeff, you're up.

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01:27:43.309 --> 01:27:48.850

Multipurpose: I'm sorry. May I add one more name so, Tony Jonathan and then, Bazar.

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01:27:49.090 --> 01:27:49.940

Multipurpose: please.

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01:27:50.000 --> 01:28:10.150

Multipurpose: Thank you very much. Mike's working. My name is Jeffrey Hoffman. I'm an attorney here in New York City. I wanna thank the

board on behalf of my clients that you gave licenses today licenses to today. Thank you very much for that. I also wanna recognize the efforts that Chris Alexander put forward in our industry.

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01:28:10.429 --> 01:28:24.940

Multipurpose: We all know what's happened recently, but Mr. Alexander was one of the most important people in getting the canvas law passed. I just wanna make sure that that recognition gets made. It was a very important part of what we did here, and we would not be here without him.

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Multipurpose: The legislature. Legislative session is now ended. There were 2 bills that were in the Legislature this term. I hope they will come back next term. One is a bill that will require the State funded medical insurance entities to cover medical cannabis as part of their insurance programs. The other would require medical professionals in the State to take continuing medical education

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Multipurpose: about the Indo cannabinoid system and about Canada, since they will be seeing a lot more patients presenting that are either on cannabis or willing to talk about that when they meet with them. Additionally, I recently talked in the New York times about the fact that the cat and mouse game is now on, particularly here in New York City, but it will be in other places.

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Multipurpose: We applaud your efforts on enforcement against the illicit stores, but they are usually a step ahead. A lot of the stores around will close in the hours when the sheriff is doing their enforcements and then reopen later in the day. There! There's all kinds of ways. They're getting around it. There was an article in the La Times recently that in La County at least half, if not more, of the stores there are still illicit.

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01:29:32.410 --> 01:29:51.509

Multipurpose: That is what you are facing. My recommendation to you is that you work with the legislature, and you take one building from a landlord. You make it so. It's a very heavy fine once, twice, and the 3rd time you take the building you take one building. The rest of the landlords in this state will take care of the problem for you. Thank you very much.

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01:29:54.320 --> 01:30:11.109

Multipurpose: Followed by Jonathan Gonzalez and Bizarre Royal and Julian Malinsky. Good afternoon. And thank you. I'm here from the Drug Policy Alliance. I wanna re emphasize the original intentions and decide of marijuana legalization in New York.

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01:30:11.488 --> 01:30:30.840

Multipurpose: the historic cannabis law. The Mrta was designed to create a fair cannabis industry in New York, censoring communities harmed by the war on drugs, family farmers, and small businesses. Ocm's new interim leaders, installed by the Governor, must adhere to this principle and resist corporate and political interest, seeking to undermine the law.

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01:30:31.410 --> 01:30:33.330

Multipurpose: The Mrca was a beacon of hope.

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01:30:33.380 --> 01:30:37.669

Multipurpose: a testament to the power of community organizing and a model for the nation.

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01:30:37.730 --> 01:30:49.189

Multipurpose: It promised to work toward repairing the harms of cannabis prohibition by offering opportunities for those most impacted by the drug court and reinvesting tax revenues into communities that were disproportionately targeted

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01:30:49.800 --> 01:30:56.170

Multipurpose: despite the slings and arrows that have been thrown at Ocm. And its leadership. Let's be clear about what New York has achieved.

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Multipurpose: New York has opened more adult use cannabis retailers than any other legal market on the East coast other than Massachusetts.

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Multipurpose: So far, 95% of our retail market is small business.

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Multipurpose: In the 1st 15 months of legal set sales new York alone

has nearly tripled the number of black owned resale dispensaries nationwide

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01:31:16.300 --> 01:31:24.120

Multipurpose: despite its achievements. There are those who would prefer to throw the baby out with the Bath water and move to quote, expedite in a way that sacrifices equi

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01:31:24.580 --> 01:31:30.859

Multipurpose: expediency to sacrifice expediency to satisfy large corporate interest cannot be the priority.

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Multipurpose: This is the moment where we must resist corporate pressure with their army and lobbyists pushing to change the execution of the law

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01:31:37.960 --> 01:31:53.629

Multipurpose: crucially. The next director of the office of Cannabis management must protect the vision and values of the Mrta, so that New York implementation of cannabis legalization is centering small businesses and those most impacted by decades of the marijuana arrest you save. We are watching.

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01:31:56.420 --> 01:32:03.630

Multipurpose: trying to think of Alice, followed by bizarre, Royal, Julian Malinski, then Anthony Pawn.

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01:32:06.170 --> 01:32:07.483

Multipurpose: Good afternoon.

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01:32:08.810 --> 01:32:11.360

Multipurpose: I'm here representing star life retail group.

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01:32:11.710 --> 01:32:15.550

Multipurpose: We are in social economic equity.

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01:32:16.050 --> 01:32:18.900

Multipurpose: We are Cpi group as priority.

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01:32:19.280 --> 01:32:25.330

Multipurpose: We received an email stating that our social, economic, I believe, portion of applications complete.

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Multipurpose: And since that is the rate of silence

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01:32:28.710 --> 01:32:31.009

Multipurpose: we purchased our property.

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01:32:32.670 --> 01:32:34.130

Multipurpose: build out underway.

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01:32:34.790 --> 01:32:37.349

Multipurpose: and some of our concerns are

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01:32:37.500 --> 01:32:40.400

Multipurpose: been voiced by a lot of other individuals here today

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01:32:41.250 --> 01:32:43.780

Multipurpose: be really interested in finding a

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01:32:44.460 --> 01:32:49.880

Multipurpose: person of contact that we could deal with directly. Kind of answer some more of these questions.

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01:32:50.390 --> 01:32:51.460

Multipurpose: We're all

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01:32:51.680 --> 01:32:53.090

Multipurpose: minorities.

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01:32:53.680 --> 01:32:59.929

Multipurpose: We all grew up in communities disproportionately affected, not just by prosecution of crimes, but also.

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01:33:00.030 --> 01:33:05.870

Multipurpose: you know, in an era or, you know, high crime rates crack. Okay, epidemic.

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Multipurpose: Do all that. And

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01:33:08.570 --> 01:33:12.469

Multipurpose: recently, at the Chapin Center, last week, we attended a convention where

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01:33:13.130 --> 01:33:19.790

Multipurpose: we met some very nice individuals from out of State, several other States that were only licensed in the State of New York. That we're going to open.

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01:33:20.240 --> 01:33:25.900

Multipurpose: and that, you know, is a concern for us, obviously, because to us as fellow New Yorkers.

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01:33:26.220 --> 01:33:32.160

Multipurpose: that's it that that's not accept. That's unacceptable for us. And you know, we really really appreciate

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01:33:32.530 --> 01:33:38.053

Multipurpose: any information you guys could give us to help us move forward and help us get this application.

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01:33:38.480 --> 01:33:40.135

Multipurpose: Thank you very much.

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01:33:41.400 --> 01:33:43.559

Multipurpose: Sir Julian

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01:33:43.820 --> 01:33:46.629

Multipurpose: Anthony, and then Nick Naponski

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01:33:58.145 --> 01:34:03.500

Multipurpose: before you start. Are Julian and Anthony here? And, Nick.

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01:34:04.345 --> 01:34:14.954

Multipurpose: if you are, if you guys can kind of get on if you can, please come into the queue, and then the last week I just shoot the Dawson, because then we don't have to wait for everybody. Thank you.

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01:34:16.240 --> 01:34:20.849

Multipurpose: Afternoon. Everybody. My name is Lisa Mariella

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01:34:21.050 --> 01:34:29.949

Multipurpose: just like to say, I've been on this work for this long for almost 2 and a half years.

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Multipurpose: Certain number.

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01:34:32.030 --> 01:34:32.809

Multipurpose: Thanks.

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01:34:34.808 --> 01:34:38.039

Multipurpose: Julian Malinsky, followed by Anthony Powell.

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01:34:38.470 --> 01:34:54.760

Multipurpose: How are you doing? My name is Julie Polinsky. On behalf of my application supply design, Llc. Number 7, 9, 3, 2, and I was getting contact with the Ocm. Last month I was on proximity protection when they took me off.

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01:34:54.800 --> 01:35:00.030

Multipurpose: and everything is complete, Cdi, and we approve. See, I'm moving to some of Cdi.

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01:35:00.430 --> 01:35:10.463

Multipurpose: and I just lost contact and just trying to figure out what to do next didn't respond quicker with some communication before. Thank you.

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01:35:11.420 --> 01:35:14.169

Multipurpose: Anthony. Then Nick, then does. She

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01:35:14.945 --> 01:35:16.940

Multipurpose: is Anthony here?

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01:35:17.260 --> 01:35:18.333

Multipurpose: Alright, Nick.

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01:35:21.480 --> 01:35:44.769

Multipurpose: good afternoon, gentlemen. Right members of the Cannabis control board. Pleasure to see you again. My name is David Niclansky, and I'm affiliate with the Mp. Yink, one of the license cannabis retailers in New York City, and the Ftse. One of the applicants injected. Today I express our profound disappointment and concern regarding the unmodified passage of this resolution.

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Multipurpose: Resolution appears to rely on what many would consider an arbitrary, capricious internal policy, and distressingly was not made public prior to the closing of the application window. So only at last month, Ccb. Meeting, 6 months after the application window was closed. If this policy was disclosed to the public.

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01:36:00.380 --> 01:36:24.789

Multipurpose: we have no opportunity for applicants like us, policy to run into either applications or such. Okay. Practices not only undermine trust in the regulatory process, but also likely to spawn a series of meritorious legal challenges.

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01:36:24.790 --> 01:36:39.639

Multipurpose: These are challenges that could have been avoided will now threaten stability and integrity of State canvas program. Again, stakeholders in the industry. We must question the rationale behind introducing such criteria without public fire, public discourse or transparency.

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01:36:39.760 --> 01:36:47.860

Multipurpose: Regulatory bodies of public servants are subject to the law, as is consistently provided every month here by Attorney Jeffrey Hoffman is what they call a support

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01:36:48.000 --> 01:36:53.950

Multipurpose: deviation from the obligation of Canberra. Supposing the State and its cannabis program into repetitive legal battles.

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01:36:53.980 --> 01:36:59.610

Multipurpose: This is not about just following the law about prospering and transparent there, and put forward this requirement.

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Multipurpose: We urge the Board to reconsider the appropriation. With this resolution

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01:37:03.727 --> 01:37:15.260

Multipurpose: more transparent, transparent governance practices in the future. We must ensure that your cannabis programs, fair, awful, and free from unnecessary self, inflicted mitigation. Challenge. Thank you, too.

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01:37:18.150 --> 01:37:19.200

Multipurpose: Is she done.

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01:37:21.093 --> 01:37:22.820

Multipurpose: madam? Chair.

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01:37:23.180 --> 01:37:47.729

Multipurpose: My name is Sheeta Dawson, and I am the founding director. Yc, 1. 1st start with thank you to Chris Alexander for his service and the legacy as an architect of the Mrta for pioneering and holding a line of equity from day one from advocacy to legislation to implementation. Legal cannabis in New York would not exist without his leadership and grit, and time will tell the story frankly. It already is. Our

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01:37:47.730 --> 01:38:12.270

Multipurpose: progressive stats, highlighted today by John and Canada do not occur in a vacuum. Now, as we welcome new interim leadership at the State level, it's crucial, you understand, the following, the city will continue to be a partner in the implementation of the Mrta, which is 1st and foremost a restorative justice Reform Bill. We must protect equity from opportunists, whether it be illegal stores, predatory loan programs or lobbyists.

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01:38:12.270 --> 01:38:26.820

Multipurpose: November queue that could care less about cannabis, equity, reform, equity must remain at the heart of the development of the industry, and the chief equity officer is the one of a kind role in the country, and the units, involvement and licensing is critical

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Multipurpose: to our ongoing success and exceeding the Mr. T. Goals, and outpacing the entire country and card, must not be left behind. I appreciate the dilemma of the November queue and holding leases, but I must remind the state that there are hundreds of justices involved, card licenses and applicants waiting for the State to see it through on the promises that were made at the start of 2022.

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Multipurpose: The group that has been most harmful criminalization continues to be reharmmed. They pay more for application fees. They've endured multiple injunctions, and they were promised support to operationalize. And we must hold a line on these promises. The same way we held a line on the Mrta. Year after year, in the coming weeks, cannabis, Mr. Will be launching programmatic efforts that we hope will continue to bridge the gap for those in our jurisdiction card licenses. Please reach out to our

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Multipurpose: office cannabis@svs.nyc.com. The work continues, and in the words of Chris Alexander, equity isn't a thing, it's nothing.

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Multipurpose: Thank you.

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Multipurpose: and thank you to everyone that's come, and has taken time to speak directly to us during this session. We appreciate

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Multipurpose: that, and it also gives us insight into the range of concerns that you have. I would like to note that the time location and the live stream link will be shared on cannabis.in my Gov. In advance of our next control board meeting and a recording of today's meeting along with our meeting minutes, and a transcription will be posted as well. And that concludes our business of today. May I please have a motion to join this meeting.

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Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins: I.

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Multipurpose: There we go. We're adjourned. Thank you.

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Multipurpose: Speaks to.