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Meeting Minutes

Title:	New York State Cannabis Control Board Meeting
Time & Date:	February 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM
Location:	Hudson Valley Community College, Bulmer Telecommunications Center (BTC) Auditorium, 80 Vandenberg Ave., Troy, NY 12180, 59 Maiden Ln., New York, NY 10038, and Virtual via Webcast

Attendance

Board Chair:	Tremaine Wright
Board Members Present:	Hope Knight
Board Members Present (virtually):	Jessica Garcia, Brad Usher
Board Members Absent:	Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney
Others Present:	Maggie Cowee, Celena Ditchav, John Kagia, Patrick McKeage, Felicia A. B. Reid, Tabatha Robinson
Others Present (virtually):	Matthew Wilson

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2025 Board Meeting
- IV. Consideration of Delegation of Certain Subpoena Powers to the Office
- V. Consideration of Adult-Use Applications for Approval
- VI. Consideration of Location and Tier Change Amendments
- VII. Consideration of Cannabis Research Licenses
- VIII. Consideration of Registered Organizations Application for Approval
- IX. Consideration of Registered Organization Dispensary Location
- X. Consideration of Amendments to the Proposed Public Convenience and Advantage Regulations
- XI. Consideration of Municipal Opinion Responses
- XII. Consideration of Administrative Law Hearing Appeals
- XIII. OCM Update
- XIV. Public Comment
- XV. Adjourn



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Action Items

Resolution No. 2025-03:	Resolution to Delegate Certain Subpoena Powers from the Cannabis Control Board to the Office of Cannabis Management.	Passed, Unanimous Vote with Amendment.
Resolution No. 2025-04:	Resolution to Issue Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licenses.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-05:	Resolution to Approve Certain Cannabis License and Permit Amendment Requests for the Purpose of a Change in the Location or Cultivation Tier of a Licensee or Permittee’s Licensed Premises or Study Site.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-06:	Resolution to Issue Certain Cannabis Research Licenses.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-07:	Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Applications for Registration.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-08:	Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Dispensing Facility Requests.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-09:	Resolution Directing the Office of Cannabis Management to File for Proposed Rulemaking Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licensing Regulations.	Passed - Board Member Usher Voted Aye, Board Member Knight Voted Aye, Board Member Garcia Voted Aye, Chair Wright Voted No.
Resolution No. 2025-10:	Resolution to Issue Responses to Negative Municipal Opinions of Applicants the Board has Issued Licenses.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-11:	Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal Z Snacks Inc., v. OCM, Inspection No. 102202406050002, Affirming the Decision and Order of the ALJ.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-12:	Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal Zen Zone 1 Corp. v. OCM, Inspection No. 115202406040005, Affirming the Decision and Order of the ALJ.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
Resolution No. 2025-13:	Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal The Jerk Shack LLC v. OCM, Inspection No. 115202406260020, Granting the Appeal and Reversing the Decision and Vacating the Order of the ALJ.	Passed, Unanimous Vote



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Notes & Comments

- Chair Wright noted that the Cannabis Control Board (“CCB” or the “Board”) members have heard and reviewed the public comments surrounding the Public Convenience and Advantage (“PCA”) regulation. She stated that while they do not have any PCA requests for determination before them today, they are working to move forward and continue the review of these requests. She further stated that more information will be provided in advance of the March Board meeting.
- Chair Wright commented that she wanted to start by taking a moment to acknowledge all of the hard work and dedication that has gotten them to this point. She stated that they ended 2024 with incredible momentum, and that energy continues to propel them forward in their work in 2025. She stated that they remain focused on their mission to build a thriving and equitable cannabis industry for New York State (“NYS”). She noted that in January, they had the privilege of marking a historic achievement, New York’s legal cannabis industry officially surpassed \$1 billion in retail sales, and they just passed the milestone of opening over 300 retail dispensaries throughout the state. She stated that to celebrate, they gathered for a press conference at the State Capitol that highlighted the strength and resilience of their market and in a moment of pride for their community, they illuminated the Empire State Plaza “green” symbolizing both their progress and the future they are shaping together. She commented that it is just the beginning and 2025 is shaping up to be a year of growth and action. She stated that they remain committed to expanding opportunities, strengthening enforcement to ensure a fair market, renewing and expanding their commitment to equity, and continuing to invest in communities most impacted by past cannabis prohibition. She stated that New York has set a national example for what a regulated cannabis market can achieve, and together, they will keep pushing forward. She commented that additionally, she also wanted to take a moment to recognize that they have a new member of the CCB with them today and welcomed Board Member Brad Usher to the CCB, and to his first CCB meeting. She stated that Brad has been appointed to the CCB by the NYS Senate. She further stated that Brad served as Chief of Staff to Senator Liz Krueger from 2002 to 2022 and that he worked on developing a wide range of policy and legislation and was deeply involved in the drafting and developing the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (“MRTA”), which legalized cannabis here in New York and helped to establish the Office of Cannabis Management (“OCM” or the “Office”) as well as the CCB.
- Board Member Brad Usher commented that he looks forward to working with Chair Wright and the other Board members in the coming months and years, and that he hopes to draw on her experience and the spirits of other board members as he grows into this role. He stated that he knows that he has a lot to learn, but based on his past work in this area, there are some key issues that he wants to focus on. He stated that building on the successes of the growing program, while keeping the focus on the spirit of the law, ensuring real opportunities for those impacted by the drug war, growing the market with deliberation, that means as they move forward with the rollout of more licenses, they do it in a way that recognizes the role of



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thoughtful regulation in creating a sustainable market. He further stated that he looks forward to working with all of them as they move forward.

- Chair Wright stated that she would like to thank Dr. Gilbert Jenkins for all her work during her time as a member of the CCB. She stated that Dr. Gilbert Jenkins has been a member of this Board since January 2023 and over the past two years has been a valued voice helping shape this emerging cannabis market. She further stated that they wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors and appreciate her steadfast support for small business, expertise in agriculture and overall dedication and insight that she contributed to this body.

- Acting Executive Director Felicia A. B. Reid commented that it has been a whirlwind year so far, full of growth and progress for the agency and thanked Governor Hochul for her critical supports for cannabis as proposed in this year's Executive Budget. She stated that the agency is moving through 300 plus applications for the Community Grants Reinvestment Fund ("CGRF"), the Social and Economic Equity ("SEE") Team recently released the Cannabis Banking Directory, and later this month she will be testifying at OCM's first ever budget hearing on February 26th. She stated that she wanted to say a couple of things relative to staff changes and wanted to thank Tabatha Robinson, who is currently their Acting Chief Equity Officer and Executive Deputy Director of Economic Development. She stated that Tabatha is embarking on her next chapter as Lead Director of the Maryland Cannabis Administration. She noted that when she first came to this agency, Tabatha was one of those folks who she was so excited to work with and her talent, her passion, her commitment to equity, her analysis of things on the ground and things future has been instrumental in shaping the SEE team and its trajectory through a very tumultuous period, and she is so grateful for her presence, for her guidance, for her steadfastness. and honestly, and she is going to miss her terribly. She stated that she always views leadership as the opportunity to teach, but also the opportunity to learn, and Tabatha has been one of those folks who has been a teacher for her. She noted that as to their Chief Equity Officer position, they are still currently in interviews and are going to be finishing that out through this month, and she is hopeful to have an announcement early next month. She stated that she also wanted to extend a really deep appreciation to Dr. Nicole Rosa, Executive Deputy Director of Health and Scientific Affairs, and their Chief Medical Officer. She noted that Nicole has been an instrumental part of developing OCM and New York State's Medical Cannabis Program, and that Nicole is now going to serve as a Pharmacy Consultant back at the Department of Health. She stated that her expertise and commitment have been vital to OCM's work and that she will also miss her as she is moving on, but she is so happy and thrilled for her new transition. She thanked Nicole and stated that they will miss her, but her work and legacy will live on at the agency. She commented that cannabis history is black history and this Black History Month, OCM joins its sibling agencies in celebrating as an agency black history month and that this is the first time the agency has done that. She stated that one of the things that was really important to highlight as a matter of Black History Month in cannabis is how long that history has existed, and how much black communities have shaped cannabis, both



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internationally and in this country. She further stated that to look toward their social media and that they have been posting since Monday and will go through next Thursday, with history and information on the intersection of Black History and cannabis, and to please share on because that story is incredibly important to tell.

- Chair Wright commented that on behalf of the Board, she wanted to extend a thanks and well wishes to Tabatha Robinson and to Dr. Nicole Rosa. She further commented that they appreciate their contributions, and as much as they hate to see them leaving, they look forward to following their progress and watching how their work will continue to enhance the lives of all the people they serve.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Brad Usher, the Minutes of the January 9, 2025 CCB Meeting were approved unanimously.

- Acting Executive Director Felicia A. B. Reid, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-03, a Resolution to Delegate Certain Subpoena Powers from the Cannabis Control Board to the Office of Cannabis Management. As the market matures, threats to the integrity of the market become more complex and more frequent. Often, these violations are hidden from oversight and buried in complex agreements. The Office needs additional tools to pursue more complex investigations which would reveal violations of the Cannabis Law and regulations that impact the integrity of the market. One of the tools needed to efficiently pursue complex investigations is the issuance of subpoenas for testimony and the administering of oaths. The CCB, pursuant to Subdivision 6 of Section 10 of the Cannabis Law, has the power to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, compel attendance, administer oaths, examine any person under oath and in connection therewith to require the production of any books and records. The CCB, pursuant to Subdivision 23 of Section 10 of the Cannabis Law, has authority to delegate powers under Section 10 to the Office. This resolution before the Board delegates authority to any attorney assigned to the Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) within the Office. Authority will primarily be utilized by the Office’s new Trade Practices Bureau (“TPB”) which is charged with conducting these investigations.
- Chair Wright stated that she is glad that she addressed that this resolution does extend beyond the trade practices because she thinks a large part of the conversation for Board members was that this was a power that was being specifically requested because of this one new group that was going to be looking into enforcement and essentially just over the trade practices. She further stated that she did notice that it says that this can be exercised by any attorney assigned to the Office and that she did have a discussion with their General Counsel about rephrasing this and limiting it to any attorney at the Deputy Counsel level or higher assigned to OGC within the OCM and that would thereafter limit it to about maybe about eight or nine lawyers in the department.
- Acting Executive Director Felicia Reid commented that would be the most senior in OGC.



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- Chair Wright stated that it would capture the lead attorney in the TPB, and she did want to present that to the other Board members and would like to ask them if they would amend their resolution to put that caveat in it.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia asked could they have clarity from the Office how that amendment would impact the flow of work and their ability to do the work.
- Acting Executive Director Felicia Reid stated that ordinarily when it comes to investigations, though, when they are thinking about a structure within an Office, they are always ensuring that those who are leading the Office, have the ability to navigate certain issues and complexities within the market and within the work. She further stated that attorneys who are in the OGC will do some of the review work and legal analysis, all of that sort of investigatory power will funnel up through the leads in OGC and that would limit it to those few attorneys who are at the top of OGC.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia asked are you saying that the Chair’s proposed amendment would not impact how they are envisioning this Office working or operating.
- Acting Executive Director Felicia Reid commented correct.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia commented that she is fine with the amendment.
- Chair Wright stated she would like to amend their previous motion, and asked for a motion to approve their resolution as amended with the language to read in the first resolved paragraph, Resolved, that the CCB delegates the power set forth in Subdivision 6 of Section 10 of the Cannabis Law to the Executive Director of the OCM to be exercised by any attorney at the level of Deputy Counsel level or higher, assigned to the OGC within the OCM in connection with inquiries, inspections, and investigations conducted by the OCM, and it is further.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Jessica Garcia, an Amended Resolution No. 2025-03, a Resolution to Delegate Certain Subpoena Powers from the Cannabis Control Board to the Office of Cannabis Management, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Chief Operating Officer for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-04, a Resolution to Issue Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licenses. Before the Board today, is a cohort of 74 adult-use cannabis licenses which have cleared the multistep review process and are being recommended for approval by the Board. These applications are from the application window that opened on October 4, 2023. The application window closed on November 17, 2023, for retail and microbusiness applications who were applying with a location and closed for all types of applications on December 18, 2023. Overall, nearly 7,000 applications were received. The 74 applications include 16 retail dispensaries, 10 microbusinesses, 6 distributors and 39 processors. There are also 3 Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (“CAURD”) license applications that have finalized their retail location and are being recommended for approval by the Board. Over 240 final CAURD licenses have been issued, leaving roughly 300 CAURD provisional licensees that are in the process of



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finding a viable retail dispensary location and working on submitting their post-selection application materials. Additionally, the Office is up to number 2,000 in the queue order for the November queue, leaving roughly about 150 unique applications that still remain in a “submitted” status from the November queue.

- Chair Wright stated that strikingly there are no cultivation licenses included in this packet of applications and asked what is happening with their cultivation licenses.
- Patrick McKeage stated that that leads into their conversation they have been having for the past several months related to how far down the December queue the Board wants the Office to go in terms of reviewing the cultivation, processing, and distribution queues in the December queue, as well as the retail and microbusiness queue in the December queue and the Office has reached the licensing targets that were initially communicated to the public at the time of the application was open.
- Chair Wright stated that the Board has never communicated any licensing targets and that they agreed that they would review the rollout and make determinations. She then asked what is happening with the cultivation review.
- Patrick McKeage stated that they are at that point where they need further direction from the Board based on that resolution, they passed at the May Board meeting. He stated that it set up a process where the Board would come back and essentially instruct the Office in terms of the number of applications to review in the December queue, based on supply and demand factors, and the general progress in terms of getting through the November queue, and also the December queue in terms of openings, etc., and he is hoping that that can be an agenda item for their next Board meeting in March.
- Chair Wright stated that they have not actually asked for a slowdown and asked has the Board. She then stated that they have not asked for that or requested that in any of this.
- Patrick McKeage stated that through that May resolution.
- Chair Wright stated no and that they just said they would consider what is happening in the marketplace and asked if that was correct.
- Patrick McKeage stated exactly, and they do not want to make a mistake and go farther than the Board may intend before getting more clarity in terms of the number of applications to review and process.
- Acting Executive Director Felicia Reid stated that they have done a few analysis over the last several months around looking across the entire supply chain. She stated that one thing they do want to make sure that they are avoiding are some of the pitfalls they saw early on in the rollout of the market, that is to say cultivators cultivating, and nowhere for the product to go. She further stated that they are taking a look that is incredibly balanced across where the industry is at right now and ensuring that they are working in a way that is balanced and that is calculated, and they are putting before the Board recognizes that level of analysis.
- Chair Wright stated that she is leaning into this just because it is stark that there is no cultivation, and they have given out licenses to people that have not yet put a seed in dirt, and it is hard to make an assessment by projecting what they anticipate these people may be



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able to grow, and if they ever grow versus using real numbers and or real production records. She further stated that she just wanted to share that she is very concerned that they are not processing cultivation applications similar to everybody else in all of their application queues, and they are waiting for word from them, and she wanted to raise that and make sure they keep it at the front of their minds here.

- Chair Wright stated that she also wanted to ask about the number of Type 3 Processing licenses and thinks that there are almost 40 of the 74 are Type 3 Processing licenses.
- Patrick McKeage stated that 19 of the 39 processors that are in the packet today, 19 are the Branding license, and then 20 are either Type 1 or Type 2.
- Chair Wright stated that in her review of the documents provided to her, she counted 29, so she has 30 because she has 19 Branding, and then an additional 10 that are Processing licenses that are Type 3s.
- Patrick McKeage stated that there are 19 Branding licenses and then there is this other category of Type 3 but those have a slightly different authorization depending on what they selected in the initial processing application, so those are from the October window before they essentially broke out the Branding license separate. He further stated that those Type 3 licenses have the ability to process cannabis flower products, whole flower prerolls not infused prerolls but those type of products, and it was a primarily a processor type that they included to account for the conditional cultivators who previously had that processing authority to be able to essentially process flower products to be able to continue to do so, so that is what those processor licenses are authorized to do.
- Chair Wright stated that she noticed that most of their Branding applicants have not yet identified with whom they intend to work, or who they are going to have a goods and services agreement with and asked what they are putting in place to capture that and then to refer back that information.
- Patrick McKeage stated that is correct, and they plan to collect that information after the license has been issued and also once their amendments process, they will be able to submit those type of agreements via the amendment and they can review them at that time.
- Chair Wright stated that a number of these adult-use dispensaries that have come in before them have agreed to stipulations with their municipalities. She then asked are they capturing that information and keeping in a record of that as they move forward with licensing because it seems as though they are agreeing to or approving a license, but the understanding that they are incorporate, that there will be compliance and good faith to maintain those agreements.
- Patrick McKeage stated that yes, and the agreements between the retail dispensary and the community boards are agreements between them and they are not enforcing the stipulations between agreements with community boards and licensees, and that is between the Community Board and the licensee.
- Chair Wright asked if they were saying that they are not considering those factors in the compliance and good faith of their execution of their license.



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- Patrick McKeage stated that they would use their regulations that are in place in terms of whether or not the licensees are adhering to all those compliance measures.
- Chair Wright stated that they also have approvals here for licensees that do not yet have their town's approvals for permits or approvals that are required by local planning boards. She then asked if there are licenses fully approved without those special permits and or agreements being in place.
- Patrick McKeage stated that yes, but it is on the licensee to work with their local municipality if there are any additional local authorizations to obtain to open their license. He further stated that for instance, he knows there is a couple of municipalities they have encountered and they will not issue a certificate of occupancy to a particular retail dispensary unless they have a license from them but it would be on that licensee to then work with their local municipality to get those final checks and that will be part of their preoperational inspection from the Compliance Team before they get the green light to open their doors.
- Chair Wright asked if they are processing applications from applicants who have other existing licenses, and if their process is to award a license, and then to have them submit or return, or to waive, return the existing licenses and asked is that their practice that someone that has licenses already that is being put forth for an approval that already has existing licenses. She then asked if they are surrendering them and then they give them a license is that the practice is that how they are moving forward with this.
- Patrick McKeage stated that there are certain license types where you can obtain another license. He stated that if you are a cultivator, you are allowed to obtain a processor license and then, if you are a processor, you are allowed to obtain a distributor license but only for the distribution of your own product. He stated that those three supply side licenses they are seeing a lot of cultivators who want to then process their own product and then potentially distribute their own product and that is the most common situation where someone would have multiple licenses in the way the MRTA and their regulations are structured is that they reach a separate license from cultivation, processing and distribution.
- Chair Wright stated that a number of their community boards have written letters that complain that their proposed licensees, particular their dispensaries are too close to public youth facilities, and usually they are identifying community facilities. She then asked if they could explain what a public youth facility versus a school or just a community facility is.
- Patrick McKeage stated that public youth facilities are defined in Part 119 of their regulations, and they are an option available to local municipalities to pass a local law or ordinance to designate an area as a public youth facility, and then depending on how their local law or ordinance is structured, they can then put essentially lack of a better term, a buffer zone between that public youth facility, and a proposed dispensary locations up to 500 feet. He stated that it does take some proactive work from a local municipality to designate a public youth facility, but once designated, they will be treated similar to the reviews related to schools and houses of worship in terms of proximity requirements.



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- Chair Wright asked if they have a dispensary applicant that needs to submit a new location because their initial location is deemed ineligible are they required to utilize the amendment survey to submit those new locations.
- Patrick McKeage stated that if they have already received their license, the amendment survey is the way for them to submit that.
- Board Member Hope Knight asked if staff could look at cultivation capacity and give them a sense of what that looks like.
- Patrick McKeage stated absolutely, yes.
- Board Member Brad Usher stated that he does think that is exactly what they need to know in terms of as a Board if it necessary for the Board to make decisions about more cultivator licenses, they really need to have information about how that would impact the market in terms of cost existing growers, and what the capacity is, what they need. He stated that stipulations that they are getting from community boards and others, he knows that community boards do not have a lot of enforcement power on their own and it is worth them as a Board looking at are there things they can do and at OCM, what can they do if somebody agreed to a stipulation with the community board but is not following through, the community board is going to expect something from them, and he thinks that is a reasonable expectation.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-04, a Resolution to Issue Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licenses, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Chief Operating Officer for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-05, a Resolution to Approve Certain Cannabis License and Permit Amendment Requests for the Purpose of a Change in the Location or Cultivation Tier of a Licensee or Permittee’s Licensed Premises or Study Site. The Cannabis Law and Regulations allow the Board to authorize amendments to cannabis licenses. OCM launched an amendment survey on August 27, 2024, which allowed adult-use cannabis licensees to request certain amendments, including location or cultivation tier changes, which require Board approval in accordance with the cannabis regulations. The amendment requests before the Board today include both supply side licensees and retail licensees. In total, there are 49 licensees who are requesting a location or cultivation method change in some form. The number of amendments is slightly higher than their normal number of amendments at their monthly Board meetings and this is partly due to not having clarity at their previous Board meeting in terms of if they could process amendments. The Office received clarity, as a result of a pending injunction, that the Office could continue to process amendments.
- Chair Wright asked if all 49 licensees were being processed through the amendment survey.
- Patrick McKeage stated yes.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Jessica Garcia, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-05, a Resolution to Approve Certain Cannabis License and



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Permit Amendment Requests for the Purpose of a Change in the Location or Cultivation Tier of a Licensee or Permittee’s Licensed Premises or Study Site, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Chief Operating Officer for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-06, a Resolution to Issue Certain Cannabis Research Licenses. Pursuant to Section 38 of the Cannabis Law, the Board has the authority to approve and license individuals interested in producing, processing, purchasing, and/or possessing cannabis for research purposes. Cannabis research licensees may obtain cannabis products from regulated NYS dispensaries, cultivators, and processors across the state, which opens the door to valuable research partnerships and collaborations. Today, the Office is presenting two applicants for a research license. Both applicants are small businesses whose studies focus on developing new cannabis cultivation methodologies and techniques. The Office has assessed the applications based on the requirements outlined in Section 38 of the Cannabis Law and are satisfied that they have been met. The following individuals have applied to the Office to be Cannabis Research licensees:

- OCM-RSCHAPP-24-0009 (New Windsor, Middletown, NY and Warwick, NY)
- OCM-RSCHAPP-24-0011 (New Kingston, NY)

The Office has reviewed these applications for project quality, study design, value, and impact and believes the applicants have the appropriate expertise and infrastructure to successfully perform the proposed research. If approved today, these applicants will be the first cannabis research licensees of 2025, which will hopefully pave the way for a great year for cannabis research in NYS.

- Board Member Jessica Garcia asked if they have gotten any preliminary results from the research licensees that they have already approved in the last year or so.
Patrick McKeage stated that their first research licenses are coming up on their renewal period and they will be seeing them again soon, but the Office can follow up with more information there once they talk to a couple of folks on their side to get that detail.
Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-06, a Resolution to Issue Certain Cannabis Research Licenses, was approved unanimously.

- Tabatha Robinson, Acting Chief Equity Officer and Executive Deputy Director of Economic Development and Research for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-07, a Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Applications for Registration. Section 35(9) of the Cannabis Law states that the Board shall register additional Registered Organizations (“ROs”) in the Medical Cannabis Program with the goal of providing services to unserved and underserved areas of the state, and shall actively promote racial, ethnic, and gender diversity when registering those additional ROs. The Board passed a resolution in September 2023, approving application forms and allowing OCM to open a new application period. This marks the first time the application period had been open in NYS since 2015. Today, the Office is recommending approval for Green Express Med, LLC. This applicant



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has provided all necessary information in accordance with the cannabis regulations and the Office is recommending approval of this application. This will leave just one RO applicant from this application window that is still working through the application deficiency process and the Office hopes to bring forth that application for consideration next month.

- Chair Wright asked that at this point, do they know where in the state this business may land and open and operate, and are there any other medical facilities in that region.
Tabatha Robinson stated that applicants were given two options. She stated that they could either provide proof of site control or they could submit a \$2 million bond. She stated that some applicants differed based on what their resources look like. She further stated that at this point in time, they do not have verified proof from this applicant of location, but before they are to begin any dispensing operations, they would have to bring them back to the Board, and the Board would approve that location based upon proximity rules and based upon geographic distribution in the State as required by the Cannabis Law.
Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Jessica Garcia, Resolution No. 2025-07, a Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Applications for Registration, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Chief Operating Officer for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-08, a Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Dispensing Facility Requests. Pursuant to Section 35(3)(e) of the Cannabis Law, the Board may amend a RO's registration, in part to allow a RO to add additional dispensaries as allowed under the Cannabis Law. This resolution would approve the second medical dispensary location for the RO Hudson Health Extracts. The proposed location is in the Hudson Valley. The location has been reviewed for all proximity requirements in the Cannabis Law and Regulations as it pertains to medical dispensary locations. The RO has submitted the required documentation for proof of control over the proposed location. If approved, the RO will work with the Office for the final clearance to commence operations after a pre-operational inspection is completed.
Chair Wright asked are there any other medical stores in the Hudson Valley region.
Patrick McKeage stated that there are but not too many and that he believes there are 31 medical dispensaries operating right now. He further stated that he could follow up with some more specifics in terms of what is the closest dispensary near there.
Chair Wright stated that she knows that this location will be able to open right after its pre-operational inspection takes place and then asked approximately how long they should estimate for that.
Patrick McKeage stated it really comes down to the operator in terms of how ready to go they are in terms of their build out, and having their security in place, training their staff, getting their point-of-sale system in place. He further stated that it could be as quick as a week versus a month or two.



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- Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-08, a Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Dispensing Facility Requests, was approved unanimously.

John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics for OCM, provided an overview on the proposed amendments for the PCA regulations. Proposed amendments to Parts 118.1 and 119.4 were published in the State Register on October 23, 2024, per Board Resolution No. 2024-96. Those amendments addressed the process for applicants to seek approval from location restrictions based on PCA. Public comment for the initial proposed regulations concluded on December 23, 2024. The Office received overwhelmingly negative feedback from the public, arguing that the proposed regulations required more specific criteria to prevent oversaturation of retail dispensary locations. After reviewing the comments, the Office is proposing substantial changes, requiring that a Notice of Revised Rulemaking be published in the State Register, allowing for additional public comments. Additional revisions include the following:

- A minimum set of distances within which a PCA request is not available.
- Prohibitions on PCA requests when more than one licensee is within a restricted zone.
- Limits on requests until existing dispensaries have had at least nine months of operation.
- Additional notification requirements to municipalities and affected licensees.
- Procedural requirements for the PCA request application.

- Board Member Brad Usher stated that this is a real strong step in the right direction, and it fits what he considers important, which is delivered of regulation. He further stated that it establishes much clearer standards than exists now, and the development of this was very responsive to the comments that they have received, and this is a big step forward.
Chair Wright stated that this proposal before them seems to identify the impacted parties as licensees. She stated that she has a real problem with their interpretation that the public convenience and accommodations rules are designed with the concern of licensees at the heart. She stated that public access and accommodations, is supposed to be focused on community, not on licensees and when they interpret it, and then try to put into regulation what she thinks is the wrong emphasis, it makes her pause. She stated that she is not comfortable with this draft that has been proposed to them and that some of the process that is outlined in this proposal makes sense and that is where she thinks that they needed to lean in more, however, the expansion and the inclusion of some of these much more sweeping policy decisions are where she has pause. She stated that she thinks that is where they have stepped well beyond what they were supposed to be thinking of, and even some of the assumptions that they are leaning into, for example, that a community that has less than 20,000 could not have two facilities within a thousand feet of one another. She stated that would fly in the face of one of the PCAs, in which they have already considered where not only both of the impacted licensees, but also the impacted city made a determination that



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because of the layout of their city, and where economic activity occurred, that community was able to speak to the Board and give them feedback and lead them in the direction to make a decision which was extremely fact specific to those entities and to that locale. She further stated that she would really like to hear and see the comments from other Board members as they have a chance to truly review and circulate comments related to this, but she thinks that they need more work on this and they need to be looking more at the procedure and she does not know if they want to close the door to a community telling them what it is that they need for their own convenience and advantage. She then asked how many of their dispensaries, that already have eligible locations identified and have been determined to be eligible locations by the Office, have been sitting on their properties for more than nine months at this point and are not operational.

- Acting Executive Director Felicia Reid stated that she actually views this a little bit differently and as a state agency, she thinks it is in their overall best interest, especially given the feedback, and she wants to hammer home the fact that a lot of these changes are based on the feedback that they have gotten from communities, from members, from folks who are on the ground, living in this industry every single day. She stated that this process recognizes that fact that as licensure proceeds as folks make their community impacts, it is for them to be able to hear that feedback from interested parties in order to make a best decision. She stated this offers an opportunity to recognize that businesses in the locality know that story better than they do, and can tell that story better than they do, and of course, ultimately it is for the Board to determine where that lands. She stated that she thinks the opportunities born here are in line with what they have been hearing throughout, and also recognizing that they are in a rapidly developing market. She further stated that she views this structure a little bit differently, it is encouraging community feedback, it is encouraging proof in the pudding around the PCA, and even though it is incumbent upon the licensees to make those arguments, those are also matters in which they are hearing and understanding what is happening in the local community.
- Chair Wright asked if she could get an answer to how many have been sitting waiting for more than nine months.
- John Kagia stated that he would need to get that number.
- Chair Wright asked if you would be able to guesstimate that it is more than 10 or 20.
- John Kagia stated that of the folks who have received the final licenses, given that they issued the bulk of their licenses in the second half of 2024, it is likely going to be a small number since the bulk of their rollout was in the second half of the year.
- Chair Wright stated that they have not the bulk, but they have a subset that has been sitting for more than nine months and asked how many of those people who received licensing and approval of their locations more than a year ago. She stated that what she is trying to understand is this idea that they are going to not make decisions while they wait for other people's readiness, but instead of leaving that to a moment of discretion and being able to look at the facts of each case that comes before the Board for an appeal. She stated that is



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the reason why this process is an appeal, so that they can have a fact specific conversation in that moment about something versus a blanket statement that may or may not actually address the real concerns. She further stated that she is glad that they are beginning the conversation and that she is looking forward to seeing more of the comments of Board members and their edits and or comments to the draft.

- John Kagia stated that the initial proposed PCA regulations were quite expansive and what the amendments that they are proposing here are literally just in response to the very robust public feedback that they received that was asking for more structure. He further stated that the areas in which they established these criteria were based on the feedback that they had received from the overwhelming majority of the comments that they received, that were requesting more rigid boundaries on how these.
- Chair Wright stated that she did not like that draft either and was clear at the time, and was willing to move forward, and she thinks that the responses helped to identify many of the things that she found problematic, and she does not think that this draft gets them to the goal.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia stated that she would like them to move these regulations forward because she does want to hear what the public has to say about this version, and to see if they corrected in the right direction, and listened to also the community, and whether they did so. She further stated that she would love to hear from John more about how the agency is looking to inform the community, particularly community boards and municipalities, who will be notified, inform them of this process so they can look out for these letters from licensees who are seeking their support, but also so that they understand what the parameters are for them to support or oppose, a change in location or a change in an additional dispensary in their location, and allow them to have some power in this process by having that information.
- John Kagia stated that the public communication piece of this is going to be absolutely critical, one to help people understand what these rules are proposing. He stated that they have already seen some incorrect interpretations that OCM is doing away with the existing distance rules as they stand with this proposal, and they want to make it clear that that's not the case. He stated that what this is doing is keep the current rules distance requirements in place and provides a process by which folks can make a request for a waiver that would allow them to be in distances closer than what is currently stipulated in the regs. He stated that they think it is going to be critical to ensure that the municipalities understand the distinction between the initial municipal notification for a cannabis dispensary versus one which is requesting that the location be considered under the PCA process. He further stated that they are certainly going to have some work to do here to ensure that their communities and the licensees, both pending and operational, understand how this process is going to work.
- Board Member Hope Knight stated that she thinks that it is important to put this back out to the public so that they can get this feedback.
- Chair Wright stated that they actually do have existing regulations and they are not prohibited from, as they said at the top of the meeting, the thing that was missing in their original



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iteration of PCAs were some of the process stuff, and they actually have existing regs, which they have actually utilized already and they were supposed to be building out the process of how people communicate to them. She stated that them developing a better draft of these regulations and getting more comments on a draft that actually speaks to some of the concerns, does not stop them from moving forward with PCAs. She stated that is where she feels like they are constantly racing to do something and would really ask the Board members to consider pausing so that they can have a real draft that they are submitting back to the public that reflects at least the draft that they have seen of each other's comments that looks and allows them to have a little bit more deliberation and exchange.

- Board Member Jessica Garcia stated that they did have an opportunity to review this though, and she does recall giving her comments to the staff earlier.
- Chair Wright stated that you have reviewed them but none of the Board members heard your comments, and she just wants them to hear it.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia stated that if they are going to be amending this document, she would rather do so with comments on the record, and therefore, would like to see these regs be published to receive public comment, and allow them then to review those comments and take pen to paper at that time with comments on the record again, and she does not want to burn that record there, but thinks that is really important for them to have.
- Board Member Brad Usher stated that moving this forward is the way to advance this process, they are not approving a final document, they are starting another review process, and they should be starting that review process.
- Chair Wright stated that they definitely can and then asked what the timeline is while they continue to use the existing regs as they exist.
- John Kagia stated that roughly it would take maybe a week or two if the Board were to vote to advance these, to get them published to the State Register. He further stated that there would be a 45-day public comment period that follows that, and they have already done the first 60-day comment period, and a subsequent one would be 45 days, and thereafter, they would immediately begin to review the comments.
- Chair Wright stated that they are looking at about probably another 60 days before it comes before the Board again for them to make more comments and she is comfortable that they have an existing process that they can lean into, but she really would have liked to have seen them actually exchange comments so that they know what the others are thinking here. She then asked for a motion to move this forward.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Jessica Garcia, Resolution No. 2025-09, a Resolution Directing the Office of Cannabis Management to File for Proposed Rulemaking Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licensing Regulations, was approved. Board Members voted the following: Brad Usher voted aye, Hope Knight voted aye, Jessica Garcia voted aye, and Chair Wright voted no.



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- Patrick McKeage, Chief Operating Officer for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-10, a Resolution to Issue Responses to Negative Municipal Opinions of Applicants the Board has Issued Licenses. Section 76(4) of the Cannabis Law provides that when a city, town, or village within NYS, or a community board within New York City ("NYC") expresses an opinion either for or against the Board's issuance of a license authorizing retail cannabis sale within their geographic boundaries, the Board shall respond in writing with an explanation as to how they considered the Opinion. At the July 2024 CCB meeting, the Board delegated to the Office the ability to respond to municipalities that issued a positive or neutral opinion. The Board retained the authority to issue letters to municipalities that provided a negative opinion. The seven letters attached to this resolution are responses from the Board to respond to the municipalities that have issued a negative opinion from licenses that have already been issued.
- Chair Wright stated that for clarification, they should correspond to the City of Hornell, Manhattan Community Board 5, related to CAURD licensee 0077, Manhattan Community Board 5, license OCM CAURD 393, Bronx Community Board 6, CAURD 652, Manhattan Community Board 2, CAURD 144, Bronx Community Board 9, OCM Retail 1197, and then Staten Island Community Board, OCM Retail 1001. She further stated that however, they did ask for redrafts of letters to Manhattan CB 2, as well as Bronx CB 9, and asked do they have those letters.
- Patrick McKeage stated both of those letters were updated this morning and have been updated on the website and sent to you in an 8am email.
- Board Member Hope Knight stated that she did not see an email.
- Chair Wright stated that she did not see an email either.
- Patrick McKeage stated that he scheduled it to go last night, and it must not have woken up this morning.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia stated that she received the email from Pat this morning that went to the group.
- Chair Wright asked if they if could amend this resolution to remove the letters in response to OCM CAURD 2022-000144 and the letter related to OCM RETL-2023-001197.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia asked the Chair if she would be open to amending the resolution to remove, but to delegate to the Chair with the power to send those once she reviewed the new drafts so that they do not have to wait another month.
- Chair Wright stated yes and that they have moved to amend Resolution No. 2025-10, to remove two letters which are related to application numbers ending 000144 and 001197, both of which are to be submitted and reviewed by the Chair, and then authorized to send out thereafter.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Jessica Garcia, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, an Amended Resolution No. 2025-10, a Resolution to Issue Responses to Negative Municipal Opinions of Applicants the Board has Issued Licenses, was approved unanimously.



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- Celena Ditchev, Associate Counsel for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-11, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal Z Snacks Inc., v. OCM, Inspection No. 102202406050002. Pursuant to the Cannabis Law, Article 2, Sections 10 and 17, the CCB is charged with the responsibility of issuing a final determination when an administrative decision is appealed by the Office. Today, there are three Administrative Appeals before the Board that were submitted pursuant to Title 9 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations (“NYCRR”), Section 133.25(k). The appellant, Z Snacks Inc., was subject to a regulatory inspection that was conducted by OCM. Following the inspection, a Notice of Violation (“NOV”), a Cease Order, and an Order to Seal (“OTS”) were issued for the premises based on unlicensed activity. The appellant requested a hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings (“OAH”). After the hearing, the presiding Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) issued a decision, and an order extending that the OTS, based on a finding that the provisions of Cannabis Law, Article 6, Section 138-b, were met by a preponderance of the evidence. The appellant submitted the instant appeal and has asserted that the OTS was erroneously extended because OCM failed to establish proper and sufficient service in accordance with jurisdictional requirements mandated by Cannabis Law Section 138-b. The recommendation is to deny the appellant’s appeal and affirm the hearing decision. There is substantial evidence establishing service on the appellant. The defense of lack of jurisdiction based on improper service is personal in nature and the appellant may not raise on behalf of another. The recommendation is for the Board to approve the proposed decision, which is confirming the hearing determination, and denying the appellant's appeal.
- Chair Wright asked if the appellant here alleged that they did not serve the landlord.
- Celena Ditchev stated yes and that the specific issue or claim to their appeal was that the real estate owner, or at least evidence at the hearing, was not provided to establish that the real estate owner was served, and that the real estate owner was not a party to the action, nor were they a party to the sealing of the appellant's business.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-11, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal Z Snacks Inc., v. OCM, Inspection No. 102202406050002, affirming the decision and order, was approved unanimously.

- Celena Ditchev, Associate Counsel for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-12, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal Zen Zone 1 Corp. v. OCM, Inspection No. 115202406040005. The appellant, Zen Zone 1 Corp., was subject to a regulatory inspection that was conducted by OCM. Following the inspection, a NOV, a Cease Order, and an OTS were issued for the premises based on unlicensed activity. The appellant requested a hearing with the OAH. Following the hearing, the presiding ALJ issued a decision, and an order extending that the OTS, based on a finding that the provisions of Cannabis Law, Article 6, Section 138-b, were met by a preponderance of the evidence. The appellant submitted the instant appeal and has asserted that the OTS was erroneously extended because OCM failed to establish proper and sufficient service in accordance with



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jurisdictional requirements mandated by Cannabis Law Section 138-b and there was insufficient evidence to establish that Zen Zone 1 Corp. was the business that was inspected. The recommendation is to deny the appellant's appeal and affirm the hearing decision. There is substantial evidence establishing service on the appellant. The defense of lack of jurisdiction based on improper service is personal in nature and the appellant may not raise on behalf of another. The record contained substantial evidence that Zen Zone 1 Corp., was in fact the business that was inspected. The recommendation is for the Board to approve the proposed decision, which is confirming the hearing determination, and denying the appellant's appeal.

- Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-12, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal Zen Zone 1 Corp. v. OCM, Inspection No. 115202406040005, affirming the decision and order, was approved unanimously.

- Celena Ditchev, Associate Counsel for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-13, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal The Jerk Shack LLC v. OCM, Inspection No. 115202406260020. The appellant, The Jerk Shack LLC, was subject to a regulatory inspection that was conducted by OCM. Following the inspection, a NOV, a Cease Order, and an OTS were issued for the premises based on unlicensed activity. The appellant requested a hearing with the OAH. Following the hearing, the presiding ALJ issued a decision, and an order extending that the OTS, based on a finding that the provisions of Cannabis Law, Article 6, Section 138-b, were met by a preponderance of the evidence. The appellant submitted the instant appeal and has asserted that the OTS was erroneously extended because OCM failed to establish proper and sufficient service in accordance with jurisdictional requirements mandated by Cannabis Law Section 138-b and the NOV, Cease Order and the OTS were facially insufficient lacking essential elements. The recommendation is for the Board to grant the appellant's appeal, and the relief requested. The appellant timely objected and preserved the issue. The omissions in this matter are substantive elements of the charges and as a result the appellant was not provided fair notice of the charges. Due process is applicable to administrative proceedings, and here it necessitates a departure from the ALJ's determination. This was a fact specific analysis and determination.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia asked to elaborate how the ALJ justified ruling in the way that they did, given the facts and the evidence.
- Celena Ditchev stated that ALJ's decision reasons that the testimony of the witnesses referenced the date of the inspection. However, on review of the record, Celena Ditchev noted that neither witness provided the date, but rather the was inserted into the questions that each witness was asked, and they respond in the affirmative. She stated that additionally, the ALJ looked to the date at the bottom of the NOV where the investigator signed the document and testified it was the same date of the inspection. However, there was no evidence establishing that information or clarity was shared with the appellant at the time



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of service or prior to the hearing. The NOV as served did not include a date in the statement of charges. Also important for the decision in this matter was the lack of a full street address in the NOV of the location inspected. She further stated that the decision does not address the lack of a location and when you review the record in its entirety, the only testimony that comes out is that the inspection occurred somewhere north of Bay Ridge in Brooklyn and the building was on “St. John's Place.”

- Board Member Hope Knight commented that it is very serious to issue a superseding decision for granting the appellant’s appeal, but she did look at the NOV and observed there was no date and no location. She further stated that she thinks this is a good learning lesson.
- Chair Wright stated that right now in this moment they are perfecting all of their processes and here they get to make it clear that due process is important. She further stated that this brought to mind the issuance of a traffic ticket and how in those matters failures to include necessary information results in a dismissal. She noted the OCM process is similar to a ticket writing process and they are committed to the diligent exercise of their powers, and they will be more careful as they move forward with this.
- Celena Ditchev stated that the decision does go into further analysis in terms of the ALJ’s reasoning and relevant caselaw. She stated that this is very fact specific decision, and something that is important to note that is mentioned in the decision, is that during the course of the hearing, there was no request to amend the charges and there was no request to conform the charges to the evidence. She further stated that as a result the record was insufficient to even address the omissions in the NOV itself.
- Chair Wright stated that this is really specific to these facts, and this is not something that they can just use unilaterally and think that suddenly they are going to be seeing many other stores reopened because of this. She stated that they know that there is a way in which this could be addressed during the hearing, and they know that there are some other learning lessons for them.
- Celena Ditchev stated that in the event that there was another NOV to be considered that did not include a full address, it could absolutely be addressed at the hearing which is why she thought it was important to have that included in the decision before the Board that that was not done in this instance.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-13, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal The Jerk Shack LLC v. OCM, Inspection No. 115202406260020, affirming the decision and order, was approved unanimously.

- Acting Executive Director Felicia A. B. Reid, John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics for OCM, Maggie Cowee, Program Analyst 2 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.

– Market Update



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- New York's adult-use market has generated \$1.09 billion in sales to date.
With just one month into 2025, retail sales have exceeded \$110 million.
Average sales per store decline as more retail dispensaries open each month.
Downstate regions account for 55% of past year sales despite fewer stores. Long Island has the most sales per store of any region.
As of February 2025, 993 locations have received proximity protection.
Half of New York municipalities opted not to allow retail dispensaries.
Dispensaries are currently unable to open in approximately 46% of NYS's municipalities due to municipal opt-outs.
The large opt-out areas will increase retail property premiums in opt-in zones and limit the total number of dispensaries that can be opened based on retail distance requirements.
With over 1,500 licenses issued, there are 240 CAURD with final licenses, 2 CAURD operating at delivery only, 9 ROs, 153 provisionally approved retail dispensaries, 200 cultivators, 329 processors, 186 distributors, 240 microbusinesses, and 329 adult-use retail dispensaries.
Energy and Environmental Sustainability Update
Late last year, the Office published a comprehensive guidance document for their Energy & Environmental Plan. This document outlines regulations, requirements and timelines for the elements of the Energy & Environmental Plan, which applies to various adult-use cannabis licensees. It also includes a template that outlines the type of information that can be used to meet these plan requirements. At this time, plans will not be submitted by licensees, but the requirements must be complied with at all times and plans must be maintained and made available upon request by the Office. The document can be found at cannabis.ny.gov/sustainability. Last month, they had their first meeting of the Cannabis Advisory Board's ("CAB") Energy and Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee, where they elected Board Member Alejandro Alvarez as the Subcommittee Chair and gave a report out of past and proposed projects. A recording and meeting minutes can be found on the Office's website.
As a reminder to licensees authorized to cultivate medical and adult-use cannabis, the Office is now six and a half months out from the reporting deadline for the benchmark PowerScore report. The first report is due August 31, 2025 for all licensees and annually on August 31 thereafter. Their partner at Resource Innovation Institute (RII) will be hosting a webinar tutorial on how to access your account and enter data into PowerScore on March 26, 2025. The Office anticipates releasing a registration link in their March monthly newsletter. The Office is also



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working with RII on a series of video tutorials that will live on the PowerScore landing page at powerscore.org/new-york. More information about PowerScore and cannabis efficiency can be found on the Office’s website and guidance and educational tools about reporting requirements can be found at cannabis.ny.gov/sustainability. For questions about reporting requirements or timelines, email PowerScore@ocm.ny.gov or for questions about the platform or issues with accessing your account, contact RII at PowerScore@resourceinnovation.org.

- The Office won a Sustainability, Environmental Achievement and Leadership (SEAL) Sustainability award for their PowerScore initiative. The PowerScore initiative won this award based on the educational tools developed, the outreach program, plans to use aggregated, anonymized data to assess the industry’s performance against the emissions reductions requirements of the CLCPA and plans to use this anonymized data to pinpoint areas for future policy changes and licensee needs for funding or other State support. The award highlights the Office’s commitment to sustainability as required by the MRTA and underscores the work their licensees are undertaking to make this the most economically, environmentally and socially sustainable market in the world. The OCM logo with the word “cannabis” in it will be featured in all mentions of 2025 winners of the award along with the other logos.
- Social and Economic Equity (SEE) Update
o Of the applicants before the Board today, 62% of adult-use licenses are SEE owned. The breakdown includes 65% Minority-Owned Businesses (MOB), 52% Women-Owned Businesses (WOB), 13% MOB & WOB, 4% Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDV), 2% Distressed Farmers, and 24% Communities Disproportionately Impacted (CDI).
o The breakdown for SEE across the supply chain includes 38% of Adult-Use Cultivators, 48% of Adult-Use Processors, 41% of Adult-Use Distributors, 60% of Microbusinesses, and 80% of Adult-Use Retail Dispensaries.
o Upcoming programs and events include the Cannabis Hub and Incubator Program (“CHIP”) Academy Part 4 and the Supply Chain event. CHIP Academy Part 4, the Office’s latest iteration of CHIP Academy, is a product of the OCM’s survey identifying educational needs for growers and is slated to launch in the coming months. CHIP Academy is an educational program designed to help new and conditional licensees navigate compliance, Good Manufacturing Practices (“GMPs”), and industry best practices, and consists of targeted training and Q&A sessions, and the



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program addresses key regulatory challenges and provides resources to support sustainable business growth. The Supply Chain event is an OCM-organized event for licensees across the supply chain, designed to promote networking among licensees and provide valuable information to support their success. Key features include opportunities for one-on-one technical assistance with subject-matter experts and OCM staff, in-person training sessions and workshops tailored to address business and operational needs, and a platform for licensees and stakeholders to connect, share resources, and collaborate.

- NYS is expanding cannabis access through higher education. There are several SUNY and CUNY colleges with active cannabis programs and all of these institutions offer a broad range of industry-related coursework. Some of these schools have specializations. Currently, there are 21 cannabis certificate programs, 1 cannabis degree program, and 67 unique courses.
- The Office has launched the Cannabis Banking Directory which is now on the OCM website. The Cannabis Banking Directory is a resource connecting cannabis operators with banks and credit unions willing to provide financial services. Includes is a list of participating banks and credit unions, direct contact information for easy access, regions served, and available cannabis financial services. To join the Cannabis Banking Directory, financial institutions must offer cannabis financial services and be accredited through the federal and regulatory database.
- Community Reinvestment Program Grants Update
 - The first round of the CGRF will issue grants to 501(c)(3) community-based organizations to fund programs serving young people, ages 0-24 years old, focusing on 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.
 - Progress to Date
 - The Office issued the Request for Application (“RFA”) on October 16, 2024. The application closed on December 18, 2024.
 - Office of General Services (“OGS”) conducted a “Minimum Eligibility Assessment.”
 - OCM recruited 40 evaluators from inside the agency. Training for evaluators was completed, covering RFA details, scoring, best practices, and confidentiality/conflict of interest (COI) requirements. All evaluators signed confidentiality and COI agreements.
 - Evaluators vetted applications for potential COIs. Applications were sorted into three-person Review Teams according to RFA



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selection methodology and COI avoidance. Applications became available for OCM review starting January 23, 2025.

- Out of the 451 applications received, 341 applications were eligible for evaluation and scoring by OCM. These are not final numbers and are subject to change.
- Next Steps
 - OCM completes evaluation and scoring over six weeks.
 - Applications are ranked with tiebreakers and funding methodology.
 - Tentative notices are sent to applicants.
 - OGS submits the procurement package for Office of State Comptroller (“OSC”) approval.
 - The CAB makes a public announcement after OSC approval.
- Chair Wright asked what the population is in over half of the New York municipalities that opted out to allow retail dispensaries.
- John Kagia stated that he would have to get that number for her and present it at the next Board meeting.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia asked if down the line if there is a way of them comparing their dispensary revenue to other retail in the State, and how it averages compared to the rest of retail in the State and that she is curious how the industry is faring generally.
- John Kagia stated that to let him see what they can find on that and to do this correctly, they would want to both look at revenues as well as profitability because one of the things that makes this industry different is how high the taxes are for cannabis businesses because of the continued Federal illegality or cannabis being a Schedule 1, which means that cannabis businesses cannot take the same deductions that every other business can in the economy.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia stated that she loves the map of dispensaries available that have opened up in the State, and she noticed that the medical webpage does not have similarly a map like that, and it would be great if they could incorporate a map for patients.
- John Kagia stated that the local map does include a toggle both for adult-use and retail dispensaries and they are both on that one local map, but he will also make sure that they have full access to it on both places on the website.
- Board Member Jessica Garcia stated that she thinks they would want to encourage patients to go to medical dispensaries and not go to a recreational adult-use site if what they need is medical grade cannabis.
- John Kagia stated that is entirely fair and they will raise that with their site design team.

• Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the CCB during the Public Comment period. Participating individuals must limit their remarks to two minutes and should only be related to specific agenda items. Public Comments are listed in Appendix A.

• The CCB adjourned the meeting.



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Appendix A

NYS Cannabis Control Board 2/14/2025 Meeting – Public Comment

Table with 5 columns: First Name, Last Name, Organization (If Applicable), Public Comment. Row 1: Tabatha Robinson, [blank], Hi, everyone. Thanks for receiving me again. I do have some remarks, some reflections, and some gratitude to share. I can't even believe that we're here. I'm going to try to keep my voice under control. I want to thank the Board for your service for receiving me as your acting Chief Equity Officer. It has been a wild ride, and somehow, I wouldn't change most of it. I've been at OCM since the beginning. I was employee number 14, and that today is February 14th, feels very serendipitous and it also feels, New York is my first love, you know, and always will be. So, I just have so much gratitude for everyone that I've met, for everyone that I've worked with. I've been thinking a lot about what I've learned from New York cannabis and there are two things that stand out. The first is that public service is really about listening first. So, thanks to everyone who has done that work. Listen to our stakeholders, listen to each other in the agency, listen to the board, put our egos behind us, and really just heard what needed to be done. And the second is that as a regulator you should always focus on the metrics. There is a lot of noise in cannabis. As they say we age in not dog years, but cannabis years. And all of that noise, I think can create a lot of distraction. So, comments around New York is a success, or my favorite New York is a failure always makes me think back to but what are our metrics. And we're really crushing it. Right. So I, I really just want to correct the record. I really just wanna correct the record that New York cannabis, we're doing fantastically. We have \$1.1 billion in sales revenue. We have over 90% of our retailers come from an equity program, either CAURD or social and economic equity. No State has even come close to that. We have distribution all around the State. We have hundreds of processors. We have launched so many dashboards and are



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				<p>sharing that information publicly. In less than 4 years since launching, this agency will soon be the largest on the East coast. Right. We're on track, I'd say by mid this year, maybe June to reach that number one spot in terms of dispensaries open. Right now we're at number 2. So, again correcting the record, there's nothing failing about what we do here. We have challenges. We learn from those challenges. We make mistakes and we learn from them. But I wouldn't characterize New York as anything other than a success. It is really hard to do this work. My colleagues know this. It's incredibly difficult, but it's really worth it. I want to thank Chris Alexander Damien Fagan for their leadership, for helping us get here. It feels so warming to get my flowers today, and I know that there are people, Chris and Damien, as well as many others, who never got their flowers, but contributed so much to what we have here. I want to thank Felicia Reid for her direction, for her leadership. She has been a guiding light in terms of what equity is, and I'm so grateful for her for never questioning why equity matters. I thank, Felicia, for understanding that when we talk about equity we're not talking about feelings we're not talking about do good. We're talking about resources. We're talking about businesses, economic development, small business development. We're talking about tangible things that we're putting into the hands of people who haven't had much. To my team, my team has been wonderful. I've watched you all have life, go through life. Someone's here with a baby from my team. I've watched you all go through so much, and it's been really amazing working with you. Thank you for holding the details of our work. As regulators, we live in the details. You know, even if we speak from 20,000 feet, we really live at sea level, and I thank you all for holding the details. I thank you all for coming to me and asking me what's bothering you, what's stressing you, what's concerning you, and then holding that and taking care of those things so I don't have to think about them. To everyone else at the agency, you all play such an important role in the work that equity does and the equity work coming out. You know, I come up here every month, and I share</p>
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				<p>updates with the board, and I hope that the rest of the agency can see their work in it as well. All of the back-end work that goes into what we do means so much. All of the times that I've sent folks and other teams, hey, quick question, can you do me a favor, and they've obliged and indulged me. I'm so grateful for all of that. One thing I love about OCM is that we've never lost sight of the mission. Despite all of the noise, we have always remained true to our mandate under the MRTA. We've always understood that priority means priority, and that service means service. I also want to thank our partners. They're numerous. I'll just name a few, the Farm Bureau, Local 338, Our Academy, SUNY, CUNY, our sister agencies. Thank you to all of the attorneys and consultants and our tap providers who are in the rooms we can't be in as regulators who are doing the education that we can't do. We just don't have the time and the human bodies. To all of the advocacy groups we've partnered with, thank you, too. Thank you for trusting us with your groups. Thank you for allowing us to hold roundtables and to build off of the relationships that you have. Thanks to all of the operators who have been patient with us, and with this industry that includes the operators who always knew they wanted to go legal, and those who might have been on the margins, the legacy operators as well, who took a risk on us frankly and have been coming online. Thanks for everyone who makes public comment. As a regulator, it is so painful to sit here and hear the public comment. But please continue to offer your public comments right, because as you come with the fire, it makes it easier for us, as regulators to go back to our desk with that same fire. I encourage everyone to continue to hold the agency accountable. A couple more notes. What's next for equity? As I mentioned today, we have Chip Academy Part 4 launching soon. We have a Supply Chain event. We have a CAURD grant. It's going to be launching very, very soon. Again, putting resources in the hands of those most disadvantaged. We're going to continue to drive our medical work here, as the agency's resident chemist likes to remind us. Don't</p>
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				<p>holder, we're limited in what we can sell at our retail. We have to sell our own products. And we love growing outdoor cannabis, and we have customers that love our outdoor cannabis. But we also have customers that won't buy our product. They don't want outdoor, delicious outdoor sun grown cannabis. It's a struggle. And by just adding that one combination tier to our license, it will open up so much more for us to be able to do and to diversify our product line. And I speak for many and respectfully I request that you that you consider this in the near future. We're expanding our farm now and you know we've heard some talk about this, possibly coming down the pike. We're in in the middle of, and we're self-funded, and we're in the middle of expanding our farm, and I'm kind of hanging in the balance. I don't know, you know how to do it, because we're kind of hearing that. Well, this may come, but when so. At your earliest convenience, if you can make this happen, it would be greatly appreciated by myself, and I know by many other farmers, and I'm just here to ask you to support Small Batch family owned and operated farms. We're going to be a strong force in this industry, and the consumers want us. Thank you.</p>
4.	Matthew	Robinson	Legacy Dispensary	<p>Hello, everyone. My name is Matthew Robinson. First and foremost, I'd like to thank the CCB for all their hard work, everything they've done. Of course, as usual, we know you guys are working hard. Shout out to Tabatha. I don't know if she left or not, but congratulations to her, and happy Valentine's Day to everybody. With that being said, there's a few things that are sort of like murky that I think everybody just needs more clarification for. Especially when it comes to the PCA. I don't want to say it's a good thing or bad thing yet, because I don't completely understand it. I want to review it as well as a bunch of licensees. But I do think there do need to be some protections, especially when you're talking about putting ROs next to adult use. That is going to be a consistent thing that I bring up. I'm not going to stop bringing it up, and I hope others bring it up as well. I'm also going to say that the dispensaries still should be allowed to waive that medical tax. Someone comes into my store with a</p>



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				<p>am just imploring that you guys do check on annulment requests, because that's a stipulation that's allowing you to do that. And I'm just gonna patiently be here in every single meeting until everything straightened out. I know, like, you know. somewhat, you guys are like the back of the entertainment system, with all the wires tangled up so soon as y'all get that all strained out, we're gonna be perfectly fine. So I just wanted to come here and just tell you that. And I appreciate what you guys have been doing. I've been watching it like I said, it's a victory, and I hope that the judge will allow you to go through the rest of the 150 applicants in November, so that we can get to December so that I can bring grown made from New York marijuana to you guys, and everything's good. Thank you very much for giving me the time.</p>
6.	Scheril	Murray Powell, Esq.	The Ethiopian World Federation Inc, Local 12	<p>Thank you so much OCM, Board and all the staff. My name is Scheril Murray Powell, Esquire. I'm a cannabis attorney. Happy Frederick Douglass Day. Cannabis History is black history. I just want to acknowledge the OCM for recognizing that and presenting materials about the fact that cannabis history is Black History. To Tabatha, you're just a dynamic, brilliant example of leadership, and we're so grateful for your service, and we're very excited about what's next. So congratulations on your new beginning. Today, the Rastafari community got their first micro business license. Rastafari. This will allow us to own the chain of custody for our cannabis, which is our holy sacrament. It will allow us to present a pilot, which will allow for other jurisdictions to recognize the importance of religious freedom and our sacramental right to consume cannabis. So, thank you, New York. Thank you, OCM for the hours and hours you've spent with us talking through on faithbased conversations with Julian and Nev and everyone else trying to understand our experience of being harmed, not only because we're black and brown, but because we've been denied our culturally protected rights and our religious freedom. So I just think that there's been a significant amount of compassion and grace shown to our Rastafari community in this era of ending prohibition, and I want</p>



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				<p>this week for their hearing, where the Board understands that the way that you eliminate the illicit stores is by opening legal stores. They understand the process, and I would commend Community Board 7 with what they did, and I would encourage other community boards to learn from Community Board 7 here in Manhattan as to how they are approaching the process. As has previously been noted, we have some comings and goings today. I'd like to welcome Mr. Usher to the board. Welcome, sir, come on in. The water is fine. I do think that your experience in Senator Krueger's office has prepared you well for your job here, and we welcome your expertise on the board. Ms. Robinson, best of luck to you in Maryland. I'm sure you will do a phenomenal job. You and I have participated in several things here in cannabis. You will be missed, Ms. Robinson. I do want to repeat quickly two things that I think the office needs to look at. One is the voided applications. We have a number of folks that have been reached out to about this or that have reached out to you about it. We would appreciate you reaching out back to them. We know you have problems when you pull the pins from the proximity protection map. As far as what happens, we have numbers of people where landlords even say I don't have a lease on this space. We encourage you to look over those types of things. Two dates coming in the future. We have our medical cannabis lobby day in Albany on March 11th, where we would be promoting two bills. One promoting education about medical cannabis in the State, and the second is requiring the State funded health insurance entities to cover medical cannabis. That is on March 11th and then next week, February 19th, as many of you know, I host a show on LinkedIn called, ask me anything about cannabis legalization in New York every Wednesday at 4:20. Next Wednesday's guest will be the majority leader of the Assembly here in New York, Miss People Stokes, and we will ask for many questions about what's going on in cannabis, as well as that health Insurance Bill. Thank you very much.</p>
9.	Kimberly	Barret	Alphina LLC	<p>Good afternoon, OCM and the CCB. Thank you for providing me with opportunity to speak today. My</p>



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				<p>name is Kimberly Barret, and I'm the founder of Alphina LLC, which applied for a type 1 AU processor license in 2023 000223, as well as an AU distributor license in 2023 000282. Alphina's processor applications ranked number 156 in your December queue. Since 2022, OCM has met with New Yorkers to promote a New York driven cannabis market, educating us on licensing and encouraging small businesses, social equity applicants like me to apply. They urge in participation in the mentorship program to learn the curriculum they established. Through all this, OCM laid a path towards licensure. I've followed it since day one, but it's been expensive, damaging, and frustrating. I have met every suggestion set by the OCM that could bring me closer to my dream of owning and operating a licensed cannabis processor. I completed the mentorship program. I forewent money and opportunities in other States to remain committed to the OCM's goal of a New York dedicated cannabis market. I spent savings I'll never recoup to secure real estate and licensing assistance to apply for a license. I've been extremely patient in telling myself, my time for licensure will come. So, you could be imagine how puzzled I was to see that 8 type 1 processor licenses have been awarded to entities ranked later than my position of 156. My application has not even been reviewed, and folks after me are receiving their license. How is this possible? How do you expect a small business like mine to wait over 15 months without clarity, maintain real estate and operations with no revenue, raise funds without a license. I'm asking the OCM to provide insight as to how it actually reviews applications in the queue because it doesn't seem to be based off the actual queue numbers. Please let me and others like me understand where we stand, so we can make informed decisions about the future of our businesses in New York State. Thank you.</p>
10.	David	Nicponski	Freshly Baked NYC	<p>Yes, good afternoon, OCM Execs and members and Control Board members. First off, Tabatha, your work on equity is appreciated and will be missed. Best of luck in your next role. I'm sure you'll crush it there. Speaking of social equity, I just want to bump to</p>



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				<p>people's attention the Loan Investment fund for CAURD dispensary build outs. We haven't forgotten about this, still need a real accounting of this money where it was spent, how it was spent, and real accountability for the people involved. It was and remains a disaster, and we don't want it to be forgotten. I want to briefly touch on enforcement against unlicensed shops. Despite the celebratory toned announcements earlier this year, enforcement so far across the State, is woefully inadequate. For example, there are more unlicensed cannabis retailers within 5 blocks of our dispensary than there were when we opened for business 9 months ago. And there is another one that will be opening in the next week or so. This is not a success story for enforcement. It is a failure and will seriously damage retailers. Look at the economic data that John Kagia just presented. The sales numbers for dispensaries are disastrous. At average arithmetic mean, not median sales of 250 to \$300,000 per month, many or most of these businesses will fail. It is not a cynical or pessimistic opinion, it is a simple math equation. Perhaps the easiest way to prevent this from happening is to eliminate the illegal competition and give these businesses a fighting chance. When this has been successfully done in pockets around the city and state nearby retailers saw a 50 to 300% increase in sales. This is the difference between choked to death in a slow, painful bankruptcy and a viable, perhaps even thriving business. Lastly, I want to touch on the proximity protection regulation proposal. I applaud the intent of moving toward a more restrictive process and incorporating the public feedback on the first round of comments. I also welcome board Members Garcia and Usher's interest engaging public feedback on the current iteration and all along the process. Unfortunately, the current proposals are still pretty inadequate as written. The public convenience is only served if there's a viable and stable industry. Destabilizing existing licenses is contrary to that requirement and ignoring or deprioritizing the impact on existing licensees is both insane as policy and counterproductive to the immediate goal. Prior</p>
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				<p>feedback given by the Cannabis Retailers Association, I'll repeat here, approvals should be rare in the process. Default outcome should be a no. Nine months of operation, consideration for existing licensees is hardly sufficient to establish viability. 500 feet as the lower buffer length is always too small. Determination criteria needs to be clearly established and transparent. It can't just be they managed to convince the Board. It needs to be that's not a reasonable standard for review. That introduces too much uncertainty to the industry and its per participants. No waiver should be granted if there are operating unlicensed businesses in the neighborhood, and a negative determination by the local municipality or community board should be immediately determinative. They know the local community situation far better than the Control board does, almost by definition. A good process and policy that benefits both the public and industry can be crafted. But despite this being a positive step in that direction, this is not there yet, thank you.</p>
11.	Floyd	Guernsey	Schoharie Valley Hemp LLC	<p>FLOYD GUERNSEY. That's Floyd Guernsey. I'm the 4th I'm the majority shareholder and owner and operator of Schoharie Valley, Hemp. LLC AUCC 220. Pending applicant 675, I'm here today to advocate for our cannabis license approval as well as shed light on how much loss we've endured. Our family-owned nursery, Guernsey Square nursery has been in business for 135 years. Devastated by Hurricane Irene in 2012, we lost everything from plant material to infrastructure and equipment. We want to recover. We spend many hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep producing cannabis, in hopes to gain traction in the market. We have been watching non-licensed applicants gain approval. Meanwhile we sit on our investment from day one. This hurts from our family business to local consumers, to tax revenue for county and state. Please give attention to these applicants who have been in the AUC program like myself. We are ready to invest in our micro license immediately and move as quickly as possible to set up our operation to full capacity. Thank you.</p>



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12.	Max	Freed	FRMIDA LLC d/b/a Zuuld	<p>Max Freed MAX FREED. In December, OCM proposed license caps, despite capturing less than a 5th of the illicit market, and he's using the Whitney report as evidence for a data-driven conversation. Who is Beau Whitney, the author. He's an economist who's personally invested in a vertically integrated cannabis company, multi-state operator he also works for as a director and senior advisor, while his report claims California and Michigan have some of the lowest rates of profitability because of oversaturation. His company is making new investments in those exact States today. Numerous assumptions in the report inflate the cost of running a dispensary. It claims the average rent of a retail storefront is \$10,000 a month everywhere in New York State, and from 30 to \$50,000 a month downstate, inflates labor costs, including claims. The average retail employee in Manhattan will make \$150,000 a year, not including their health insurance or payroll taxes. OCM's apparent conclusions from the Whitney Report aren't supported by the report itself, and important aspects are directly contradicted by it. For one, the report doesn't recommend a supply licensing moratorium or a cap of 150 tier one processors or killing many of the micro businesses precisely the opposite. The report recommends luring more companies into manufacturing in New York. So I ask, what evidence is driving OCM to assert a supply license quota as a data-driven decision. In March 2021, Assembly Leader People-Stokes said this, "the goal of the program is to promote social equity in small business. The Board will be able to regulate big cannabis to provide a fair playing field for New York businesses." That raises another question. How can OCM's proposed king making policies be reconciled with a clear legislative intent of the enabling statutes to support small businesses. OCM's proposal would keep many startup extract processors out and leave most of the December microbusiness applicants empty handed, while ROs and a handful of chosen firms are protected from competition. In the meantime, mine and many more of New York's homegrown</p>
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				startup, small businesses will soon begin our 5th year of waiting to be allowed to get to work. Thank you.
13.	Garret	Reed	Wizzer LLC	Myself and many others would very much appreciate an update on the Delivery Licenses. Has there been any progress towards these licenses, when will the application process begin, and are Delivery Licenses even still going to be issued? There has been little to no update on Delivery for almost a year.
14.	Dan	Kogan		OCMMICR-2023-000253 on November 30 2023 after 1237pm gennadi plotitz and dany kogan on two separate phone calls called ocm 1888-626-5151 got transferred to the programing specialist spoke to someone and requested to do an ownership correction and name change for OCMMICR-2023-000253 license & tpi and switch all information and tpi over to Gennadi Plotitz HOUSESTORE and the person said it will get done not sure what is going on at this point, when dany kogan and gennadi plotitz found out thier is an issue recently both called customer service at ocm 1888-626-5151 and were advise to email licensing@ocm.ny.gov and when we email licensing@ocm.ny.gov got returned email saying to email aulicensing@ocm.ny.gov, today ocm is saying aplication was withdrawn on june 2024 which was not ment for withdrawn based on the emails and phone calls proof on November 30 2023. i am not sure why ocm still never did a name ownership correction and name change on NOVEMBER 30 2023. Withdraw was not the final request as proof was provided to ocm with emails to ocm and phone calls proof to ocm Ocm needs to Bring this to a vote in front of the board members and have them vote this back into the November queue OCMMICR-2023-000253. someone made a mistake from ocm and never switched requested to do an ownership correction and name change on NOVEMBER 30 2023 not even sure why it was withdraw since we requested to have a name change change. Ocm needs to figure how they going to fix this and back to the November queue thank you
15.	Michael	Warholic	Township Valley Farm	I am one of the first aucc license issued on April 2022. I am also one of the first micro lisenca s issued in Feb. 2024. I recieved an email on October 2, 2024 granting me proximity protection for an amended added retail location. My retail location lease is the



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				delays. Thank you for your time.
18.	Patrick	Vincent		When is the license office opening up for applications. I've been trying to apply since June 2023 but the office hasn't been open.
19.	Ross	Hurley	(Hopeful future dispensary) Garden of Weeden	We own a building that has, as I understand it, already been approved by the ocm for an interested party that had hoped to buy or rent the building from us that never went through. My two questions are as follows; 1) is it possible to transfer that approval or license to our business as a new dispensary 2) if not, is there a projected timeline for licensure applications to re-open on Long Island?
20.	Gina	Covello		You will never control weed or the people who use it.
21.	Lillian	Grace	Edu	When will the commission discuss edu vendors for verifiable license holders to maintain compliance.
22.	Nercy	Rodriguez		I would like to know when the city will offer the public within working organizations different classes on the origin of cannabis, it's history of consumption globally by our ancestors, and the benefits it offers the nervous system, and the human body itself.
23.	Jojo	Armani	Business Owners	Success
24.	Concerned	Applicant		Please understand that you are about to be taken to small claims court over my application fee. Understanding that it is non-refundable under normal circumstances, this extended lapse in time between the time of application submission and the eventual time of application review will be much more than an average person would expect to wait. Under this premise alone, all applicants should either a) be taking legal action against your office for mismanagement of funds or we should all be expecting b) refund in full of application fee. Your office should consider itself lucky that other cultivators and business owners are not attempting to recoup lost/potential lost income regarding the mismanagement of the entire office. Something needs to be done about this, as there are over 4,000 applications still outstanding from an application period that opened in October of 2023, and it is now February of 2025. Get it together, please and thank you.
25.	Tavian	Crosland	Social Equity Empowerment Network NY	The MRTA legislates incubators and zero-to-low-interest loans and grants for CDI licensees. It also recognizes the justice claim of individuals from CDIs.



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				<p>SEEN NY is asking the OCM to develop and fund incubators for CDI entrepreneurs and licenses. The SEE distinction is built on CDI backs yet we have not seen the needed investment to educate, train, and remove socioeconomic barriers to becoming operational.</p> <p>Incubators should be defined as wrap-around education, training, and technical assistance services through and beyond operations. These incubators should focus on every aspect of the value chain and should provide facilities for training and as a community-based economic driver. This is in step with the OCM 10 economic zones' economic development agenda.</p>
26.	John	Doe		<p>Verdant Farms LLC should not be up for a micro-business license, they are number 2228 in the queue and have surpassed other businesses who have not been reviewed yet. A lawsuit is coming very soon.</p>
27.	Nicola	Chiaravalle	Prime Arrow	<p>My name is Nicola Chiaravalle and I am a proud licensee in New York's cannabis industry. First and foremost, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Office of Cannabis Management OCM. Your commitment to fostering a thriving cannabis market in New York State is truly commendable, and I sincerely appreciate everything you've done to make it possible.</p> <p>As a CCTM certified professional CCTM # 821310, I have invested my time and efforts into building my business, Prime Arrow, with a vision of contributing positively to our community and the industry as a whole. I have submitted my application for indoor cultivation and am currently in the December queue. It is with a hopeful heart that I reach out to you today, asking for your support in reviewing my application.</p> <p>I was honored to participate in the recent gathering celebrating the remarkable achievement of reaching one billion dollars in cannabis sales for New York State. This milestone is a testament to the hard work of many, and I am proud to be a</p>



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			<p>part of this growing industry. However, I must express that while I am grateful for obtaining my distribution and processing tier 3 licenses, these achievements represent only a fraction of what my business truly aspires to be—an entity focused on cultivation.</p> <p>I plead with you to please take the time to review my application. The cultivation aspect is crucial not only for my business’s growth but also for contributing to the expanding market and supporting the community at large. Your assistance in this matter would mean the world to me and would help pave the way for my vision to flourish.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, your hard work, and your unwavering support for all of us in the cannabis community. Together, we can build a vibrant and sustainable future for New York’s cannabis industry.</p> <p>Warm regards, Nicola Chiaravalle Prime Arrow LLC, Application # OCMCULT0112</p>
28.	Michael	Kline	<p>I recently completed a complaint form regarding Strain Stars-Farmingdale. This dispensary rounds up to the nearest dollar after charging for their products and collecting state sales tax. I am questioning the legality of this practice. Please advise if this has been investigated.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
29.	David	Benham	<p>The NY State limited-licensing schemes has led to the lack of diversity in the marijuana industry in the State of New York. The issue of license caps in the State of New York seems to have created a monopoly in the multibillion-dollar cannabis industry and pits minority and entrepreneurial applicants against multistate operators better positioned to afford the pricey business permit in a limited-license market.</p> <p>NY States limited licensing hampers efforts to promote greater minority participation in the marijuana industry.</p> <p>State licensing caps – which is New York States prevalent regulatory framework– is a fundamental obstacle to equity and inclusion.</p> <p>1. We should be moving away from the paradigm of</p>



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				<p>limited licensing</p> <p>2. We should promote a free market that is also helping social equity applicants” with funding assistance and low barriers to entry.</p>
30.	Thomas	Szulist	Innocence Cannabis	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I was one of the original hemp farmers invited to help launch the cannabis rollout in New York State (AUCC 305). I successfully produced over 2,000 pounds of high-quality cannabis, only to be left with no choice but to have it processed due to the state's injunctions, which severely limited dispensary outlets.</p> <p>At the end of 2024, when the state opened the conversion to a full license, I promptly applied in the first tranche in November (Micro Application 122). My case was opened in March, and all necessary paperwork was submitted.</p> <p>The law stated that all conditional licenses would be converted by Jun3 2024.</p> <p>Now, 10 months have passed, and since September, I have made multiple attempts to obtain updates from your office yet I have received no meaningful response. This ongoing lack of communication has put me in a dire financial position, forcing me to consider bankruptcy and layoffs. All I have asked for is clear and direct communication, but instead, I have been met with delays and a lack of transparency.</p> <p>At 69 years old, I am deeply committed to this industry because of my research and understanding of cannabis medicinal benefits for both the body and mind. Having been in business for 45 years, I find it unacceptable that the state, rather than acting as a supportive partner, has become an obstacle.</p> <p>I urge you to address this issue immediately and provide a clear update on the status of my application.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tom Szulist</p>
31.	Lenny	Manning	The Weed Shoppe Inc.	<p>We are very active in the NY cannabis community. The complaints are pretty constant. Due to the 280E tax law most of us will barely be able to survive. By the OCM controlling almost every facet of our businesses it has reduced our ability to engage in free enterprise. In any economic market there should be the ability to have a free flowing supply and demand. We are constrained by the OCM setting price controls on us. You tell the growers, distributors and the dispensaries what we have to buy and sell at. That</p>



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				<p>how puzzled I was to see that eight Type 1 processor licenses have been awarded to entities ranked later than my position of 156. My application has not even been reviewed and folks after me are receiving their license. How is this possible?</p> <p>How do you expect a small business like mine: To wait over 15 months without clarity? Maintain real estate and operations with no revenue? Raise funds without a license?</p> <p>I am asking OCM to provide insight as to how it actually reviews applications in the queue because it doesn't seem to be based on the actual queue numbers. Please let me, and others like me, understand where we stand so we can make informed decisions about the future of our businesses in New York State. Thank you.</p>
34.	Steven	Mrowzinski		<p>When will the window be open to apply for licenses such as micro business, delivery, dispensary?</p>
35.	Ryan	ODonaghy	DabLab LLC	<p>Here's an idea that is fair and consistent with the rule of law- process the applications in the order in which they were received. Why is this the ONLY state agency that does not honor a conventional queueing system. Due to the lack of adherence to norms, you all have been faced with an onslaught of lawsuits, most of which have been due to the manner in which you have chosen to process the applications. Try using ANY other state agency as an example, such as social services. They will tell you that if you are there in the morning before another applicant, even though both are in equal need of services, the person in line first is the one who gets preference. This agency should be absolutely no different, but instead there is discrimination against those who are attempting to properly utilize the queueing system in place at all other agencies- first come, first served.</p>
36.	Concerned	Microbusinesses		<p>If ya'all are only approving under 100 licenses a month, and ya'all have over 100 employees, what are ya'all doing?? This is our tax dollars NOT at work. Srsly, get it together ya'all- this is shameful, and as a proud NY'er I am ashamed that we ain't well over 2-3 billion \$\$ in revenue already, sadly.</p>
37.	Lisa	Barone	The Herbal Confectionery	<p>Thank you for your time. My name is Lisa, a CCTM certified, SEE program and women owned licensed Microbusiness. I want to highlight two significant issues facing microbusiness that are and will continue to hinder the growth and success of this license type.</p>



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				<p>First, the exorbitant lab testing costs are barrier to entry for many of us. As small operators, many from the legacy market, we cannot absorb these high costs without compromising our ability to operate efficiently. This puts a direct strain on our resources and limits the potential for small quality batch to enter the market. There must be established guidelines placed specifically for microbusiness and lab requirements. Second, the requirements that microbusiness dispensaries can only stock their own product and brand is creating a bottleneck. This restriction forces us to stock shelves more slowly, leading to higher operational costs, prevents us from offering a variety of products to customers and fosters an environment that does not support the longevity of micro-dispensaries. In addition this forces Micro's to choose the cheapest processing options, often leading us to rely on ROs which harms the craft quality that the micro is meant to be.</p> <p>I urge the OCM to allow microbusinesses to stock a portion 10 or 20% o their shelves with other microbusiness brands. This would be an immediate help to foster a more collaborative thriving craft industry and provide a pathway for those of us coming from the legacy market to stock our shelves with quality and community oriented brands.</p> <p>The craft cannabis community, especially CCTM's who were required to close their illicit businesses as they transitioned to licensing, need this flexibility to survive and contribute to the states growing market. I ask from the perspective of the 10th microbusiness in the state, with 11 SKUs completely grown, processed and retailed by our in house team that the OCM consider these suggestions and allow for a more sustainable, diverse approach to the growth of the micro market.</p>
38.	Marie	Bazile	SmokeySpace llc	<p>Can a licensee have more than one location? And also when will my application be approved? Application number for see application is # ocmsee 2023- 002943 and my adult use application number is ocmretl- 2023-002965. Thank you for more information please call Marie or edy at 3475863862 thank you</p>
39.	Mark	Wagner	Green Goat Gardens, LLC	<p>I submit this comment on behalf the applicant, Green Goat Gardens, LLC, Application ID OCMMICR-2023-000492, queue position 1599. This application has</p>



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				<p>been pending for 15 months with only 3 information requests from OCM during this time: 1) clarification on the property address, 2) hours of operation and 3) delivery confirmation of the municipal notice. These requests were timely responded to with no indication from OCM regarding any additional information that may be needed or the status of review of this application. Green Goat Gardens has incurred significant operational expenses during this time to ensure it is in a position to commence operations if and when its application is approved for a microbusiness license with retail. Notably, applicants with higher queue positions, including certain applicants being approved in this February meeting, are being awarded licenses, which is concerning given the minimal information requests on this application to date. Please advise when OCM expects to have the entire November queue completely reviewed, so Green Goat Gardens and other applicants in a similar position can plan accordingly.</p>
40.	Willa	Smiley	<p>Wellness Options ReSources Transform Health (W.O.R.T.H.) Corp.</p>	<p>My name is Dr. Willa Smiley, RN. I educate patients, businesses, communities, and organizations on Cannabis Compliance. Why: to mitigate risks and reduce medical liabilities in the Cannabis Industry. I implemented the Cannabis Use Identification Test-Revised (CUDIT-R) as a project. My findings in research showed that populations are using medicinal cannabis for various reasons. I am looking to partner with researchers and OCM to continue to get real time research on populations needs for medicinal cannabis use in NYC. wsmiley@theworthcontinuum.biz web:theworthcontinuum.biz</p>
41.	Joshua	Tepperberg	<p>The J Suite NYC</p>	<p>The New York State Office of Cannabis Management and the Cannabis Control Board must review the December queue. I have dedicated years to this industry—as a compassionate care provider, an advocate for legalization, and the Executive Director of UNLOC, furthering the legacy-to-legal movement. I completed the CCTM program and volunteered as a Technical Assistance Provider, helping dozens of applicants navigate the 2023 process. My Microbusiness application—OCMMICR-2023-000956 for The J Suite NYC LLC—deserves a fair review. I have put in the work, and equity demands action now. The system must honor its commitment to those who built this industry.</p>



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42.	Steven	Childress	Winter Thorn Farm	Are you going to open up conditional use cultivator licensure? If and when you do are you going to allow CBD Hemp cultivators to reapply as conditional use cultivators and will there be a streamlined application?
43.	Mark	Wagner	C&R Project LLC	I submit this comment on behalf of the applicant, C&R Project LLC, Application ID OCMRETL-2023-001514, queue position 1081 SEE, now queue position 1984. One of the principals of C&R Project LLC was convicted of a marihuana related offense and has owned a financially profitable construction business over the four years prior to the enactment of the MRTA, which would have satisfied the requirements to apply under the CAURD program. However, C&R Project LLC lost its SEE designation because this principal did not reside in a OCM designated community disproportionately impacted by prosecution of marihuana related crimes, which is disappointing under the circumstances to say the least. This application has been pending for 15 months with only 1 information request regarding finger printing. The request was timely responded to and satisfied within 4 days of the request. C&R Projects LLC has incurred significant expenses to continue to control the identified property for its contemplated retail dispensary and it has not even received proximity protection to date. Notably, applicants with higher queue positions, including certain applicants being approved in this February meeting, are being awarded licenses, which is concerning given the minimal information requests on this application to date. Please advise when OCM expects to have the entire November queue completely reviewed, so C&R Projects and other applicants in a similar position can plan accordingly. Kyle
44.	Kyle	Brown		Ocm is breaking multiple lawsuit with no ocm interference.
45.	Tim	Williams		Ocm is allowing stiiizy to break multiple ocm regulations. They need to be investigated for hiring staff at another persons license via indeed. Tbat is showing the have a direct interest in the license through indeed posts.
46.	Wael	Mahdi		Good morning, just two questions please: 1. If we submitted our application in December without a location, can we still do that now or is it too late? 2. If we're in the December que, can we change our



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				<p>application towards another license (Micro to Cultivator) since there's a higher demand now? -Thanks!</p>
47.	Sean	Robinson		<p>New York City thrives on small businesses—our economy, culture, and communities have been built by them. We are at a pivotal moment where we can ensure that Cannabis remains in the hands of small business owners who are committed to equity, local investment, and meaningful change.</p> <p>We urge the OCM Cannabis Board to stop the licenses for Multi-State Operators (MSOs) and prioritize the December que to support independent businesses that will truly reinvest in New York.</p> <p>Additionally we are deeply concerning that certain dispensaries such as The Travel Agency continue to receive additional licenses and challenge Proximity Protection. OCM should look to the December queue of applicants first. This imbalance threatens the very foundation of an equitable and diverse cannabis market.</p> <p>We ask the board to uphold the original vision of New York's cannabis program—one that fosters opportunity for small businesses, not just corporate expansion. Let's keep cannabis local, community-driven, and fair.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
48.	Ayinde	Brooks	High There LLC	<p>Good morning, I am reaching out to find out some information or the status of the injunction that has been placed in provisional retail licenses. My provisional retail application came in the December queue at number 1624. I am curious to hear if/when my application would be reviewed or even if there are intentions on getting this injunction lifted so my application can even be considered. Are these provisional applications going to be reviewed? I have been on this January 14th OCM control board meeting and I haven't heard anything specific to this matter. I do look forward to getting some information regarding my concerns. Thank you!!</p>
49.	Walter	Iwachiw	wee4justice3	<p>Tabita Robinson, thanks for your work in NYS and best in your work in the future.</p> <p>Welcome to Mr. Usher.</p> <p>Regarding delays in our opening due to repeated injunctions and the recent Feb 3 email releasing us to proceed and informing us we are not under the injunction.</p>



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				<p>Regarding SFS review of non profit Community Grant which eliminated some 81 applicants because the SFS did not complete the review of applicants by 12-18. SFS Should offer a review for the 81 applicants to cure.</p> <p>Loans are not available for Non-profits. Please aid licensees looking for loans. thanks to all the board members...</p>
50.	Ravinder	Singh	J d smoke shop	<p>More then one to year waiting for adult use dispensary licence on 361 dingens st , buffalo ny (j d smoke shop)</p>
51.	Wen-Ray	Hsu	Metrorite Clinic	<p>Primary care physician uninterested in OCM management and License.</p>
52.	Thomas	Ballistrea	Cannabaceae LLC	<p>My name is Thomas Ballistrea Jr., I'm the founder and CEO of Cannabaceae LLC, a graduate of the CCTM program and grateful to have the privilege of being a microbusiness licensee. The following comments are in reference to the CCB meeting held on 2-14-25 and the agenda items set forth for the CCB meeting.</p> <p>In reference to CCB resolution No. 2025-04; as the board continues to award licenses to individuals to operate in the adult use Cannabis industry in New York, reiterating my prior comments, please consider amending the NYCRR S. 854--A Article 4 section 120.3 (c) (1) to include a combination option for indoor and outdoor cultivation as well as increasing the flowering canopy size limits to allow microbusinesses to compete in the adult use Cannabis market.</p> <p>In reference to CCB resolution No. 2025-08; as the ability for the registered organizations to dispense adult use Cannabis related products expands, please consider amending S. 854--A Article 4 section 123.12 (a) (7) (8) as well as all corresponding references in the NYCRR to allow Microbusinesses to sell Cannabis products other than their own cannabis products and perhaps limit those sales to other microbusinesses products to elevate the craft Cannabis industry in New York State.</p> <p>The current regulations limit the ability of microbusiness licensees to be successful and in some cases make the structure of the microbusiness not economically viable given the ability of established licensees to produce Cannabis grown in a controlled environment and at a large scale as well as the ability for retail licensees to carry multiple SKUs.</p>



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				<p>In reference to CCB meeting agenda item “xiii. OCM Update”; while the Cannabis banking directory will be a valuable tool for our community and the efforts to assemble the list and publish it deserves a standing ovation; as we are all well aware, traditional sources of revenue are not readily available for all individuals who are attempting to start a Cannabis related businesses, I would humbly ask the board, the Office and the CAB to please consider instituting programs through the New York State Cannabis Revenue Fund that provide immediate capital by way of unsecured, unsubsidized, revolving, low and zero interest or no repayment loans, grants, and tax incentives directly to all licensees to; increase accessibility for all individuals in the Adult Use Cannabis market in New York state, allow economically challenged individuals a viable path into the well-regulated Cannabis industry, provide financial relief for all licensees and allow for all licensees to meet the compliance standards that govern a well-regulated industry and such as those that have been instituted in other Cannabis markets for example; Colorado established the Cannabis Resource Optimization Program and California established; the Qualified Cultivator funding opportunity, the Cleanup, remediation and watershed Enhancement program; and the Cannabis research and innovation funding opportunity, to name just a few.</p> <p>The time to enact these programs is now, small businesses are failing due to a lack of working capital and individuals are being subject to predatory practices due to the lack of adequate funding for Cannabis businesses and/or are unable to operate due to the financial barriers to entry that a well-regulated industry presents.</p> <p>While there is much work to be done and as our communities leadership evolves and the individuals who labor to create an equitable post Cannabis prohibition reality for us all change, I wanted to thank all the individuals who have helped us get here and encourage the individuals who are still in positions to enact change to stay the course and hold your heads up high as you are building the foundation for community healing, I’m eternally grateful to you all, thank you for all that you do for our community.</p>
53.	Max	Freed	FRMIDA LLC d/b/a Zuuld	The real problem for retailers is that the Whitney Report and OCM are trying to achieve the impossible



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