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**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Title:</b>	New York State Cannabis Control Board Meeting
<b>Time &amp; Date:</b>	March 20, 2025 at 1:00 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Onondaga Community College, Whitney Building, 4585 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215, Scott Bieler Clinical Science Center, Linda Dobmeier Conference Room, 128 Carlton St., Buffalo, NY 14203, and Virtual via Webcast

**Attendance**

<b>Board Chair:</b>	Tremaine Wright
<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Hope Knight, Brad Usher
<b>Board Members Present (virtually):</b>	Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Jessica Garcia
<b>Others Present:</b>	Celena Ditchchev, John Kagia, Patrick McKeage, Felicia A. B. Reid, James Rogers
<b>Others Present (virtually):</b>	Matthew Wilson

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2025, Board Meeting
- IV. Consideration of Adult-Use Applications for Approval
- V. Consideration of Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Applications for Renewal
- VI. Consideration of Location and Tier Change Amendments
- VII. Consideration of Registered Organization Application for Approval
- VIII. Consideration of Cannabis Testing Laboratory Permit Approvals
- IX. Consideration of Cannabis Research License
- X. Consideration of Cannabis Research License Annual Report
- XI. Consideration of School and House of Worship Proximity Distance Policy
- XII. Consideration of Provisional Adult-Use Licensee Extension
- XIII. Consideration of Amendments to the Packaging, Labeling, Marketing and Advertising Proposed Regulations
- XIV. Consideration of Administrative Law Hearing Appeals
- XV. Public Convenience and Advantage Process Discussion



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- XVI. Office of Cannabis Management Update
- XVII. Public Comment
- XVIII. Adjourn

**Action Items**

<b>Resolution No. 2025-14:</b>	Resolution to Issue Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licenses.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-15:</b>	Resolution to Renew Certain Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Licenses.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-16:</b>	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
<b>Resolution No. 2025-17:</b>	Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Applications for Registration.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-18:</b>	Resolution Issuing Certain Cannabis Laboratory Permits.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-19:</b>	Resolution to Issue Certain Cannabis Research License.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-20:</b>	Resolution Approving Cannabis Research License Annual Report.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-21:</b>	Resolution with Respect to Determining Proximity to School Grounds and Places of Worship.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-22:</b>	Resolution to Extend the Provisional License Period for Adult-Use Licensees.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-23:</b>	Resolution Directing the Office of Cannabis Management to Issue for Public Comment Certain Proposed Cannabis Packaging, Labeling, Marketing and Advertising Regulations.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-24:</b>	Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal BMillz LLC. v. OCM, Complaint Nos. 117 2023 0621 0026 and 112 2023 0718 0055, Affirming the Decision and Order of the ALJ.	Passed, Unanimous Vote
<b>Resolution No. 2025-25:</b>	Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave Organic Corp. v. OCM, Inspection No. 102202406180011, Affirming the Decision and Order of the ALJ.	Passed, Unanimous Vote



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**Notes & Comments**

- Chair Wright stated that as always, it is great to be here with everyone as they continue the important work of shaping New York's cannabis industry. She thanked her fellow Cannabis Control Board (“CCB” or the “Board”) members, Office of Cannabis Management (“OCM” or the “Office”) staff, and all the stakeholders for their ongoing dedication and engagement. She commented that Spring has arrived, the season of renewal and progress, and their industry is growing. She stated that there are more businesses opening their doors and they are seeing the positive, economic and community impacts of a well-regulated cannabis market. She noted that as of today, they have 330 adult-use dispensaries open across this state. She stated that looking ahead, their priorities remain clear; strengthening enforcement efforts, expanding support for social and economic equity businesses, and ensuring cannabis tax revenue is reinvested into the communities that have been most impacted by past prohibition. She further stated that as they move forward, they remain committed to building a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable cannabis industry that benefits all New Yorkers.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Brad Usher, the Minutes of the February 14, 2025 CCB Meeting were approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-14, a Resolution to Issue Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licenses. Before the Board today, is a cohort of 101 adult-use cannabis licenses which have cleared the multistep review process and are being recommended to the Board for approval. The majority of the applications are from the application window that opened on October 4, 2023, and closed for all license types on December 18, 2023. The 101 applicants include 2 cultivators, 29 retail dispensaries, 14 microbusinesses, 14 distributors and 42 processors. If approved today, this will bring the total number of adult-use licenses approved to date over 1,600. Additionally, the Office’s licensing team is nearing the end of its review of the November Queue which they have been working through since January of 2024. At this point, there are approximately 50 applications left in the November Queue that are still in a submitted status and have not had an examiner assigned to conduct the review.
- Acting Executive Director Felicia A. B. Reid provided an update on the review of cultivation licenses. OCM is working to implement a seed-to-sale system to track inputs and outputs over time. Insight particular to New York is the best foundation on which to base future license recommendations to the Board. In 2022, New York saw the impact of cultivation oversupply. Growers were unable to move product to retail and the industry saw the risks and realities of degraded biomass quality and diversion into unregulated markets. To date, OCM has licensed 195 cultivators and 229 microbusinesses, many of these in 2024. This represents up to 6.5 million square feet of potential canopy space set to operationalize in 2025. Critically, this disincentivizes the current issue of inversion of out-of-state cannabis into New York, which undermines industry integrity, consumer health and safety, and New York’s social and economic equity goals. Croptober 2025 will be the first time that New York will see



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how a healthy cohort of cultivation operators will impact the market. New York has 330 stores in operation and OCM expects many more to be open by year's end. With that, OCM expects that the 2025 harvest will mean more sufficient in-state supply to meet in-state demand. Understanding the yields coming out of the 2025 growing season, with an implemented seed-to-sale system and market monitoring, is critical for OCM to make evidence-based recommendations to the Board on future cultivation licensure. At this time, OCM recommends that the Board slow the pace on cultivation license approvals pending outcomes from the 2025 growing season. New York must avoid oversupply relative to retail, or oversupply and license devaluation, and unsold surplus issues other markets have experienced.

- Board Member Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney asked if they are just voting on adult-use cannabis licenses right now, given the Executive Director's comments, they are not voting to limit or cap any numbers.
Chair Wright stated that no they are not, and that they are only voting to approve the licenses that were attached to Resolution No. 14.
Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-14, a Resolution to Issue Certain Adult-Use Cannabis Licenses, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-15, a Resolution to Renew Certain Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Licenses. Part 116 of the Cannabis Law outlines the requirements for the Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary ("CAURD") license renewal. The CAURD conditional period lasts for a period of four years, with a renewal after the first two years of that license. The justice-involved individual needs to remain the 51% sole control owner of the CAURD license during the conditional period. At the end of the conditional period, the CAURD will be able to transition to a non-conditional or full adult-use retail dispensary license. The CAURD licenses up for renewal today received their initial CAURD licenses in late 2022 and early 2023 and were the first three adult-use cannabis dispensaries that opened in New York State's ("NYS") legal market. The CAURD licensees considered today, submitted a renewal application in accordance with Part 116, including the submission of a notice to the applicable municipality or community board in which the CAURD licensee operates. The Office has reviewed the CAURD renewals and is recommending approval.
Chair Wright asked where these three dispensaries operate.
Patrick McKeage stated that all three of these dispensaries are in New York City and they actually might all be in Manhattan.
Chair Wright stated that they are.
Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Brad Usher, Resolution No. 2025-15, a Resolution to Renew Certain Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Licenses, was approved unanimously.



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- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-16, 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. The Office launched an amendment survey in August of 2024, which allows adult-use cannabis licensees to request certain amendments, including location changes and cultivation method changes, which in accordance with the cannabis regulations, require Board approval. The Office has been reviewing amendment requests on a rolling basis in tandem with the review of new applications. The amendment requests before the Board today include a mix of both supply side and retail licensees. In total, there are 47 licensees who are requesting either a location change or a cultivation method change in some form. As a reminder to licensees, the Office will only process amendment requests received via the amendment survey which is located on the Office’s website under the “Licensing tab”. E-mail submissions of location change requests will not be considered.
- Board Member Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney asked if any of these licenses or any that they are getting ready to vote on expansions or just simply a change in location.
- Patrick McKeage stated that the only tier changes and cultivation method changes that are available right now are the same tiers and cultivation methods that were available for their conditional cultivators when they transitioned from a conditional license to a non-conditional full license. He stated that the option of mixed light, outdoor, a combination license is all available to their cultivators or microbusinesses who are looking to change how they grow or where they grow. He further stated that it would depend on what they were originally licensed for, but that the only options are those that were available for the conditional cultivators when they had that opportunity to transition from the conditional license.
- Board Member Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney asked if they are adding on or going from one type of license to another type of license or is it adding on.
- Patrick McKeage stated that it would be going from one type to another and if you were an outdoor grower and you decided you wanted to go greenhouse, you could change from a Tier 4 Outdoor to Tier 2 Mixed Light.
- Chair Wright asked if they are allowed to change their tiers and increase the square footage of their grows.
- Patrick McKeage stated that the tiers and cultivation methods that were available for the conditional cultivators, Tier 1 and Tier 2 Mixed Light, Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 Outdoor, and then Tier 1 and Tier 2 combination licenses. He stated that those are the options that the conditional cultivators had to pick when they picked a final license and that those are the only tier or cultivation method changes that are available for licensees at this time. He stated that if someone was a Tier 1 and they wanted to go a Tier 2, that would be an increase and that if someone was a Tier 2 and they wanted to change outdoor to mixed light, that would not have



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been a tier increase. He further stated that it is kind of circumstantial in terms of how the licensee wants to cultivate.

- Chair Wright stated that it is fair to say that what this opportunity is, is for their conditional cultivators to roll into the adult-use program and at that time they have the opportunity to select if they want to stay and remain at the same tier with the same square footage or if they are going to move into a different tier that might have increased but the results vary from operator to operator.
Patrick McKeage commented well said.
Chair Wright asked if the Office could provide to the Board members a list of the tier changes and or amend the switches from conditional to adult-use cultivation and if they can get a listing of what the changes were, if they were staying the same and or increasing because that is the overview of what is being requested here.
Patrick McKeage commented sounds good, no problem.
Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-16, 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, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-17, 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 to provide services to unserved and underserved areas of the state, and shall actively promote racial, ethnic, and gender diversity when registering additional ROs. The Board approved the RO application with Resolution 2023-34 and the Office has been reviewing applications over the past year and a half. For the registration in the attached resolution, the Office is recommending approval. This applicant has provided all necessary information in accordance with the RO application and the medical cannabis regulations. This application represents the last RO application from the December 2023 application window that has not had a final determination issued on their application.
Chair Wright asked if they know yet where this operator intends to open their doors or to operate.
Patrick McKeage stated that this particular applicant has two proposed locations, both of them in Western New York, in the Buffalo area.
Chair Wright asked if there are other medical operators in that region.
Patrick McKeage stated that there are, but actually one recently closed and there is one or two dispensaries left in that area.
Chair Wright asked if there are only two for the entire Western New York space.
Patrick McKeage stated yes, for the Buffalo area that are currently operating.



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- Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-17, a Resolution to Approve Certain Registered Organization Applications for Registration, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-18, a Resolution Issuing Certain Cannabis Laboratory Permits. On January 14, 2025, the Office released an application permitting laboratories to renew their lab permits. Applicants are required to verify their current information on file with the Office and provide a \$1,000 non-refundable application fee, updated ownership information, including their entities and true parties of interest, information related to the technical staff that performed the laboratory functions, the scope of their approved cannabis testing, and the status of their ISO/IEC 17025 certification. Approved applicants will pay a permitting fee of \$1,000 or 1% of their gross annual receipts for the calendar year of 2024 (whichever is greater), to receive a cannabis laboratory permit commencing on April 1, 2025, and expiring March 31, 2026. The Office is recommending approval of the 15 laboratories attached to this resolution, who have met the requirements pursuant to the cannabis law and laboratory regulations. With one laboratory electing to not renew their permit, this will leave the state with 15 approved cannabis testing laboratories.
Board Member Brad Usher asked if these are all renewals and are all existing labs.
Patrick McKeage commented correct.
Chair Wright asked if the Office perceives this as a sufficient number of labs to accommodate the testing needed in this state.
Patrick McKeage stated that currently, yes, this is a sufficient supply for both the adult-use and medical market in NYS. He noted that of the 15 fifteen laboratories, four to five of them actually have not expanded their full scope of testing yet and even within these 15, there is additional capacity that can be ramped up over the next year if needed.
Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-18, a Resolution Issuing Certain Cannabis Laboratory Permits, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-19, a Resolution to Issue Certain Cannabis Research License. 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. This is especially important at a time when research on the federal level is very much unknown. The following individual has applied to the Office to be a Cannabis Research licensee:

- OCM-RSCHAPP-24-0006



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The Office has reviewed this application for project quality, study design, value, and impact and believes the applicant has the appropriate expertise and infrastructure to successfully perform the proposed research. If approved today, this will be the 6th Cannabis Research license approved by the Board.

- Board Member Brad Usher asked if there are specific topics that this licensee would be interested in.
Patrick McKeage stated that this one has two project aims. He stated that the first one is agricultural research looking into growing techniques and methods, which is actually similar to what a number of their other research licenses. He further stated that another aspect of this proposal was to look into lab potency testing and trying to standardize lab potency testing as it relates to testing of cannabis to try and harmonize with a specific focus of looking at people who try and maybe over-inflate potency, which they know has been a problem in other states and that is where they are focusing the second aim of the research into.
Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Brad Usher, Resolution No. 2025-19, a Resolution to Issue Certain Cannabis Research License, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-20, a Resolution Approving Cannabis Research License Annual Report. Pursuant to Section 38 of the Cannabis Law, the Board has authority to approve and license individuals interested in producing, processing, purchasing, and/or possessing cannabis for research purposes. Pursuant to Section 132.9 of Title 9, in order to continue licensed activity, a cannabis research licensee must submit certain information to the Board through the submission of an annual report with the OCM for subsequent approval or denial by the Board. The following research licensee has submitted to the Office an annual report:

- OCM-RSCHAPP-24-0001

The Office has reviewed the annual report submission for project quality, study design, value, and impact and believes the licensee has demonstrated sufficient evidence to continue with its research activity.

- Chair Wright asked if what is happening here is the submission of the report is serving as also renewal of their application.
Patrick McKeage stated correct.
Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-20, a Resolution Approving Cannabis Research License Annual Report, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-21, a Resolution with Respect to Determining Proximity to School Grounds and Places of Worship. Per Section 72(6) of the Cannabis Law, "no cannabis retail licenses shall locate a storefront within five hundred feet of a school grounds as such term is defined in the Education Law or within two hundred feet of a house of worship." However, the



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Cannabis Law does not expressly state exactly when the determination of proximity of a proposed licensed location to a school or house of worship should be made during the application review process. For example, at the time of initial application, a proposed licensed location may not be in the proximity of a school grounds or house of worship. However, during the span of the application review process, a new school or house of worship could open up that is in proximity of a particular application. This resolution sets out a policy for the Board to use the date that the application is filed with the Office to determine whether the proposed license complies with the distance to a school and distance to a house of worship provisions in the Cannabis Law.

- Chair Wright asked if it is possible for them to change from date of application to the date of the location submission. She then asked do not they have an entire queue of applicants for whom they have applied without locations, and they are going to be submitting them after the date of application.
- Patrick McKeage stated that they can change that.
- Chair Wright stated that the policy will be updated to reflect that it is not date of application but date of submission of the location.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, an Amended Resolution No. 2025-21, a Resolution with Respect to Determining Proximity to School Grounds and Places of Worship, was approved unanimously.

- Patrick McKeage, Director of Regulatory Operations for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-22, a Resolution to Extend the Provisional License Period for Adult-Use Licensees. Under Section 120.9(c) of their adult-use regulations, provisional applicants for licensure are required to submit all outstanding information required for their final license approval within 12 months of receiving their provisional license, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Due to recent litigation related to the adult-use program, the Office was unable to process provisional applications for most of the month of December and January, as they were waiting to hear back from the court on the scope of the injunction and what they could process and could not process, impacting the ability of some of their adult-use provisional licensees to complete these requirements within their provisional license window. For this reason, the Office is recommending a 6-month extension of the provisional license period for the adult-use provisional licensees to provide sufficient time to submit outstanding information which will be required for final licensure.
- Chair Wright asked how many licensees are potentially impacted by this.
- Patrick McKeage stated that as of right now, altogether, they have 134 provisional licensees out there. He further stated that however, the number that are at least impacted in the next couple of months in terms of having their provisional licensees expire, for a lack of a better term, is closer to 10 to 15, but that ramps up as they go out through the out years of 2025.



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- Chair Wright asked what the total duration of time will be afforded to these provisional licensees and use the longest number of months for provisional licensees to actually operationalize at this point.
- Patrick McKeage stated that it will be 18 months. He further stated that basically, if you got your provisional license in February 2024, you have until August 2025.
- Chair Wright asked if they have any provisionals that are from 2023.
- Patrick McKeage stated that they have their CAURD that are in their own universe, but for the adult-use side, that first provisional license was issued in February, 2024.
- Chair Wright stated that they are looking at 2024s, and they will have a total of 18 months then and all of them, 134.
- Board Member Brad Usher asked what the reasoning behind the decision is to make it six months, given that the delay was significantly shorter than that.
- Patrick McKeage stated that really just to allow folks more time to find a location and they know real estate, especially in places where there have been a lot of applications submitted, is getting harder and harder to find a compliant location. He further stated that it was just giving people more time to fulfill the requirements was the main justification.
- Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Brad Usher, Resolution No. 2025-22, a Resolution to Extend the Provisional License Period for Adult-Use Licensees, was approved unanimously.

• John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics for OCM, provided an overview on the proposed revised rules for Packaging, Labeling, Marketing and Advertising (“PLMA”) rules and regulations for cannabis products in NYS. The PLMA regulations govern the packaging and labeling of cannabis and cannabis products and the form and content of advertising and marketing of cannabis in the state. The proposed amendments maintain and build upon PLMA rules and aim to alleviate the burden on licensees while maintaining the rules that focus on safety and quality of cannabis products, inform consumers, and protect against the packaging, labeling and marketing of cannabis products in a manner that targets individuals under the age of 21. On July 10, 2024, the CCB approved a resolution to file proposed amendments to Part 128 and 129, which are PLMA rules. The public comment period ended on October 28, 2024, and OCM received 34 public comment submissions on the proposed regulations. Those comments were disaggregated into 235 individual comments, that included 113 unique points addressing different elements within the proposed regulations. Commenters included a wide array of stakeholders, including applicants and licensees, public health entities, national and local cannabis advocacy groups, NYS residents, and other cannabis industry stakeholders. The majority of comments came from individuals who were current licensees, applicants for licensure, representatives of licensees or applicants, or other cannabis related organizations operating within the state. The overwhelming majority of commenters suggested alternative language to what had been proposed in the rules.



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- Revisions to Part 128 and 129 aim to:
  - o Reduce common noncompliance causes of Statements of Findings for which there is no risk to health and safety.
  - o Streamline language to account for the medical cannabis program.
  - o Make it easier for licensees to market and advertise competitively.
  - o Restrict marketing and advertising practices that are a potential threat to public health and safety, such as targeting individuals under 21.
  - o Clarify in regulations, certain provisions and changes previously established in guidance only.
- Proposed revisions to Part 128 aim to:
  - o Streamline OCM operations by reducing common causes of Statements of Findings for which there is no risk to health and safety.
  - o Provide technical edits to accommodate the medical cannabis program whose regulations now point to Part 128.
  - o Clarify existing provisions.
  - o Codify changes previously implemented in guidance only.
- Proposed revisions to Part 128 resulting from public comments:
  - o Addition of a definition for market value which informs rules around discount products.
  - o Addition of a definition for wholesale price which is the price of the cannabis product sold via a distributor to a retailer.
  - o Edited the definition of advertisement to replace “buy-one-get-one” offers with bundled discounts.
  - o Clarified that the calculation of retail tax due is required on pre-discounted cannabis products.
  - o Edited language to allow advertising of price reductions, discounts, coupons, point-based reward systems, customer loyalty programs, or bundled discounts via a third-party website allowed by the licensee.
- Proposed revisions to Part 129 aim to:
  - o Ensure that licensees remain competitive, particularly in an environment with widespread proliferation of illicit cannabis businesses.
  - o Maintain NYS’s commitment to protect public health and safety.
  - o Clarify existing provisions.
  - o Codify changes previously implemented in guidance only.
  - o Highlights include:
    - New allowances for retail outdoor signs, including the removal of the 2 per licensee limit to allow for more signage.
    - New allowances for promotions and product discounts.
    - Addition of permitted and prohibited practices for brand representatives.



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- Adjusted audience composition requirements for certain cannabis advertisements to conform to the proportion of the State that is 21 and older, which is currently 75.9% of the NYS population per the US Census Bureau's Annual Estimates of the Resident Population, released in June of 2023.
- Board Member Hope Knight asked John Kagia to talk a little bit about how they are going to be able to communicate to the community the changes if these amendments are adopted.
- John Kagia stated that these are pretty significant changes to the way they are thinking about marketing and advertising cannabis in the State of New York and as they have done with many parts of their program, they were very clear with their public health priorities to start low and go slow. He noted that they have learned a lot over the last couple of years on what was working and what was not, and they think these changes helped really address some of the inefficiencies that were being created and some of the challenges their licensees were facing communicating to audiences and reaching out to potential customers. He stated that it is going to be absolutely critical that as these new regulations, if adopted, go out that they communicate not just to their licensees but to the communities where these activities will be taking place and what is happening. He further stated that they are envisioning not only developing guidance and related drafted material but doing webinars and other public outreach events to ensure that communities understand that if you see down the line, a billboard for a cannabis business, that now would be compliant and that if somebody has a sandwich board outside their store and it is compliant with the municipal rules, then that would be permitted.
- Board Member Brad Usher stated that the tying this to what they have learned about what makes permits success for businesses, it will be critical and he knows the kinds of questions that they are going to get, in fact, he has already gotten some of them about existing signage from community folks, and being able to tie this is how you build a successful industry and certainly tying it to what they allow for alcohol and other things, makes a lot of sense as they do that outreach.
- John Kagia stated that he completely agrees, and they certainly understand some of the concerns that they have been already hearing themselves from community members and what they are trying to do is strike a balance, and show that their legal businesses can compete, and show that this industry is normalized in the state, it is legal and they do not want necessarily for the industry to have to live in the shadows, but their public health priorities remain sacrosanct, and their public health considerations will remain central to every decision that they are making here. He further stated that he thinks that they have achieved that balance with this revised proposal but is very much looking forward to hearing the public's feedback as they try to round this out.
- Chair Wright stated that she likes the direction that they are moving in with these regulations and this will help them to normalize a lot of the conversation around cannabis. She stated that she is particularly happy to see that they have removed the prohibition on images on



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products and or paraphernalia that is sold to customers, and the expansion of the ability to market businesses. She stated that she still has some reservations related to this idea of market value and that it makes it very difficult for people to try out new products because the ability to discount sometimes means just breaking even in business. She further stated that this draft of PMLA's have allowed them to pull back their hands and realize that some things are just business decisions that people make in their business and that they still have a little bit of ways to go with this, but they are moving in the right direction.

- John Kagia stated that he does not think this is going to be the last step that they make to continue to advance these rules, but this is an important step forward.
Chair Wright commented that she is looking forward to seeing what comments come back over the next 45 days.
Upon a motion from Board Member Brad Usher, and a second from Board Member Hope Knight, Resolution No. 2025-23, a Resolution Directing the Office of Cannabis Management to Issue for Public Comment Certain Proposed Cannabis Packaging, Labeling, Marketing and Advertising Regulations, was approved unanimously.

- Celena Ditchev, Associate Counsel for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-24, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal BMillz LLC. v. OCM, Complaint Nos. 117 2023 0621 0026 and 112 2023 0718 0055. This is an Administrative Appeal following an administrative hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH"). In this appeal, the appellant challenges the timeliness of the Administrative Law Judge's ("ALJ") decision and asserts the actions of OCM as being arbitrary and capricious, and that the ALJ's assessment of the two civil penalties imposed in this matter, a total of \$550,000, was both arbitrary and capricious and violative of both the United States Constitution as well as the New York Constitution. The recommendation before the Board today is to confirm the ALJ's decision and deny the appellant's requested relief. The appellant has not established that the ALJ's decision was untimely under the law, the appellant raises general policy and constitutional arguments that are not based on the facts that were before the ALJ and thus beyond the scope of an Administrative Appeal, and the penalty imposed was based on evidence presented at the hearing and was proportionate to the violations and in accordance with the penalties set forth in the Cannabis Law.
Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Brad Usher, Resolution No. 2025-24, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal BMillz LLC. v. OCM, Complaint Nos. 117 2023 0621 0026 and 112 2023 0718 0055, affirming the decision and order, was approved unanimously.

- Celena Ditchev, Associate Counsel for OCM, provided an overview of Resolution No. 2025-25, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal 7th Ave Organic Corp. v. OCM, Inspection No. 102202406180011. In this appeal, the appellant, 7th Avenue Organic Corporation, asserts that the ALJ erroneously extended the Order to Seal ("OTS") issued by OCM because there was insufficient evidence to establish service at the hearing and there



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was also insufficient evidence to establish that the unlicensed sales were more than a de minimis part of the appellant's business activity. The recommendation is to confirm the ALJ's decision and deny the appellant's requested relief. The record contains substantial evidence that service was effectuated on the appellant. The appellant cannot raise a lack of jurisdiction based on improper service of another. There is also substantial evidence to support the finding that the unlicensed cannabis activity was more than a de minimis part of the appellant's business activity.

- Upon a motion from Board Member Hope Knight, and a second from Board Member Brad Usher, Resolution No. 2025-25, a Resolution to Render a Decision for Administrative Appeal 7th Ave Organic Corp. v. OCM, Inspection No. 102202406180011, affirming the decision and order, was approved unanimously.

- The Board held a brief discussion regarding the Public Convenience and Advantage ("PCA") process. While the Board has reviewed and discussed these requests at prior meetings, they continue to receive inquiries about PCAs. First, these requests were envisioned by the legislature and incorporated into their regulations. The regulations currently in place include Section 119.4, paragraph B, which outlines the factors that the Board may consider when determining if granting a license would promote the PCA. The Board has received some requests, and they will actively continue to review PCA requests. When considering these requests, the Board will review the written request, the application submitted, the municipal opinion, and any other relevant information.
- Board Member Brad Usher commented that it is important that they have as much factual information and current factual information as they evaluate these, and particularly with relations to the municipalities. He then asked is it correct that they have municipalities or community boards that have weighed in at a point in time where it was not being considered as a PCA
- Chair Wright stated yes.
- Board Member Brad Usher commented that it is important that they get feedback under the very specific requirements of 119.4 as to the locality's feelings about whether they are meeting the requirements for a PCA and that would be something that he would like to see as they look at these, that they have gotten current feedback from the locality.
- Board Member Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney stated that she would like to agree with Board Member Usher. She further commented that she thinks it is important that they have the municipality feedback before considering any more of these requests.
- Chair Wright commented that this was really just that they can give some clarification of the direction so that people know that this is ongoing and that they will continue with them and that they will be picking them up in the coming months, so that it is just clear what the Board is looking at and what they have before them when they have been making these decisions under the current regulations.



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- John Kagia, Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Market Policy, Innovation, & Analytics for OCM, James Rogers, Director and Deputy General Counsel OCM Trade Practices Bureau for OCM, and Matthew Wilson, Director of the Community Grant Reinvestment Fund for OCM, provided the following OCM updates.
  - Market Update
    - Retail sales are rebounding following the January and February lull.
    - Year-to-date retail sales in 2025 have reached \$220 million.
    - Newer stores are growing slower and plateauing earlier, which is a sign of intensifying competition.
    - Three downstate regions, Manhattan, Queens and Long Island, account for 47% of sales in the last 12 months.
    - The Office is monitoring macroeconomic developments to assess the impact on New York’s cannabis industry. Shifting national policies may impact licensed business operations, including:
      - Impact of tariffs on the cost of key operational inputs (cultivation supplies, manufacturing equipment, retail packaging, etc.).
      - Cannabis tax revenue as an offset to municipal revenue losses from closure of federal operations.
      - Changes in interest rates impacting borrowing costs, including real estate prices.
      - Outlook for cannabis consumer spending as economic conditions evolve.
    - With over 1,600 licenses issued, there are 255 CAURDs with final licenses, 2 CAURDs operating at delivery only, 9 ROs, 182 provisionally approved retail dispensaries, 202 cultivators, 371 processors, 200 distributors, 254 microbusinesses, and 347 adult-use retail dispensaries.
  - PowerScore Update
    - The first PowerScore report is due on August 31, 2025, and applies to all licensees authorized to cultivate. A free PowerScore webinar tutorial will be hosted by Resource Innovation Institute (RII) on March 26, 2025 at 11:00am. Video tutorials are forthcoming. For questions about reporting requirements or timelines, email [PowerScore@ocm.ny.gov](mailto:PowerScore@ocm.ny.gov). For questions about the PowerScore platform or accessing your account, contact RII at [PowerScore@resourceinnovation.org](mailto:PowerScore@resourceinnovation.org).
  - Social and Economic Equity (SEE) Update
    - Of the licenses issued today, 59% of adult-use licenses are SEE owned. The breakdown includes 47% Minority-Owned Businesses (MOB), 33% Women-Owned Businesses (WOB), 13% MOB & WOB, 2% Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDV), and 15% Communities Disproportionately Impacted (CDI).



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- To date, 55% of all adult-use licenses are SEE owned. The breakdown includes 43% MOB, 53% WOB, 9% Distressed Farmers, 7% SDV, and 13% CDI.
- The breakdown for SEE across the supply chain includes 37% of Adult-Use Cultivators, 46% of Adult-Use Processors, 40% of Adult-Use Distributors, 58% of Adult-Use Microbusinesses, and 77% of Adult-Use Retail Dispensaries.
- Cannabis Hub and Incubator Program (“CHIP”) Academy Part 4, the educational training program for licensees, starts April 8, 2025. Sessions are typically held on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. The schedule will be shared with all licensees in the coming weeks. The Office also has an online hub of resources for licensees. Licensees must create an account to access these resources.
- OCM, in partnership with Empire State Development (“ESD”), has launched the CAURD Grant Program, a \$5 million initiative designed to help licensed CAURD dispensary owners cover critical startup costs.
  - Eligible reimbursable costs include but are not limited to commercial rent, capital improvements for retail locations, security equipment purchases and installation, point of sale system purchases, inventory tracking systems, and insurance costs.
  - Grants range between \$10,000 - \$30,000 for eligible expenses. Funds will be issued to awardees through a one-time reimbursement on a first-come, first-served basis until available funding has been depleted. Questions about the opportunity should be sent to the grant administrator at [support@forwardplatform.zendesk.com](mailto:support@forwardplatform.zendesk.com) or call (855) 933-5556.
- The Trade Practices Bureau (“TPB”), established one month ago, currently has four employees, including investigative attorneys, inspectors and data analysts. The TPB has received over 24 complaints and has 5 active investigations. Key violations under investigation include inversion, True Party of Interest (“TPI”), ownership and control violations, license stacking and defrauding licensees, white-labeling to produce house retail brands, and Pay-to Play, processors paying for floor space at retail establishments. Violations can be reported at [cannabis.ny.gov/tpb](https://cannabis.ny.gov/tpb) or by calling the confidential tip line at 855-420-TIPS (855-420-8477).
- Community Reinvestment Program Grants Update
  - The first round of the Community Grant Reinvestment Fund (“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



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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 selection methodology and COI avoidance. Applications became available for OCM review starting January 23, 2025.
  - Out of the 451 applications received, 340 applications are eligible for a full programmatic review. These numbers are subject to change. Applications were received from every ESD region across the state, with the greatest majority coming from NYC.
- Next Steps
  - The Office is currently evaluating and scoring applications. This will be completed late March – Mid-April.
  - Tentative award notices will be sent to applicants.
  - OGS submits the procurement package for Office of State Comptroller (“OSC”) approval late April – early May.
  - The Cannabis Advisory Board will make a public announcement of awardees after OSC approval late May – early June.
- Board Member Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney asked if the grant program is available to micros with a retail location.
- Jim Rogers stated that this is just for CAURD licensees.
- Chair Wright asked if participants are able to submit more than once or is this a one-time opportunity.
- Jim Rogers stated that you apply to be eligible as a grantee and then you can continue to submit the receipts that are reimbursable up to \$30,000.
- Chair Wright stated that they do not need to hold it back, they can work with you and do it in real time.
- Jim Rogers responded absolutely, and they encourage people to do so for sure.
- Chair Wright asked what is the site that they should be going to.



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- Jim Rogers stated that if you go to [cannabis.ny.gov/equity](https://cannabis.ny.gov/equity), you will see all the information or use the QR code.
  - Acting Executive Director Felicia A. B. Reid stated that they want to make sure that as folks are proceeding in their business expenditures, that they have the ability to submit for expenses that are diverse, wide, sometimes unexpected, but are in line with the support of their business operations. She further stated that in terms of the perspective that they have going into this grant, they really want businesses to do what they need to do to keep their doors open, to keep running and submit those expenses as they come up to \$30,000.
  - Chair Wright asked if an operator, for example, made a purchase last month, are they able to submit that this month or is there any time limit on the receipt that they can submit for reimbursement.
  - Jim Rogers stated that as long as they had their final license at the time they incurred that expense, you can submit that.
  - Chair Wright asked if they are going back to the date of licensing for eligibility.
  - Jim Rogers responded yes.
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- 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.
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- The CCB adjourned the meeting.



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Appendix A

NYS Cannabis Control Board 3/20/2025 Meeting – Public Comment

Table with 5 columns: First Name, Last Name, Organization (If Applicable), Public Comment. Contains two rows of public comments from Evan Bussiere and Gizelle Hanson.



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				<p>unsupported. When you have a retail location just like this grant that just came out is only for CAURD licensees and we have a retail location. There's only ten of us in the state. Anyway, microbusinesses, we do not outsource. We do all of our processing and there are a few things that we find has become challenging. One, there's no way to communicate our specific needs to OCM outside of contact and compliance. Compliance is not necessarily informed on the cultivation and or the processing side of things. So, that is a problem when the return and response can be weeks and months to hear back on compliance. It can really be crippling for us, an institution of our size. We also need clarity on a few things. Tasting has been deemed illegal and against regulations. However, for a very small micro business like ours, where the two of us are operating all of it, the whole word of integration, we need to have outside input on the products that we're gonna take to market. It's expensive to test. It's expensive to produce. We need to know that the market will receive it. We would like to have some type of conversation about how we can get testing on our products to see if it's received in the flavors and the flavor profile, et cetera. We also wanted to talk about serving sites and products. We need to be able to do some multi-serving products. Our customers are complaining about the fact that they have to buy four products instead of having a multi-serving beverage, which would have four servings in one bottle. It's a sustainability issue for many people in our community and we want that to be addressed as well. Lastly, refrigerated products. Products that require refrigeration is currently not necessarily permissible, specifically products like ice cream. We're not clear on why that is per se but we were wondering if this could be looked at contextually based on the actual company. Our retail facility has the equipment to safely store frozen products. We work hand-in-hand with the lab to ensure that the food safety and the SOPs are appropriate for compliance and regulation. For us in particular, where we are processing and selling the products, we</p>
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				<p>Reid and John Kagia seem to be driving these license limiting practices under the influence of lobbying / trade groups like CANY and the Cannabis Advisory Board members who have cultivation licenses like Allan Gandelman and Peter Schrer who have expressly shown a serious conflict of interest by recommending in writing that the office stop issuing supply side licenses to stop their potential competition from entering the marketplace. Conversely, the MRTA states in more than one statute that the board has sole discretion to limit or not to limit the number of licenses in each class to be issued in a manner that considers small business opportunities, concerns, and avoids market dominance in sectors of the industry. In general, the powers and the duties of the Executive Director are to implement the day-to-day administration of OCM and carry out any functions delegated to the Executive Director by the board. That is issuing licenses, registrations, and permits, limit to not limit the number of licenses, registrations, and permits issued. So, I'm calling on the board, before you vote to conclude this meeting, to instruct the office and its executive team to stop issuing Type 3 branding licenses before all 2023 applicants have been reviewed, and more importantly, to significantly speed up licensing indoor cultivation applicants from the December 2023 queue immediately, because that is what equity actually looks like. Thank you.</p>
5.	Nicola	Chiaravalle	Prime Arrow	<p>Good afternoon, Board members, Madam Chairman, and OCM leadership. I'm a little nervous. I'll try not to mumble and stumble here. My name is Nicola Chiaravalle, owner of Prime Arrow. I am reaching out to you again with a heartfelt plea and kind request to review and expedite Prime Arrow cultivation's license, OCM CULT 2023-000112. As we strive for economic growth and job development in upstate New York, it is crucial to recognize the significant impact that skilled cultivators like Prime Arrow can have in our region. My company is poised to create over 30 to 35 full-time jobs in the area that desperately needs employment. While I am very grateful that OCM awarded Prime Arrow a distribution license, Type 3</p>



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				<p>processor license, my business plan is fundamentally centered around cultivation. Without this essential license, Prime Arrow’s operations are at a complete standstill, unable to produce organic flower that the current market demands. The gentle guideline of supply and demand indicates or dictates that we must have ample supply, especially in the fast-moving New York cannabis market. As was raised in last month’s meeting, while flower supply may be meeting the demands of the dispensaries that are current open, new retail licenses are being issued and consumer demands continue to grow. The state must be prepared to meet these market needs. With a cultivation license, Prime Arrow is ready to respond to this demand and contribute to New York’s fast-growing marketplace. Without a license, Prime Arrow cannot move forward to meet the critical need. Upstate New York is geologically and economically ideal for cannabis cultivation. Our local government is fully supportive of our operation. In fact, Prime Arrow proudly receive full approval from the Town of Queensbury for our site plan review and special use and we have the unwavering backing of the Warren County Economic Development Corporation. On behalf of my company and my family, I kindly ask OCM to restart the review of cultivation license applications and to please, please, I beg almost, please expedite the review of Prime Arrow’s cultivation application.</p>
6.	Matthew	Robinson	<p>Essential Flowers, Inc - Legacy Dispensary, Inc</p>	<p>Good afternoon, everybody. I want to say thank you to the CCB, CAB, and OCM for all of your hard work. Some of us do understand the plight that you go through. I'm the owner of RR Legacy Dispensary, or excuse me, the CEO of RR Legacy Dispensary, CEO of RR Legacy Dispensary and the Director of CRANY, Cannabis Retail Alliance of New York. I want to bring up a couple of things. First, the PLMA, that needs to be sort of expedited. We're watching ROs send emails and give out discounts and they can do adult use, and they can do medical. So, now they're pulling in more customers easier than us. It's just making it harder on us. Please try to expedite as fast as possible. I know it's a process. I also like to say, I'm</p>



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				<p>meeting for the last year at SUNY Morrisville with Dr. Gilbert Jenkins who was aware of my situation and for some reason, my municipality just does not know why they cannot get a response either from the office or the board, primarily since I was a CCTM participant and also someone that took the program very seriously, setting myself up to enter the market in a diligent and compliant way. I didn't spend my money on attorneys or lobbyists. That's what I've been doing, setting up my business for the last two years. We've been paying a lease, just all the requirements. Again, you would answer one of the calls or correspondences from my municipality, you would see how excited they were to participate in recreational cannabis due to our location, we're surrounded by all opt-out municipalities. Closest retail is thirty miles from us, who is on the lobbying list trying to block us. They've actually signed it under multiple company names, DBAs, so just wanted to advocate for ourselves, and thanks for your time and everything you guys have been doing.</p>
9.	Robert	Danton	Dank By Definition	<p>Hello. My name is Robert Danton. I'm also a CCTM graduate of the program from 2022 when it was finished. Since then, Damian Fagan, Brian Farmer, all those executives no longer even work, I think, for the OCM. Me, I run a discord with about a hundred other members in it as well. We have literally heard nothing from the OCM about the program, us in the December queue. We've reached out to the OCM a couple times. What does a guaranteed review of our application mean in the regs? The only response you get back is it means your application will be reviewed. So, a lot of us are from 2022 with a bunch of promises that were made have kind of set up plans and made a lot of life altering changes to try to move forward because we thought we were going to get into the market a lot quicker and since then we've literally had zero response from the OCM, zero updates and there's nobody we've talked to since. I know there have been issues with the December queue that have been going on but a lot of us are still left in limbo. As you say, cultivators are going to be slowed down and things like that. So for the CCTM,</p>



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				for the promises that were made to the CCTM, we would greatly appreciate a response from the OCM about what is going to be happening with that program and the people who completed it. That's it. Thank you.
10.	Max	Freed	FRMIDA LLC d/b/a Zuuld	Hi. I'm Max Freed. Starting with praise, the Trade Practices Bureau is a great policy choice and Mr. Kagia has mentioned, perhaps, regulating the definitions of product terms. Those are both fantastic ideas. Now, about the attempts to impose license quotas. First, revenue per store is declined, but is the number of retailers the main reason? If we had better products, better quality, and price than the illicit market, we wouldn't be capturing just 15% of the revenue. Speaking of production, the December queue injunction does not impact the non-retail micros who never had a notification requirement. OCM has proposed capping our numbers and I wanna push back. If the micros cultivation is the problem, well, there's no statutory requirement that micros cultivate. The requirement is that their products be primarily their own and processing could qualify if regulations were revised. About the efforts to cut off more cultivation. I've observed a process of reasoning that amounts to calculating the total flower demand in the state, calculating the maximum production of every canopy, and dividing the market by the canopies to find a preferred number of licenses. Unfortunately, there are core problems with this approach. As powerful as the people in this room are, none of us control whether our cannabis market is oversaturated. That's determined also by Massachusetts and Jersey and the reservations and legacy and by new illicit activities like inversion. Another problem is the entitlement baked in. This carving up of the market assumes that every gram of flower grown by a licensee is entitled to a customer's dollar, regardless of its quality, price, age, or mold content. Consumers have options. Not all cannabis is the same. Creating great products take skills developed over years. If someone produces products that are not good, they won't consistently sell. Trying to dictate to consumers that they just have to accept inferior



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				products at a worse price is doomed to fail here just as it's failed in California and Canada. Whether the successful products are in the legal market or outside of it depends on whether experienced producers are issued licenses. So, this question I hear about how far down the list to go. It also means how much legacy expertise will we exclude from the legal marketplace. Thank you.
11.	Omari	Lee	Enjoy NY LLC	Hello, good afternoon, everybody. How you doing? My name is Omari Lee. I came all the way from Brooklyn. The name of my business is Enjoy NY LLC. I am a provisional licensee. My license number is OCM CAURD P 2024 000 128. I'm having a proximity issue right now in Brooklyn. I have applied for my license. I did everything that I was supposed to do correctly. There's a gentleman that owns a company name of Bazaar Royale Incorporated and what's going on is he has a sublease inside the building that wouldn't qualify him to open up and have a dispensary in Dumbo, Brooklyn. I have got approved by the community board. My landlord has sent an email to the OCM letting them know that his sublease doesn't qualify for him to open up in the building. I do have a storefront in the building. I have been paying rent for several months. I've been bleeding. I've been paying insurance. I've been paying a lot of different things to keep this establishment open and the OCM hasn't gotten back to me on any of these issues. They haven't looked at his application to do the proper due diligence to see if his location is even correct. My landlord, like I said, sent several emails to the OCM letting them know that this is not correct. I mean, they have not fixed this issue. The only thing that I seek right now is for the OCM to please go through this and expedite this issue so that I can gain proximity, so that I can open up in Brooklyn, in Dumbo, where I'm at. Just like I said, this has been costing me a lot of money. I'm a Deacon at Mount Oliver Baptist Church. I just had a newborn. This is like really, really, really hurting my pockets. And this guy, I met with him recently. He's tried to squeeze me out of my spot, try to muscle me out, bring lobbyists and all sorts of people. I've been



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				<p>doing this all on my own. I have my lawyer watching this from home. The next step is probably to file a civil lawsuit for tortious interference, because they're not going about the proper way about this. So, I would like the OCM to please look at my application and Bizarre Royale's application so that we can figure this out and then I can open up in Brooklyn. Thank you.</p>
12.	Bernard	Alex		<p>Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Board. My engagement with the Office of Cannabis Management goes from when it was an ethereal dream to actualization. So, I stand today on behalf of all of those young men and women who had that dream, the hope. As an elected in the Town of DeWitt and serving on the board, I experienced in real-time the frustration and the disheartened desire for a young man to open and move forward in opening his facility. A dream that, according to your documents, that was nurtured by, in my estimation, false hopes and assurances that it would address the impact that was done to communities that were directly impacted by the quote-unquote war on drugs. To see, then here in Central New York, Syracuse in particular, delays, denials, and pushbacks. It has not been equity at its best. I close by saying I was not going to speak, because I was given the gracious opportunity to speak with Madam Chair, but I could not let this moment pass without standing and championing that if this was to have been the answer, somebody really needs to reevaluate the question, because it is cost too much, too much pain, too many dreams, and too much for the people that it was supposed to help to empower, help to uplift, and to get an equitable and legalized way to move themselves out of economic poverty. Thank you.</p>
13.	Empress Emma	Young	The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated	<p>Good afternoon. Give thanks for the opportunity to speak today. I am legacy. I have been in the cannabis industry for over fifty years. I have suffered under prohibition. I am here to represent not only the Rastafari community, but the OG community. Rastafari, the cannabis to Rastafari is our part of our culture. As the licenses began to be issued, we</p>



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				<p>should have been at the beginning of the line. Not only should we not have been at the beginning of the line, we should have been hired as teachers to teach some of the classes. I have yet to see lines at the dispensaries where we had lines around the block. We didn't need advertisement. Good cannabis sells if you service your people properly. So, perhaps we should look to use some of the reinvestment tax money as we were taxed. Our businesses were torn down, walls torn down, arrested. We were jailed. So, perhaps some of that reinvestment money would be used to help those OGs and those who have suffered under prohibition. Give thanks.</p>
14.	Michael	Gomez	Pacha	<p>How's everybody doing? I appreciate this opportunity. Thank you, CCB for holding it down. I know there's a lot going on and y'all doing your best. I appreciate that. I heard earlier, was it compliance shouldn't have to compete with noncompliance and that's why I'm here today. I'm also a SEE applicant, microbusiness license holder, 24-000204. So, basically, this started off when we got licensed. We got licensed for our microbusiness. Oh, by the way, we're based out of Bushwick, Brooklyn so we drove all this way over here to speak today. It came out when we got approved for our license back in November, the November meeting and everything was good. We paid our fees. We got the email saying that we were gonna get the welcome packets in a couple, two, three days and we waited and we waited, mind you, the dashboard said both our retail and our cultivation was approved. So, I was partying already basically. Next thing you know, we waited and waited for the welcome packets. Nothing came in. We emailed and said what's going on. Then y'all said that our retail got denied after we just got approved on our dashboard. Doing a little investigation, there was a waiver that was placed 424 Troutman Avenue, which is like two blocks away from us. They got denied and got a waiver and their waiver got approved the same day that our retail got approved. And I guess there was some type of mix up, but then y'all denied us afterwards citing that we were within proximity of them, which is kind of crazy because in reality, if that's</p>



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				business so that we are gonna have our own unique take on what we have to offer. So, I'm not worried about a dispensary that's maybe 500 feet away, but I believe we deserve a fair chance to be where we applied. It is a very busy location. It's a high-volume destination area. People both who live in New York City and all the boroughs as well, people will book flights, book Airbnbs just to be in Bushwick in the area where we are because there are a number of night clubs, a lot of concerts and shows and our retail location is on a specific three block area that is particularly high in volume and it would benefit to have that option to have safe tested products to have available for people in the area. So, I'm gonna leave you again with copies of our petition. We also are speaking with our local community board.
16.	N/A	N/A		Is it possible to include licensed microbusinesses who have retail locations in the CAURD Grant Program? If not, will there be a grant program to support them?
17.	N/A	N/A		Further clarification on the December queue is requested. Which license categories were required to demonstrate control over the premises at the time of application?
18.	Paul	Steinbrucker	S&S Cultivation Inc.	Equity is defined as the quality of being fair and impartial. This office does not deserve any praise, not for knowingly perpetuating this travesty causing irreparable harm that's destroying 1000's of companies like ours and the families attached to them. These people have cashed in their 401k's, stock portfolios, and life savings. There is a real human element at risk here, one that we have endlessly communicated with you over the past year. We are what NY Cannabis really looks like. Yet somehow you have the audacity to pat yourselves on the back and publicly project how "great of a job you're doing" by pulling this fake veil of Equity over everyone's eyes. But this is not what equity looks like. In those 16 months, our company of just two local entrepreneurs have lost \$118,000k in rent alone. This is not what equity looks like. Today you are only licensing 1 cultivator from the



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19.	Nicola	Chiaravalle	Prime Arrow	<p>Dear OCM Board Members and OCM Leadership,</p> <p>My name is Nicola Chiaravalle, owner of Prime Arrow. I am reaching out to you again with a heartfelt plea and kind request to review and expedite Prime Arrow's cultivation license (OCMCULT-2023-000112). As we strive for economic growth and job development in upstate New York, it is crucial to recognize the significant impact that skilled cultivators like Prime Arrow can have on our region.</p> <p>My company is poised to create over 30-35 full-time jobs in an area that desperately needs employment. While I am very grateful that the OCM awarded Prime Arrow a distribution license and a Type 3 processor license, my business plan is fundamentally centered around cultivation. Without this essential license, Prime Arrow operations are at a complete standstill, unable to produce the organic grown flower that the current market demands.</p> <p>The gentle guideline of supply and demand dictates that we must have ample supply, especially in the fast-moving New York cannabis market. As was raised in the last CCB meeting in Troy, while the flower supply may be meeting the demands of the dispensaries that are currently open, as new retail licenses are being issued and consumer demand continues to grow, the State must be prepared to meet market needs. With a cultivation license, Prime Arrow is ready to respond to this demand and contribute to New York's fast-growing marketplace. Without a cultivation license, Prime Arrow cannot move forward to meet this critical need.</p> <p>Upstate New York is geographically and economically ideal for cannabis cultivation, and our local government is fully supportive of our operation. In fact, Prime Arrow proudly received full approval from the Town of Queensbury for our site plan review and special use, and we have the unwavering backing of the Warren County Economic Development Corporation.</p> <p>On behalf of my company and my family, I kindly</p>



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				ask the OCM to restart the review of cultivation license applications and to please expedite the review of Prime Arrow’s cultivation application. The future of our community and the jobs we can create depend on it. Thank you for your time and consideration. Nicola Chiaravalle Cc:/ Sheri L. Tarr, '68 Partners LLC
20.	Jeffrey	Emerson	ChenCanna	ChenCanna public comment - March 2025 NYS Cannabis Control Board meeting. Hello, I’m Jeff Emerson Vice President of ChenCanna, speaking on our behalf as a Tier One Indoor Cultivator applicant. While we appreciate having already received our licenses to Process and Distribute, without our Cultivator license we are effectively on hold. I’m here today to emphasize what an important part of the program we represent and request approval of our cultivator license. While we intend to cultivate indoors, ChenCanna has a comprehensive sustainability plan to provide the highest quality indoor flower without the direct use of any fossil fuels in our operations from propagation to delivery. We plan to purchase and renovate a vacant industrial facility in Sherburne NY, Chenango County. Modernizing existing infrastructure, putting a building back in service for future generations instead of falling into disrepair, restoring jobs lost in the community when the property was vacated years ago. Sherburne’s municipal electric is sourced from renewable Niagara hydro power. Plans specify the highest efficiency equipment for lighting, HVAC, dehumidification, and environmental controls. Processing, sorting, and packaging will be done by hand supporting salaries over increased energy use. Electric delivery vehicles charged at our production facility equate to a very low cost per mile and no delivery emissions. Our recyclable glass jars will have a five-dollar deposit on the container included in the retail price, consumers can return it for a refund of their deposit on their next ChenCanna purchase. Delivery teams will backhaul the empties to our production facility to be sterilized and reused. Co-locating production and processing in one facility eliminates transportation costs between multiple



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				<p>locations before making it to the retailer, while allowing us to ensure the highest quality product makes it to the store. Our holistic approach to sustainability will make our indoor supply operation very cost competitive, and sustainable, but we need our cultivation license to do so.</p> <p>We appreciate the board’s intention to avoid oversaturation of supply. Please consider that our operations take time to build out and bring to full capacity, as much as a year or more. Tier One Indoor cultivation licensees with 5000 square feet of flowering canopy will supply the market with approximately 3000 pounds annually. While assessing current production capacity in the supply chain is important to consider, it is also extremely difficult to do accurately and to predict, as was acknowledged by the board in the recent February CCB meeting. Assessing current capacity should not hinder continued cultivation licensing, which has recently slowed to a near halt. Licensing Tier One Indoor Cultivator applicants like ChenCanna who already hold their licenses to process and distribute adding a few thousand pounds per year, a year after being licensed, contributes no risk of oversaturation based on the anticipated demand of 2 million pounds per year by 2030. We suggest that it’s time to license this group of operators and let the market determine our fates instead of perceptions or representations of any impact on oversaturation caused by further cultivation licensing.</p> <p>In closing, we were encouraged to hear in the recent February CCB meeting that cultivation licenses should and would continue to be issued. Our Distributor license was discounted as a licensed Processor. Our Processing license was deeply discounted to a low rate only available to Cultivators. Yet our Cultivator application remains in queue. We respectfully ask the board to ensure that Tier One Indoor Cultivator applicants with existing licenses for Processing and Distribution, such as ChenCanna, be prioritized for OCM to include in the next resolution for licensure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these public comments.</p>
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21.	Brooke	Jackson	Qween Gbana	<p>I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to seek clarification regarding my application for a cannabis license, for which I submitted a \$500 application fee. My application was submitted in October of 2023, but I understand there were delays that shifted the timeline to December.</p> <p>As of now, I have not received any communication regarding the status of my application—whether it has been approved or denied. I have checked the dashboard as advised, but I am unable to find any updates or current information about my application. Given that this process has been ongoing for two years, I am eager to understand the status of my application and would appreciate any information you can provide. If there are outstanding items or issues that need to be addressed on my part, please let me know.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.</p> <p>Best regards,        Brooke Jackson        716-381-0613</p>
22.	Joshua	Perez	Demeter's Garden NY	<p>Hello and thank you for allowing me to submit my public comment. I am licensee OCMRETL-2023-002576 and I am impacted by the courts injunction for my application to be processed. Me and my team have secured property and local village support, but we are stuck in this holding pattern that we believe is unfair and unjust as we followed the rules. We are now losing thousands of dollars waiting dor this injunction to end. We live in a nation of capitalism and competition. We can not be competitive if we are stuck losing money because of this injunction. We need an immediate reinstatement of applications being processed holistically. While others are moving forward, we can not sit and wait forever as we will eventually run out of capital. As a reminder the current administration isnt helping either with the trade wars and wiling out trillions in market capital. We will face expensive build out costs due to this which is added on top of this injunction. Please work with the courts this unfair injunction lifted as soon as possible.</p> <p>Joshua Perez, MBA of Demeter's Garden NY</p>
23.	Arnold	Gadsden	Iron Bear Express LLC	<p>My Application number is OCMDIST-2023-000022. On 2/28/25 I replied to an email from AU licensing</p>



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				stating that the ocm is only at 44 in the December queue. If the processors cultivators and others from November are in the December queue along with everyone else. How do November applications get reviewed before everyone else in the December queue when we are sitting all in the same December queue? My application number is sitting At 91 how does an application sitting at 156 gets reviewed before mines? Isn't the OCM supposed to review the applications according to how the queue is ordered and also it says at the very top of the queue that a third-party use a Randomized standard to avoid biases.
24.	Alex	Rodriguez		Will license applicants without a lease be considered for OCM to review their application
25.	Shawn	Christman	Hamptons Grow llc	Dear Control Board members, It would be beneficial to all consumers and farmers, including myself, if New York would let us apply for small operation cultivation licenses again. My wife and I are caregivers who cannot find any organic products here locally that we don't grow ourselves. It would be best for our states health and economy if you would let us small farmers compete for business in the local markets. We need an open market. It's not right that only the wealthy elite who purchased licenses years ago are afforded this opportunity. Just like food, the best crops are grown clean, organic, the way nature intended. That's not available anywhere in New York. Thanks for your time.
26.	Steve	Menta	1212 farms	I need to update my application, the process would not let me upload my proof of ownership of the location I was to do business in. I need to update my application so I don't get thrown out of the que . This process has been over year and I need to update my deed of ownership of the business property. Also my application should have probably been done under the see applicant which I should qualify for. Is there going to be any opportunity to update or speak to a reviewer ? Thanks for your attention .
27.	Isabel	Garcia	High Peaks Canna	We are supposed to be recycling and or sending our damaged/return products to a proper transfer station or contacting the DEC. We have done both; we have yet to receive any information on this matter. Is there



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				at some point going to be a recycling program for Cannabis products that have been damaged for return from customers? We have been doing everything in our power to better the environment and we feel this is the next step. These products consist mostly of lithium and we know they can be damaging to the environment. We are looking for a clear answer as to how and where we recycle these products.
28.	Kelsey	Kelly		<p>Will the entry licenses be opening up for application again?          If so what year?          The Micro license          The adult use cannabis license          The cultivator license          The processor license          The SEE application</p>
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30.	Darney	Rivers	Rivers Tha Processorz	<p>I’ve been arrested for cannabis related offenses over 40 times, come from a low income, high risk community in the Bronx New York, Attended and completed all of OCM programs/classes and I haven’t received anything. I’m the poster child for all the requirements from OCM. I haven’t seen not one African American Farmer nor cannabis brand in any of the stores that I’ve visited so far. I feel that African Americans such as myself are not receiving a fair opportunity even though the program was allegedly created to give us a fair chance.</p>
31.	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. 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</p>



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				<p>prevalent regulatory framework– is a fundamental obstacle to equity and inclusion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We should be moving away from the paradigm of limited licensing</li> <li>2. We should promote a free market that is also helping social equity applicants” with funding assistance and low barriers to entry.</li> </ol>
32.	Kyle	Brown		<p>Hello, I dont understand how certain licensees are able to keep breaking laws and get away with it. I see omnium health changing there extraction tier. They have violated multiple ocm regulations and even allowed stiiizy to hire illegally under there license which you have recieved images of the indeed post on stiiizys verified profile. This licensee is committing fraud and is actively getting away with it.</p>
33.	Lori	Denman	Best NY Developments LLC	<p>Dear New York Cannabis Control Board,        My name is Lori Denman and I am the owner of Best NY Developments LLC, also known as Edge Off NYC. I am joined by my husband Lev Kelman who is the head Chocolatier and co-creator of the business. I am a native New Yorker, daughter of immigrants and Lev is a naturalized US citizen from Uzbekistan. As a women-owned micro business, we are eager to participate legally within the state's cannabis industry and relish the opportunity to contribute positively to the economy of Brooklyn. However the Cannabis Board's actions or lack of action is interfering with our ability to do that despite us having followed all of the proper procedures.</p> <p>The issue we currently have is that a competing application for adult use retail has proximity protection at a location within 1000 feet of our eventual store. This competing application is Flatbush Exotics and, shockingly, it does not even have Community Board 9’s approval, was padlocked for illegal activity and is rumored to have been selling out of state products. The granting of Flatbush Exotics proximity protection is both erroneous and completely unfair. Best NY Developments has the approval of Community Board 9, which was applied for in time for the November Queue, as we were led to believe was a requirement for applicants. Therefore we urge the board to consider one of two options: A) the board</p>



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				<p>make a final determination on the applicant at 544 Flatbush, with consideration of its Community Board rejection and past history as a padlocked location, to allow the progression of our application, or B) consider a Public Convenience Waiver for our location at 560 Flatbush Ave as we are a microbusiness, specializing in the production of clean infused cannabis products focused on healing the body, not exclusively a retail dispensary.</p> <p>We embody the idea of Tikkun Olam - a Jewish Concept, that reiterates stewardship over resources of the earth and playing an active role in ensuring the world remains a good place. We look to use Edge Off as a conduit for this idea and are honored to be considered for business before the board and residents of Brooklyn. We are ready, able, approved by the community and humbly request the board to move our license forward at our location.</p>
34.	Robert	Griffiths	Gotham Dispensary - Williamsburg	<p>Joanne Wilson fired me unlawfully from Gotham Williamsburg after having me intimidated on the 9th floor of the Domino Sugar Refinery. That was the only day I had ever worn a Local Union 338 shirt. Kenny Anderson - Chief Operating Officer was the one to handle her dirty work, along with Daniel (VP of Retail) and Marta Maciejewski (VP HR) I have filed a ULP. This is a clear violation of the LPA</p>
35.	Betty	Brown	Eden's Garden 731 LLC	<p>Why are we waiting so long to hear from agents being assigned to our applications? I have had simple questions regarding application. It's hard to be encouraged when you're not being helped. We need guidance. Thanks for your time.</p>
36.	Kristine	DeMarco		<p>When will licensee be able to transfer ownership to existing business partners.?</p>
37.	Mary	Berardini		<p>Lost town zoning for micro license. We have no OCM assigned agent. Have emailed to OCM for advice on how to port license to new location, and how to navigate. Who should we contact, time is running out. And other municipalities are re-zoning making new location difficult.</p> <p>Initial Town that zoned us out also included in their bylaw... No cannabis can be within 200 feet of people with disabilities or employment and can not employ individuals with disabilities.</p>



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38.	Mark	Kazinec	Best in Grass New York	<p>To the OCM, on behalf of ProXtracts in The Bronx and Best in Grass New York, we have submitted a request for approval for a New York statewide cannabis competition for all licensees of New York to help identify and award the best cultivators and processors in the State via a public voting forum. Licensees would submit fully compliant, retail-ready products to ProXtracts, where they would then process these packages into larger bundle packages or "Judge Kits" to be transported to licensed Adult-Use dispensaries around New York to then be sold to the public. All OCM regulations, track and track requirements, test results, purchase limits, and applicable laws will be adhered to. We'd like a response on this request and to welcome any public comments or questions. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
39.	Jason	Purdy	Green on Top, LLC	<p>RE: Adult Use Dispensary application OCMRETL-2023-001636 Green On Top, LLC        I am writing to encourage more transparency in the application and review process. I applied in the November (2023) queue. I have received and replied to a couple of delinquency letters in a timely manner. The most recent letter was received on January 22, 2025 (which had an erroneous reply back by date of 12/25/2024 for some reason) was replied to on February 5th, 2025. That is the last communication I have received from OCM. My reply came in time to not only be potentially up for approval during the February 14th meeting, but surely in enough time for the March 20th meeting. We are just about two months out from the last communication OCM has had with me. In that time, I have continued to incur costs and debt for a business that I have no idea when it may be allowed to begin operations. Or worse, yet, if it will ever be able to operate. The lack of communication and transparency in the process causes licensees to spend so much more money than necessary. Bit worse than that, it makes it difficult to trust the process.</p>
40.	Marie	Bazile	Smokey space llc	<p>Hi I'm in the process of setting up a cannabis banking account with hand over bank and I'm also looking for a location. I'm asking the board please approve my</p>



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				application as soon as possible please. See# ocmsee 2023-002943 and my adult use application #ocmretl-2023-002965 thank for this great opportunity. For info please call marie or edy at 3475863862 or email at edydarcelin@gmail.com. thank you
41.	Kristine	DeMarco		Please inform us when your system is available for Licensee to transfer their ownership to approved partner ownership who has 49 percent already. When will I be able to transfer the license to my business partner?
42.	Patricia	Colaiani	Forgotten Borough Farms	Once the cultivators licenses reopen will you continue in the November Q.
43.	Patricia	Colaiani	Forgotten Borough Farms	In regards to the tear changes of current cultivators tier changes should not be approved to expand the size of the growth
44.	narinder	singh		we would really like the board to be very careful in regards on stop issuing more licenses in capital region and think of future for long run, at this point there are 16 dispensary that are already opened in Albany market and some of them are already struggling to pay their expenses, please do not turn this in to west coast or Colorado market where all these local business owners will have to shut down and go bankrupt. sales graph speaks it self what is the demand in Albany NY area. the demand and spending power is very less.
45.	walter	iwachiw	wee4justice3	Again another apparent illegal operation on queens blvd Sunnyside ny The establishment shows no OCM decal , no age limit to enter and has a steady flow of buyers leaving with bags that they did not enter with. It is not on the OCM retail list of shops. I encourage the OCM to support the assembly and senate bill to permit a private right to bring an action for damages, In particular the serial store openings. thank you all again.
46.	Ryan	Andoos	Route 27 Hopyard LLC	Ryan Andoos, Owner, Route 27 Hopyard LLC, Comments for New York Cannabis Control Board Meeting Syracuse, NY, March 20, 2025 Good afternoon, My name is Ryan Andoos. I am the owner-operator of Route 27 Hopyard LLC, a licensed cultivator,



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				<p>no such available licenses.” This response is clearly non-responsive to our specific situation, thus our public comments.</p> <p>Route 27 has expanded its operations and invested significant resources to serve more industry partners. We are not able to serve the many Types 2 and 3 license holders who want to partner with us because we do not have confirmation of our Type 1 license. We are now pleading with the Office to assign someone to talk with us or look at our license submissions, emails and timelines submitted to the Office and simply confirm that Route 27 is authorized to operate as a Type 1 Processor.</p> <p>Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my comments.</p> <p>Ryan Andoos route27hopyard@gmail.com cc: Sheri L. Tarr, JD sheri@68partners.com</p>
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