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Meeting Minutes

Title:	New York State Cannabis Advisory Board Meeting
Time & Date:	December 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Location:	Hudson Valley Community College, Bulmer Telecommunications Center (BTC), 80 Vandenberg Avenue, Troy, NY 12180, 59 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038 and Virtual via Webcast

Attendance

Board Chair:	Joe Belluck, Esq.
Board Members Present:	<p>Voting Members: Joe Belluck, Esq., Dr. Junella Chin, MD (NYC - virtual), Allan Gandelman, Nikki Kateman (NYC - virtual), Sarah Ravenhall, Peter Shafer</p> <p>*Attending virtually from a private location due to extraordinary circumstances: Alejandro Alvarez, Ebro Darden, Marc Ramirez, Chandra Redfern</p> <p>Ex Officio Members: Thomas Brooks, Allan Clear (virtual), Brooke Davis (designee of HCR - virtual), Kathleen DeCataldo (virtual), Daniel Kaufman-Berson (designee of DOL - virtual), Patrick Foster (virtual), J’Aimee Louis (designee of Health - virtual), Henry Rosen (designee of OASAS - virtual), Scott Wyner, Esq. (virtual)</p>
Board Members Absent:	TheArthur A. Duncan II, Esq., Garry Johnson, Emma Muirhead, Dana Politis, Armando Rosado
Others Present:	John Kagia, Patrick McKeage, Felicia A.B. Reid
Others Present (virtually):	Tabatha Robinson, Matthew Wilson

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Joe Belluck, Esq., CAB Chair
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024 – Joe Belluck, Esq., CAB Chair
- III. Office of Cannabis Management Presentation: Market Data – John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics, OCM



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- IV. Discussion and Consideration of Cannabis Advisory Board Recommendations on New York’s Limited License Market for Adult-Use Cannabis – All
- V. Office of Cannabis Management Updates (Social and Economic Equity Update, Community Reinvestment Program Request for Application Update, Seed-to-Sale System Update) – OCM Staff
- VI. Thank you and Adjourn – Joe Belluck, Esq., CAB Chair

Notes & Comments

- Upon a motion from Cannabis Advisory Board (“CAB”) Members, and a second from CAB Members, the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 CAB Meeting were approved unanimously.
- Chair Belluck stated that they are going to fulfill one of the statutory responsibilities of the CAB which is to provide recommendations to the Cannabis Control Board (“CCB”) to advise them on the number of licenses that they should issue in the adult-use cannabis market using a data driven approach. He stated that as such, they will be voting later on a motion to consider a proposed letter and formal recommendations to provide to the CCB on licensing. He further stated that as they go through the meeting, keep in mind that the letter can be modified and adjusted based on the information that they are receiving today and any discussion that occurs during the meeting.

- John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics for the Office of Cannabis Management (“OCM” or the “Office”), stated that he would like to make a brief comment about a lawsuit and injunction that was filed against the Office yesterday that will have some immediate implications on the review of licenses that the Office is currently considering. He further stated that they are still waiting for guidance and clarification from their Counsel’s office on specifically which groups of applicants and stakeholders might be implicated and that the Office is in the process of developing and will be circulating some guidance that will be shared with their community on which groups are going to be impacted by the injunction that was issued yesterday.
- John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics for OCM, provided the following Market Data report.
 - Retail Sale Trends
 - New York has sold \$918.7 million in legal cannabis. Total sales since the market launched are on pace to hit \$1 billion by year end.
 - Green Wednesday’s (Wednesday before Thanksgiving) surge pushed weekly sales to a record of \$29 million, bringing the 2024 year-to-date total to nearly \$760 million, with four reporting weeks left.



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- More stores are reporting revenue but revenue per location has declined.
- As it currently stands, based on the most recent performance revenue reported to the Office and future casting that out, the average store would be on a run rate of roughly \$6 million to \$6.5 million a year.
- Many retailer sales continue growing even a year after opening.
- Padlocking efforts reignited growth, especially for downstate stores.
- Upstate annualized revenue per location is around 25% lower than downstate.
- Upstate has a higher retail density. More than 1, 000 locations statewide are now protected.
- To date, over 1,000 locations have been submitted for proximity protection.
- Market Growth Outlook
 - Cannabis use has increased significantly in the last decade for adults.
 - With rising demand, consensus estimates put total consumer spend at \$6.5 billion to \$7.5 billion.
 - Average retail revenues will fall sharply as store count increases.
 - Non-flower products now account for 55% of sales, fueled by strong demand for vapes and edibles.
 - Registered Organizations (ROs) have a significant share of flower sales with aggressive pricing on larger package sizes.
 - Infused flower products are two-thirds of concentrate sales, priced at over two times the uninfused equivalents.
 - By 2030, New York will need two million pounds of cannabis to meet consumer demand.
 - With current licensing commitments, the Office expects to issue over 500 supply side licenses.
 - Based on conservative output estimates, supply will exceed retail need through 2030.
 - The Office recommends setting the following targets for licensing the December queue: 1,000 Retail Licenses, 100 Microbusiness Licenses, 50 Cultivation Licenses (25 Tier 1; 25 Tier 2), 150 Type 1 Processor Licenses (including 40 for the transitioning AUCP’s), and 60 Distribution Licenses.
 - New York’s licensing strategy aligns with saturation in mature, competitive markets.
 - It will take until mid-2026 to reach the retail licensing target.



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- Lessons from Maturing Adult-Use Markets
 - o Over licensing creates systemic market risks. States that have issued to many licenses faced acute wholesale and retail price compression, diversion to illicit markets, collapsing business evaluations, bankruptcies, mounting delinquent payments to suppliers, and unpaid taxes.
 - o Following the pandemic surge, Colorado’s wholesale prices have now fallen 67% from launch.
 - o Retail prices fall sharply as adult-use markets mature.
 - o Operational licenses in mature markets declined sharply from 2022-2024.
 - o Delinquent payments are destabilizing supply chains.
 - o Cannabis tax revenues have fallen sharply due to price compressions and business failures.

- CAB Members had the following discussion regarding the Market Data report.
- Chair Belluck stated that in the Woodstock Kingston area where he lives, they went from basically zero stores, and they now have two very close together, Etain, which was a RO that converted to recreational domes, which is basically across the street, Catskill Mountain high, which is not too far away, and the store in Woodstock is going to be opening in February. He further stated that it is not clear to him that that size community is going to be able to support or and potentially, if you include the surrounding areas which are a little farther away, but there is a store in Rosendale, there is a couple of stores in New Paltz now, there is a lot there for not a significantly large population and asked is there some concern about how that is going to impact the viability of these locations and other than just splitting the sales up amongst the source.
- John Kagia stated that the Office's view is that they want this to be a robustly competitive market and the idea is not to create very exclusive zones that allow an individual or one or two operators to have full capture of the market, and that they want there to be competition. He stated that the idea is not to maintain such a constrictive control on the market that they are not allowing there to be the vibrant, rich competition that you would see in any other aspect of the consumer economy. He stated that there are some rules that are designed to prevent the creation of green zones, the 1,000/2,000 distance requirement. He further stated that they are just encouraging folks to be very clear about where they are choosing to operate, understanding the competitive capacity for those markets and approach their businesses with an orientation to not just where the market is, but where the market is going.
- Board Member Ebro Darden stated that he feels like they are saying a lot of great words right now, and it sounds awesome, but what they are dancing around is the fact that as you can



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see on this chart, the more stores in the marketplace, the more it hurts the revenue per store. He stated that it needs to be said that whom that is going to hurt the worst will be the licensees who are black, brown, minority. He stated that he just wanted to put a pin in that because as this discussion goes on, and as they discuss the number of licenses that will be available in this market, they need to know they are headed the same direction that other States ended up going like Washington, which allowed a lot of people to have licenses and a lot of stores to open, and ultimately, after a couple of years, the major corporations came in and took over a lot of those stores because licensees could not sustain and that he just wanted to put that out there because that is what they were trying to avoid when they started this journey. He further stated that they wanted to protect small businesses, they wanted to help small businesses and wanted this market to be something that people could create and sustain and not at the end of the journey end up with all of the stores, or most of the market being controlled by the rich or by the big corporations.

- John Kagia stated that they will definitely come back to that point and that he has got a couple of other slides that will build on that point, both showing where they are going from a competitive basis in this market, as well as what they have seen in other jurisdictions that have hit that saturation point.
- Board Member Nikki Kateman stated that there has been a noticeable difference, particularly in the city of shops being shut down, but in light of the court decision around Sheriff Enforcement, she personally has noticed some folks are starting to creep back in who are operating without a license, and asked if he had some insight into how he thinks that is going to potentially impact, or if it is going to be net neutral because of the work of the task force.
- John Kagia noted that the court case applied to the work being done by the city, not by the State's task force and the State's work continues apace and is not implicated by that decision. He stated that he is not in a position to speak about pending legal matters and that they remain unequivocally committed to continuing to do this work, to protect public health, to protect public safety, and to protect the performance of their legal market. He further stated that he would continue to urge the members of their community, their licensees, and all of their stakeholders, to let them know as they are seeing these unlicensed businesses in their communities and that if you go to ocm.ny.gov, the State's website, there is an incident reporting form at the bottom of their landing page where you can report an illicit business.
- Board Member Allan Gandelman stated that it has always been his understanding whenever he has looked at different business models and pro formas for a store, you need about 20,000 people to actually operate something that is profitable and asked if they looked at that base number of population per store that is needed.



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- John Kagia stated yes, they have and that this is where there has been some divergence in the revenue performance, and the population served by store by market, there has been some variability there, and at least based on the data that they are seeing out of New York, their tolerance is going to be higher than it might have been in other jurisdictions for that. He further stated that they are looking at a competitive market.
- Chair Belluck stated that in terms of the discussion they are going to have later on about the number of licenses, this information is critically important to inform what they are doing and recommendations they make to the CCB because they can see very clearly what a large increase in the number of licenses, what the impact is going to be, and they are getting more and more information to be able to have more and more data about to inform the number of licenses and the steps forward with that.
- John Kagia stated that they have been working very hard to build systems that would enable us to report these data out more readily moving forward and that it has taken them a little while to get that infrastructure done, but as part of process for developing this presentation, it has given them a referential template that they will be able to use to provide updates on this moving forward.
- Chair Belluck asked if the CCB has been provided the same information that they are getting.
- John Kagia stated yes.
- Chair Belluck stated that the high-level headline should not be that there is \$30 billion dollars of money out there to be made or \$6 billion dollars and people should understand what is going to happen as more and more stores open.
- Board Member Ebro Darden stated that this will be politicized by the major corporations that want to be in this market, and as they have seen on multiple occasions when it comes to corporations and even government not protecting the small business owner or the consumer, for reasons of financial and political gains is something that continues to occur, and they can't act like history won't repeat itself here. He stated that then you have to ask the question if they are going to make this information transparent, shouldn't they also be making it even more detailed in the sense of what is the exact average cost for running a store, with all of the fees and all of the things because many people will see numbers like a few million dollars and still be bullish about going out and trying to attempt to get in this marketplace which they don't want to deter people from wanting to have their dream of opening a store, but that he also want to protect against major corporations coming in and decimating this market, and people not being able to have a store at all or a marketplace that's viable for small individual mom and pop, black, brown women, etc., store owners and operators. He stated that they need to be on the offensive here in some way, shape or form and that he has to assume that



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Governor Kathy Hochul, and her interests, which seem to be aligned more with corporations based on what he is reading, that she is going to use this as well the same way they have tried to act as if them being slow to market with licenses was not partly controlled by them and their inability to get them staff, infrastructure and things that needed to expedite some of the licenses in the beginning, and also the lack of support for shutting down illegal stores in the beginning, which many, many requests were made, and no support was given until it was politicized. He further stated that they have to take all that into account and that they have been having this discussion since day one, this is not new, they knew this was coming, they knew it was going to be politicized, and they knew there was going to be pushback from major corporations. He then asked what they are going to do.

- Chair Belluck asked if they have information about the cost of opening and operating a store that could be shared with potential licensees.
- John Kagia stated yes and that he would like to hat tip out to Our Academy, a contractor that has been working with the State to provide training and resources for their licensees, and that one of the things that they have done a phenomenal job on is building pro formas to help people understand realistically how both the cost of operating a business and how revenue is likely to trend over time and that they can work to build an average pro forma that allows folks to clearly see where the money goes as these revenues are being billed.
- Chair Belluck stated that maybe at a future CAB meeting they could give them a few slides on the operational costs so that they can understand it, but also help highlight it for potential licensees, or people who are thinking of going into the market. He further stated that the Governor is very supportive of the small business retail locations and the social equity mission, and in conversations leading up to this meeting, they understand a lot of the concerns that Ebro and others are raising.
- Board Member Nikki Kateman asked to clarify that when you say new stores, that means brand new licensees for opening location one or does that also include what the MRTA allows which folks to operate locations 2 and 3. She then asked how they are also viewing the role of delivery licenses as they are thinking about stores and the quantity of stores that the market can sustain.
- John Kagia stated that they are treating each store as an independent location, regardless of what structure it is operating under, so whether it is a licensee that has received three licenses and is permitted to operate three stores versus whether those three stores are being operated by three independent operators and for them, the net effect on customer service ends up being the same, and that at least here they are not making a distinction between whether it is a single entity that has received three separate operating licenses versus three



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entities that have received three independent licenses. He stated that on both delivery and on consumption, he would view this idea of store under all three of those umbrellas because all of them are serving demand in different ways. He further stated that what he wanted to show is just this general relationship they have consistently seen across every regulated market, that as you increase the number of stores, the revenue per store declines.

- Board Member Allan Gandelman stated that right now there are 18 approved ROs with the new approvals last month and each one of those is approved up to 100,000 square feet of indoor canopy and puts them at 1.8 million square feet of indoor canopy. He stated that this is a big number for one license type that only has 18 licenses to have a share of that level of market and then asked of those 18, how many are actually growing flower and getting it to market currently.
- John Kagia stated that currently only five are selling product into the AU market, and none of them are producing at maximal capacity yet, and in fact, most of them are well below half of their operational capacity right now.
- Chair Belluck stated that this is going to get worse over time. He stated that the square footage is going to increase, the RO square footage of growing is going to increase, and if only 5 of the 18 are open and the 5 are not a maximum capacity, they are going to be producing more and more and more going forward.
- John Kagia stated that realistically, it is not their expectation that all 18 are going to end up producing, end up setting grows, or and that those who are operating are going to end up operating at maximal capacity.
- Tabatha Robinson stated that what they see right now amongst the 9 operating ROs is that they too specialize, even though they are under the statute authorized for all activities across the supply chain, they see that some grow, others don't, they see that some process, but others don't, so there is some degree of specialization that they anticipate will continue, and with the new entrance. She stated that there are 9 operating ROs and 7 newly registered ROs for a total of 16, they do not have 18 for the record.
- Board Member Ebro Darden asked is there a max capacity of ROs and how many of these are they going to approve.
- Tabatha Robinson stated that they received 10 RO applications and have processed 7 of them thus far. She further stated that the application period has closed, and they received 10 applicants, and that at this point in time, they do not anticipate opening that application again.
- Board Member Nikki Kateman asked if there is data on brands.
- John Kagia stated that there are nearly 500 brands that are currently operating in New York.



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- CAB Members had the following discussion regarding CAB recommendations on New York’s Adult-Use Licensing Strategy.
- Chair Belluck stated that they are going to be sharing a draft letter that was sent to all the CAB members prior to the meeting to see if they can agree on recommendations in this letter that they can send to the CCB to underscore the CAB’s view based on in part of their collective knowledge and experience, and also the data that John just presented to help be stewards of this market.
- Board Member Peter Shafer stated that it is their responsibility to merge the spirit of the MRTA to Ebro’s point, to merge the data that they hear from John, to merge data that they see from third party independent economists, ie., The Whitney report, to look at number stores per population and merge that all together, as it is their responsibility from the CAB, and to look at all of those things combined, including proximity, waivers and open this up for a discussion on what they think the market can bear. He stated that this letter is really just a guideline for the conversation, in the hopes that at the end of this discussion they can come to terms with what might be a good recommendation from the CAB to the CCB, specifically, regarding licensing. He stated that there are three points at the end of the draft letter that are pretty specific for recommendations, and they tried to really get to a total number, and it does take into consideration the percentage of open rate, and this number of 1,600 was not just arbitrary, it was taking and merging all of those points of data, really a data driven conversation to try to give the CCB some guidance on what they collectively think the market can bear. He further stated that he hopes that everybody has had a chance to read the letter, and they can use it as a working document to try to come to some consensus.
- Board Member Nikki Kateman stated that they have heard about the independent report by Whitney Economics, and asked for more background on who they are, if this was an OCM Commission study, and if not who commissioned it and who financed it because she thinks that if they are including something in their official capacity as CAB members, they should just make sure they are all being very cautious of the optics of that, and that they are doing things in a nonpartisan fashion.
- Board Member Peter Shafer stated that he is not able to answer that question and that he just does not know enough about Whitney themselves, or who they were funded by, but he took that information with a grain of salt as a third-party economist organization.
- John Kagia stated that it was not commissioned by the OCM, it was independently done. He stated that Whitney Economics have been a long-time economist and slash analysts in the cannabis sector and have been doing this a lot for a lot of different jurisdictions, both at the National and at the State and sub-state level. He stated that he does not know whether it



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was a commissioned report or an independently generated one and they do a combination of both sponsored and ad hoc reports, but he does not know what the genesis of this one specifically was.

- Board Member Sarah Ravenhall asked what the difference is between what the letter is recommending and the recommendations they just heard from the agency.
- Board Member Peter Shafer stated that the 1,600 number, which is really the number in question, would be the total number of licenses awarded, then to account for the percentage of open rate, and then to add in existing stores, so in a nutshell theoretically, that 1,600 number would actually be a little bit lower than what John would recommend.
- Board Member Sarah Ravenhall stated that it is very clear from the data that they just saw that they have an obligation to make sure that they are ensuring market stabilization, protecting the retailers and that she has the same concerns as a majority of the CAB members, including Ebro, about the social equity applicants and licensees, and making sure that they are protected. She further stated that they need more public health data, more timely data around youth use and unintentional exposures, and if the market is having that same impact, and when they do have more timely data, they will see the same kind of things. She stated that she also has concerns about the municipalities preparedness in terms of taking on additional retailers and licensees. She stated that the letter is well written, it looks good, and it mentions public health and that she would like to see a little bit more language in there about public health. She further stated that there is a lot of data out of California, particularly in regard to what the impact on the health of communities is due to density of additional retailers in communities.
- Board Member Peter Shafer asked if she would want to put something as a recommendation, as it relates to proximity.
- Board Member Sarah Ravenhall stated that density, proximity, and density of retail establishments, and just making sure that they are protecting the health of communities and that their recommendation for the 1,600 retail licenses factors that in as well.
- Board Member Nikki Kateman stated that for number one, where it says, they will revisit the licensing recommendation with a third-party market study, she would greatly encourage them to consider maybe using Rockefeller Institute as a resource and they have done significant research on cannabis. She further stated that maybe they can make a recommendation to update the language that says, they will revisit licensing recommendation in partnership with Rockefeller Institute, and if such they are not able to support their request, then they will put out an RFP for a third-party research entity.



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- Chair Belluck asked for a motion to approve sending the letter to the CCB with a modification, with respect to the Rockefeller Institute, and recommendation to add proximity, density language relating to their decisions being based on public health.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Sarah Ravenhall, and a second from CAB Members, the letter to the CCB on the number of adult-use licenses to issue, was approved unanimously.

- John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics for OCM, Tabatha Robinson, Acting Chief Equity Officer and Executive Deputy Director of Economic Development and Research for OCM and Matthew Wilson, Director of the Community Grant Reinvestment Fund for OCM, provided the following OCM updates.
 - Social and Economic Equity (SEE) Update
 - To date, 54% of adult-use licenses are SEE owned. The breakdown includes 38% Minority-Owned Business, 36% Women-Owned Business, 2% Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDV), 8% Distressed Farmer, and 16% Communities Disproportionately Impacted (CDI).
 - To date, 38% of Adult-Use Cultivators, 45% of Adult-Use Processors, 38% of Adult-Use Distributors, 58% of Microbusinesses, and 81% of Adult-Use Retail Dispensaries, are held by SEE licensees.
 - The Office has been leading an interagency Veteran Taskforce with support from DOL, DOH, OGS, New York City Housing Development Corporation and internal participants, to learn more about veteran needs. The taskforce was present at the Veterans in Economic Transition Conference (VETCON) on December 3-4, 2024. At the conference, the taskforce distributed a Veterans and Cannabis one-pager with information related to VA benefits, employment, and cannabis consumption.
 - Key program statistics for the CAURD Accelerator Program and OUR Academy include 750 CAURD and SEE participants, 91 free educational sessions delivered by December 15, 2024, a total of 92 hours of teaching time delivered as of September 2024, 650 hours of one-on-one engagement recorded between Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and licensees, over 130 pro forma models prepared as of September 2024, and over 280 hours of personalized walkthroughs of pro formas, enabling clarifications, updates, and scenario testing. Licensees can still have access to online course and workbook material after the program ends. Licensees have access to live virtual Office Hours until December 15th.



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- Community Reinvestment Program Grants Update
 - o The Community Reinvestment Program is designed to ensure equitable distribution of resources throughout NYS, with at least one grant awarded in 13 priority counties and each Empire State Development (ESD) region.
 - o The application window for the Community Reinvestment Program remains open and the deadline has been extended until December 18 at 5pm.
 - o This solicitation aims to support 501c3 Organizations serving young people ages 0-24 years old. OCM is accepting applications that address three specific program areas: Mental Health, Housing, and Workforce Development. The total available funding for this grant opportunity in 2024 is \$5 million. Each individual grant award will total \$100,000.
- Seed-To-Sale System Update
 - o In preparation for the upcoming BioTrack STS integrations, the Office announced scheduled BioTrack training webinars for licensees and integrators for the following dates: 3rd Party Integrator API Overview, December 17, 2024, Cultivation API Overview, January 7, 2025, Testing Labs API & GUI Overview, January 9, 2025, Manufacturing & Processing, January 14, 2025, Retail, Dispensation & Delivery API Overview, January 16, 2025, and 3rd Party Integrator Q&A, January 23, 2025.
 - o An email containing instructions on how to register for trainings was sent to all licensees on December 9, 2024. Recordings will be made available to licensees to accommodate those that cannot attend or would like a refresher. Forward any questions to compliance@ocm.ny.gov.

- CAB Members had the following discussion regarding the OCM update.
- Chair Belluck stated that it is good to see the progress that is being reported but it is clear they need to do more in the non-retail license categories, and they look forward to anything they can do to help and encourage more to get more diversity and the distribution and cultivation and processing. He asked that at a future meeting, could they get information or have a conversation about the employees, and also the vendors that the licensees are using to see if these licensees are driving dollars back into the communities and the diversity is extending to the employees and also to the electricians and tradespeople and other vendors that the locations are using.



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- Tabatha Robinson stated that she will check with their data team in terms of what data they ultimately have that they can pull for that.
- Board Member Nikki Kateman stated that she cannot be the only member of the Board who has heard concerns about the effects of inversion on the market and would love an update on how the Seed-To-Sale System is going to address that, and if there is going to be a task force in partnership with the Seed-To-Sale task force going live to make sure that all the products being sold in New York are New York grown both literally and figuratively.
- John Kagia stated that they see this as a really critical tool to support their efforts in monitoring the flow of product through their ecosystem and that they are very optimistic that the combination of the Seed-To-Sale System being implemented, the additional resources that they are dedicating toward compliance, will ensure that the product being sold in their stores are grown, bred, and manufactured right here in the State of New York.
- Vice Chair Dr. Junella Chen stated that for the last year, their focus has been on the adult-use program and the medical cannabis program faces critical challenges as patients leave. She stated that they have local health providers recommending patients just walk into the closest dispensary, they have existing ROs closing and consolidating, and also have these newly licensed ROs entering an adult-use dominated market and all this is risking the medical program stability. She stated that she really wants to take actions to safeguard the medical cannabis program while the adult-use program has gained so much of their attention, they can't let the medical program fall because patients are counting on them. She stated that she is also expressing the concerns of the Medical Cannabis Advisory Council and that this is the team of 13 dedicated health providers who share these critical concerns about the program stability and the impact on patients. She stated that she wanted to urge the CAB and the CCB to support any efforts that strengthen health outcomes, advanced research, enhance public safety, any robust data collection on both patient and consumer outcomes. She further stated that she is looking at both medical and adult-use program and that it is critical to these goals to guide clinical practices and inform public health initiatives.
- John Kagia stated that they are fully aligned on that mission to continue to strengthen, preserve, and advance the medical cannabis program here in New York.

- The CAB adjourned the meeting.