



Marijuana Control Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
4th Judicial District
433 Harold Bentley Avenue
Fairbanks, AK
June 25-26, 2025

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- Administration
 - Call to Order

9:00AM

Chair Ms. Stuart called to order at 9:00 am.

- Roll Call
 - Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – ***Present in person***
 - Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- ***Present on zoom***
 - Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- ***Present on zoom – Jane S. states that he is in out and due to connection issues on zoom***
 - Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – ***Present in Person***
 - Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – ***Present in Person***
- AMCO Staff
 - Kevin Richard, Director
 - Sara Chambers, Board and Regulations Advisor
 - Andrew Bocanumenth, Agency Attorney
 - Jane P. Sawyer, Program Coordinator
 - Regina Cruz, Licensing Supervisor

- Joe Bankowski, Enforcement Supervisor

Chair Ms. Stuart introduces the new Assistant Attorney General Andrew Bocanumenth.

- Approval of Agenda

Chair Ms. Stuart amends the agenda to have the fine schedule discussed after the THC conversation. Ms. Wilcox makes the motion, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus seconds. Lt. Jamie is not present to vote, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Dr. Clift= Yes, and Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. Motion carries 4-0.

- AMCO Meeting Code of Conduct & Top 10 Zoom FAQ **TAB 1**

Chair Ms. Stuart reminds the public of tabs one and 1.5 the MCB code conduct and the Top 10 zoom facts.

- Declaration of any Potential Conflicts of Interest

Ms. Wilcox states that there is no change and her position remains the same and is a member of 2 applications on the agenda. Chair Ms. Stuart adds on the record that Ms. Wilcox will be abstaining from the votes to her licenses #10270 and #10271 Top Hat and Top Hat Concentrates. Lt. Jamie- No changes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus- No changes, Dr. Clift – No changes, and Chairs Ms. Stuart – no changes .

- Approval of Prior Minutes from April 16th -17th ,2025 Meeting **TAB 2**

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve the April 16th-17th, 2025 meeting minutes. Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

- Approval of Prior Minutes of April 28th, 2025, Meeting **TAB 3**

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve April 28th, 2025, Special meeting minutes, Dr. Clift seconds. Motion carries.

- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Ms. Stuart opens public testimony at 9:06am

Trevor Haynes– *President of AMIA speaks on behalf of the AMIA Association and the concerns of the association. Inversion specifically converting CBD to THC is one of the main concerns of our industry right now. Secondly, Alaska taxes are the highest in the nation and businesses must sell cannabis at a higher cost than anywhere else in the country. The high tax rate will encourage customers to look elsewhere. To continue to provide input to the legislatures on this major issue to have the homegrown industry to survive. Concerns about Metrc and in the news nationally with negative press and*

allegations. Federal legalization feels wholly unprepared as an industry and state and has work ahead to be prepared for that. Adulteration of test samples as a concern, terpene infusion at the cultivation level. Over saturation of license in certain areas. Terpene infusion at the cultivation level should be a manufacturer. Hemp is being sold in the State and continues to be an issue and to consider AMOC to send a cease-and-desist letter to a company like meta to cut off advertising access and ability to sell to Alaska.

Ms. Wilcox asks if licenses operators can advertise successfully or is it still an issue of being more restrictive? Trevor Haynes responds it is more restrictive for licensed operators.

Shawn Kaipō- Resident of Alaska speaks on hemp derived products from Amazon. A lot more people are using amazon, and you can't compete with the prices but to try to be competitive.

Mike Emers- Licensee for Rosie Creek Farms – first cultivator for the state. Need to do an overhaul of regulations with all the realities going on now. Taxes are the most important thing. There was a static tax, and the prices have gone down, and I have a large outdoor cultivation with a lot of plants but a low potency, so we get less dollar per pound than other cultivators. My tax burden has been 40% in just excise taxes and it is too much. I must make a choice on plant tags around this time of the year and often the tags are at the bottom of list and will be in violation, they do get tagged but it is a problem especially in June. The under 21 years on premises is great, my kids have been forced off the farm for 10 years now and would like to have them in business.

Kerby Coman – Licensee for Next Level Labs -cannabinoid isomerization i.e.. the conversion of CBD to THC and misconceptions going around about it. It's a simple process and yes it's technical and it's a natural chemical reaction that uses all food grade consumable ingredients. Everything used in the process is ingredients that have been approved by AMCO. The CBD isolate that is used was tested for both pesticides and heavy metal while the flower grown in the state isn't. Let's be consistent on how we measure the safety concerns. The process is no different when someone adds the state CBD to gummies to make it a 1 to 1 ratio which AMCO and Control Board have no issue with, and it adds value to the product. We're innovative and follow the approved product method by AMCO and we are transparent. This process is how I am protecting Alaska's Cannabis industry for federal legalization comes. It gives us the tools to compete with bigger markets. Most states openly allow this process, and Alaska should be leading and innovating and not falling behind. Ms. Wilcox asks if the converted CBD is put on the packaging to inform the customer that they are purchasing THC that is not grown in Alaska but converted from Hemp. Kerby responds, the cannabinoids in their purest form are constant and no difference from one to the other so there is no need to if there's no residual and anything harmful so no I do not. Dr. Clift asks what solvents you are using in this, and what residuals should we expect to find? Kerby responds there are no solvents, just CBD and natural terpenes through temperature and heat and acid. Dr. Clift asks where he gets the acid component. Kerby responds that it is ordered and can have a closed discussion and It's the matter of proprietary method. Chair Ms. Stuart asks if he does not believe that it is tax evasion by increasing the amount of THC on a product that never saw taxation. Kerby responds no its just like adding CBD. We're taxed on the weight of a flower plant, not on the potency of THC. Chair Ms. Stuart believes THC is derived from the weight of the flower on this market and which is where the concerns are coming from and how tax evasion can be a concern.

Director Kevin Richard states that this could be an agenda item and if the board would be interested in adding it as an agenda item and can move on to other public commentary.

Chair Ms. Stuart is looking for a motion to add a conversation about CBD right after tab 32 regulations tracking sheet. Ms. Wilcox makes the motion, Dr. Clift seconds, motion carries.

Jana Weltzin – Atty for multiple licensees, speaks on a personal story of a minor ordering CBD from out of state and out of the country and converts it with acid and heat. Concerned how often this is happening to our kids and across the board. There is a bill in front of Federal Congress to amend the FDA bill to eliminate his loophole. Agree with Kerby C. that it has evolved but believes that it is dope. The number one task force recommendations to look at the plant and treat everyone fairly. Once it is converted it is a schedule I illegal federal substance called marijuana and if we are following the regulations that are in place now its inversion to the system. We must be realistic and where we are going in the future and with a tax structure that handles the value of Marijuana not the weight and in the future incorporate these products. If it is happening there needs to be consequences because the Governor has spoken and created regulations through the division of Agriculture if you have marijuana , THC oil, it needs to come from the Alaskan Market so where we are at right now it's a severe competitive advantage and hurting other companies and needs to be adjusted and addressed. At some point we need to limit the licenses or pause licensing to get out our hands the issues coming up. Another thing is sending cease and desist letters out to these providers because kids are getting a hold of it and understand chemistry.

James B – long time operator in Alaska's Cannabis industry working across the recreational medical markets in the past 9 years and a patient who relies on cannabis as an essential medicine. Cannabis is more than a business it is my health and quality of life. Speaking on the process of the CBD isomerization that converts cannabidiol into Delta 9 THC. These methods are standing in pharmaceutical and nutraceutical and cannabis production environments across the country and world. It is important to recognize that the loudest critics of the science-based method also hold decision making power on this board and own or directly tied to the competing cannabis business. We have seen this pattern in the treatment of hemp derived products in Alaska, despite full compliance with the Board's updated rules requiring that all hemp products be manufactured inside a licensed cannabis facility. We are doing it in a way that increases access for medical patients daily. I urge this board to separate scientific facts from economic fear and to ensure that innovation, when conducted safely and in accordance with regulation is not stifled by internal conflicts of interest. Ms. Wilcox asks do you consider the converted CBD that you create to be intoxicating?" And would you mind telling us what business you are associated with? James B. responded wit I am the Director of Laboratory for Next Level Labs and yes when we add it to a cannabis product yes it does become intoxicating.

Megan Moody – works in the industry – As a member of the public she feels that it is her responsibility to bring these concerns forward because of the challenges we are facing are real, ongoing, and urgent. Illegal Cannabis is being sold all over Instagram openly and targeting not only adults but kids. Licensed compliant businesses are drowning under the highest cannabis taxes in the country. How is taxing legal cannabis goes into failure while illegal operators flourish is serving public health and safety? The board needs to actively work with legislators to pursue meaningful tax reform. Metrc is facing 2 lawsuits for failing to do everything we pay them to do. Kids on the premises reality is parents are bringing their kids and leaving them in running cars in parking lots while they run inside. This isn't about public health and safety, its bad optics rooted in outdated sigma we need to regulate marijuana like alcohol which Alaskans voted for. Tax evasions are happening while licensed businesses are paying every cent owned under high tax rates the board needs to work and get answers. THC conversion disaster has been a public health disaster. The consumers who bought and consumed the products have been given no clear

information. Asking on public record what companies, what products, and what are the batch numbers? I still haven't received that information.

Matt Gregory- Speaks on the state missing out on tax money and if the state allows for synthetically derived THC to be sold regularly in the recreation market you are going to be losing an untold amount as nobody is going to be making distillate out of Alaskan Grown Flower. All the edibles and cartridges that are used distillate no one's going to buy the taxed flower to make these products. They are going to do this isomerization. The state testing labs are not at all well-equipped enough to deal with the testing of isomerized materials. They don't have a mass spectrometer and no idea what byproducts of these reactions are in the sample. If you allow it are you going to limit the synthetic routes that are allowed? They haven't even been characterized let alone studied to determine the facts under consumption.

Joe Stolz – Speaking as a participant in the industry and concerned about public health. I help coordinate cannabis sponsors for various music events . Feels passionate about public safety when it comes to entertainment and cannabis and where they collide. Spoke at the last meeting hoping to get some regulations changed to have onsite consumption permits. The whole purpose of AMCO is it stands for alcohol and marijuana control office and so this board was set in regulation to be able to regulate cannabis like alcohol and we have fallen short on that when it comes to public consumption. When you attend music festivals there is always consumption of alcohol and in the view of kids and sectioned off and it's monitored and secured. It's crazy in 10 years we don't have offsite consumption. I was made aware of one of the sponsors I was working with had an advisory notice about products that contained synthesized THC. It is frustrating because I know if this happens when it's not safe for public consumption or something illegal. As someone who coordinates cannabis hospitality it is frustrating to not know what the products were. If we are not testing them on heavy metals we don't know if these products are safe and if other products are still available, and they can contain the same ingredients potentially endangering the public. It's been my observation when it comes to enforcement with marijuana budtenders they aren't held to the same standards as bartenders. I think it would benefit the industry if enforcement were stricter on bud tenders since they have the same training. This product being introduced is not Alaskan and not an Alaskan thing and puts a burden on small Alaskan Farmers already paying their taxes.

Annie Landon - Consumer, lived in Alaska for years - suffers from chronic pain every day. Prescription meds don't work for me that's why I have turned to hemp derived products that help me live a functional life and an affordable option. Now, those options are tripled and forced to order them online. Your solution isn't to punish the legal law-abiding hemp derived businesses. This is more about protecting marijuana businesses it's about making sure the industry doesn't need to compete. The real issue is to go after illegal sellers; the black market exists in marijuana too. I'm really asking to hear out the consumers.

Charles Fillman – work in distillation and new to the industry. Concerns raised are valid and those concerns when extracts first came into the market there were a lot of those concerns. Isomerization is not a new process it's a little more technical. We need better testing facilities, that is a concern just by viewing test results. I don't believe there is anything wrong with the isomerization process as we all accept BHO as a product. The isomerization process is currently the only way with the tax structure in Alaska that the consumers can get affordable concentrates. I wish we were able to develop the facilities to where we can do these different procedures and feel safe giving them to the consumers. Ms. Wilcox asks if the CBD isolate that you are acquiring is it being tested for heavy metals prior to coming to

Alaska and then being converted? Charles responds, we have been put on hold to do this and there is additional testing on the CBD, it's tested for heavy metals, pesticides, and everything. We tested the CBD isolate before, but I haven't participated in this. Ms. Wilcox asks, at any point is there an acidic catalyst text of any kind? Charles responds, no, it's not very acidic and the PH is neutralized after.

Dana Gilliam— Licensee for Hash Frontier Gardens – enforcement is not prioritizing the right things; there are major problems that affect every licensee as well as public health and converting CBD to Delta 9. Enforcement should also be prioritizing the altering of test samples and allowing those to be sold. Another important thing enforcement should be making more of a priority is financial interest from out of State operators. I don't want to mention the plant tags because it is on the open regulations project, but enforcement shouldn't be violating cultivators so hard on something they are working in eliminating. Ms. Wilcox comments on the tagging your plant is a high priority of mine to spot diversion and encourages people to do the best they can to follow the rules on all the things that we want to work on to change.

Madison Simpson- Consumer. I support cannabinoid isomerization. Speaks that state of Alaska is always looking at other states to follow, instead of looking at our entrepreneurs who are innovative in a very safe way. Take time to understand the process instead of stopping the innovation of the process. Restructure our tax on the value of the product rather than the weight. Let's improve the states testing facility, to improve what Alaska can offer altogether. Ms. Wilcox encourages her to work with legislature on tax reform. Work together for these changes that will benefit all of us.

Llyod Stiassny – Licensee Uncle Herb's – Feels the cannabis industry is going to be in constant change, and we must adapt, adjust, and move forward as best we can. Increased competition from expanding licensing and ability for this industry to maintain productive, compliant, safe, and profitable operations. Business owners must cut corners, taxes at the state level are not being paid, regulatory corners are being cut. With open ended Licensing the resources of AMCO enforcement have been stretched thin. A limit on the number of licenses issued allows the state to better control the production and sale of regulated cannabis. The role of AMCO board should be to protect public health and safety and not to pick market winners and losers through lack of regulation. Constructive action will be to place immediate relief to place a moratorium on new licenses, would begin a careful constructive evaluation of the industry with a focus on how to empower the industry in the future. I would recommend establishing a task force to evaluate this and bring it back to the September meeting. I am happy to volunteer and make progress in this direction.

Maddie Furlong – Consumer, seller, and manufacturer for both hemp and marijuana products. Speaking on CBD that has been demonized the way that it doesn't have any negative side effects, the only thing is that your tolerance to it builds up. I use both hemp and THC for medicinal reasons and my quality of life improved. What is really needed is better testing facilities as well as lowering the flower taxes and trim of the state. Ms. Wilcox asks "Are you currently working for the industry and do you have a health background to make claim that these things are safe?" Maddie responds, "I don't have a medical background, I have done an extensive amount of research as a caregiver looking for medicines that are alternative to baseline pharmaceuticals that cause side effects and potential death. I am currently working in the BHO manufacturing team for Next Level Labs and more in mechanical not sure about the technical part."

Shawn McDonough – Frontier CBDs – Is concerned how you going to manage the industry moving forward? THC products within the stores but I have seen an influx of products that are not on the approved list, they are just CBD isolate products. Are you going to be managing that in the future? Chair Ms. Stuart advised that the product in question is under the Division of Agriculture purview and should consult with them and reach out to the legislature to advocate for one plant one system.

Sara McFarland – Consumer- Feels voices are being ignored when it comes to access hemp products the rules have changed the prices have skyrocketed and the products I used to rely on wellness and support have become available locally which is safe compared to online options. I would rather support locals instead of going to another state. We should allow our local producers to make hemp like other states.

Levi Miller- Been in this hemp fight for about 3 years and trying to bring it to metric and regulate it. It feels that promoting more of a local based product and maybe we get the isolate out of state but other than that we're doing all the processes in State for Alaskans. Why are we not creating a system that can promote Alaskans to survive? Alaska cannot compete with farming so we must innovate. We can't regulate because it is federally legal, but we can regulate within the state. I feel like the industry would be better with the one plant regulation now and marijuana producers can do converted if its regulated and tested but right now we just have prohibited. We are in the same place we were with Marijuana but we we're able to cut through that through proper legalization and we should do the same thing with hemp and hemp conversions. I plead let's try to get this done in January and change is needed.

Greg Allison- with Good Cannabis- CBD conversion is first and foremost public safety if it's not properly testing and no protocols in place then the public can be at risk and unsafe products can be produced. Potential for tax evasion is a legit concern.

Chris Lindsey – American Trade Association for Cannabis and Hemp – is involved in how both the federal government in all states and DC responding to the new wave of drugs that emerged because of the farm bill. What Alaska is experiencing is happening everywhere. The problem is when you move into CBD conversion you are dealing with a much different process then states regulating marijuana. The reason why we're talking about CBD Conversions is because the natural system is too expensive and difficult to get products around and the conversions come in cheap. It is a lot cheaper to do conversions and if you consider this I urge you to do the homework first, set up a commission and hear from stakeholders, and testing labs.

Peyton Hess – Production Manager- Next Level Labs – feels safety is one of our top priorities, the heavy metal testing is stringent. I'm in the lab and see all the processes from beginning to end and it's interesting that there has been demonization on this process.. I'm interested that some of the council members have brought this up and in the industry while being on board. Lacy comments – it is important that one of the industry members are in the board and we have been talking about intoxicating hemp for years. Lacy asks to please explain heavy metal testing. Peyton responds with , now we only do BHO and we test for heavy metals. I understand that there's someone in the industry who needs to be on the board, but it's the vested interest I want to bring to the public's attention.

Eric Reimer – Licensee – Finds it difficult to compete with products sourced out of state and that what I consider the THC that is being transformed from industrial hemp to THC. The purpose of AMCO board

was to regulate the production within the state of Alaska that is grown within. We're all taxed on THC at the cultivation level, so the conversion is clearly tax evasion and that's unfair.

Brian Simpson – Tundra Brewing Licensee- Concerned about this inversion and it seems apparent there's no consensus on the science. Reminded the board about Wills World products were withdrawn and we were collateral damage and acts with no hesitation. Children at work are important and loops back to why we got into this whole industry through alcoholism and what it does to our families. Offsite events consumption why can't people at social events consume cannabis legally, just like alcohol. It seems like it's a segregation of society.

Barrett Goodale- Speaks on the concern of facing competition issues and pricing is a big concern amongst users who want access. The main cause is the tax structure and its being worked on but must be repeated. Safety is an issue with these conversions, not necessarily because of the inputs. Whenever you are doing these conversions from CBD to THC depending on the reagents that you're using you do get other isomerization, and we don't have means to test for those. This board is here to approve processes and products so that consumers can have confidence in the industry and what they are purchasing. Thanks to next level labs for bringing transparency. The board didn't intend to approve this conversion so a concern there is to have some scientific advisor available to them that understands the chemistry. Feels these are all big issues, and we have a lot to talk about.

Aaron Stiassny – Licensee of Uncle Herbs – a consumer and speaks on what matters most is what I am putting into my body, and I feel cannabis grown in Alaska should be labeled accordingly. We assume that it's from Alaska so that's where I have a problem. I'm listening to the consumers and access to cannabis is vitally important throughout the state and affordability and as an industry we want to provide that, we may need to possibly look into medical opportunity. We want a level market with consistent rules and a level playing field for us to operate within and there's confusion now with the legalities of it. Thinks it's important to remind the board statutes Sec 17.38.010 Purpose and findings.

Joey Hickey- General Manager for multiple retail stores in Alaska – speaks on meeting people in the industry and safety seems to be the number one issue. Some people buying from their neighborhood is cheaper than retailers and that safety is eroding this industry to expand like other states. There's so many regulations that don't need to be regulated and they are supposed to be regulated like alcohol but that's not the case. I want everyone else in this industry to realize we're fighting against stuff, not against each other.

Johnny Furlong –HR Consultant in industry. Reminds chair of Roberts rules of order and would appreciate it being followed. In neutral parties and hearing from the community and there's a lot of unknown and fears and with all due respect it is being instigated by the board and bias and how you are responding to public comment. Wants all industry to be safe, and complaint and can attest the next level labs want to be safe and compliant with the process being used. He would like to see more ethical and unbiased directions from the board on all of this. Concerned that you want the industry to be successful we need people to be able to execute their responsibility on board and as business owners in an ethical manner and without trying to coerce the Department of Agriculture when the rest try to move forward.

Ms. Wilcox asks Ms. Chambers to remind the board of Robert's Rules or in violation of any kind of public process. Ms. Chambers responds that public comments should not go back and forth, and the board shouldn't be making further commentary during public comment. It's not a law and not in

violation of any laws. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus points out that he asked about Roberts Rules in the past and was told that it was never actually adopted. Ms. Chambers responds that it is best practice for the board to adopt some sort of rules or procedure, so the public and board are familiar with their expectations.

Raelynn Howard – Artist and fan of industry, purchased a cartridge and heard it was unsafe. Concerned about the direction that our culture is going in a whole.

Sherena Strawn – massage therapist and worked in industry – gets asked about products being sold in retail stores that can be questionable about prices When a new product hits the market we research them. How is public safety not for products going on the market. As a citizen it is my job to test products for illegal substances and up to our board to get products to our labs for testing. If it is known that you are not using Alaska made products it shouldn't be done. Why do our taxes have to be paid in Anchorage when there is an office in Fairbanks?

Chair Ms. Stewart closes public comment at 11:00 am.

- DIRECTORS REPORT + DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

TAB 4

Director Kevin Richard summarizes his report. Chair Bailey S. asks when Marijuana will be implemented to AK ACCIS. Director Richard responds that Marijuana implementation is in test environment. Ms. Wilcox asks if the process for entering paper applications should have been included in the contract for AK ACCIS. Director Richard responds that we identified that the agency side application entry can be improved and is a change from the original design.

Ms. Wilcox asks about the Terpene Egg Advisory and Industrial hemp advisory if it has been issued. Director Richard responded that the industrial hemp advisory will be best to postpone because of an ongoing investigation and can provide clear directions when it is resolved. The Terpene Egg Advisory was an oversight and will be going out following this meeting.

Ely C. asks the Director about metrc during public comment and researched it online and aware of the ongoing lawsuits since it is concerning? Director Richard responds that he was just made aware of it and will be looking into it.

Ms. Wilcox shares that she would like to see problematic places where loopholes exist to come back before the board and in support of a moratorium because we've got our hands full and would like to know more specifically about licensees getting their processes approved. Another helpful thing will be the ability to connect with the players, when one licensee is connected to 20 licenses it would help to have the dots connect to understand if this is pattern behavior. Since there is no science person to consult, the board can try and be subject matters or consult the industry to fill the gap of knowledge for extraction and products.

Chair Ms. Stuart would like to see every NOV in the last licensing period for renewals to be considered before the board. Kevin Richard commented that he is comfortable with the delegations as they are, the staff has proven that areas of concern have been brought to the board in the past. If it's one NOV for odor or tax delinquency the number gets quite large and will hold up the applications waiting to get renewed.

Ms. Wilcox states that she doesn't want to be less efficient and would ask if there are some cross references as we move forward with the new database built and be able to check the multiple licensees and places where the manager operates that license or operates when considering an NOV. If there's a legal reason why we can't consider the licensee then I would like to hear about that. The ballot measure was enacted by statutes on intent that it be a merit-based industry solely Alaskan that's operated in best interests.

Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus speaks that he remembers in the past that a moratorium was not codified in Alaska Statutes and the license process is more in along the lines of shall issue that the board has no control over. Chair Ms. Stuart states that the opinions have differed between different attorneys on that decision. Ms. Wilcox requests AG Mr. Bocanumenth to investigate a moratorium to determine if it is allowed through Alaska Statutes.

Ms. Chambers suggested to the board to come up with a list of research topics for the staff to research and it could also be something to work on for future meetings.

Vice Chair Cyrus logs off call at 12:07 pm.

Chair Bailey S. advises the board to consider on the MJ15 Operating Plan Change and MJ-16 new product applications that cannabis is ever evolving and the way the applications are written can be left up to open interpretation and don't feel it's the staff's responsibility to understand the chemistry. There is further discussion with the board members about the applications and processes of approval.

Ms. Sara Chambers advises the board on public records requests if there is a request of records needed to email the director.

Ely C. gives his full support of delegation to the director and staff and has full confidence in the abilities and decision making to make the appropriate decisions that come before them.

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve the delegations of authority to the Director as outlined in tab 4. Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

Chair Ms. Stuart advises the board and members of the board that there will be an OAH matter at 1:00 pm.

Ms. Wilcox motions to recess at 12:08 pm, Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

Recess 12:07 pm

Back from Recess at 1:06 pm

Chair Stuart calls roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – ***Present in person***
- Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- ***Present on zoom***
- Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- ***Present on zoom***
- Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – ***Present in Person***
- Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – ***Present in Person***

*Ms. Wilcox moves into executive session in the matter of Tip Top, LLC, Lic., OAH 25-0354-MCB . Dr. Clift seconds. **None opposed, motion carries.***

Back on record at 2:09 pm

Chair Stuart calls roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – **Present in person**
- Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- **Present on zoom**
- Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- **Present on zoom**
- Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – **Present in Person**
- Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – **Present in Person**

*Ms. Wilcox motions to adopt the stipulated agreement in the matter of OAH 25035 pursuant to AS 44.64.060 as written. Dr. Clift seconds. **None opposed, motion carries.***

- LICENSING REPORT

TAB 5

Regina C. summarizes her report. There are no questions from the board.

- ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Bankowski summarizes his report. Chair Ms. Stuart asks if his report can provide a disciplinary history of licensees from the last 5 years like the alcohol report. Lt. Jamie comments that enforcement is doing a great job.

Chair Ms. Stuart reminds licensees when receiving a NOV that you are not contesting and requested to respond to the remedial measures in addressing the violations.

- Supervisor's Report

TAB 6

- NOTICES OF VIOLATION

TAB 7

#10237 Alaskasense – Jana W. Atty for licensee, present in person; speaks on the odor violation timeline and that is has been corrected and fine has been paid.

#12833 Wildflower - Jana W. Atty for licensee, present in person; speaks on the odor violation that their issues are due to the filter models being changed; the licensee has ordered the older model of filters to resolve the issue. Licensee also hired an engineer to look into the system.

#19277 Herbal Cache – Brent Carse, Licensee present on zoom, speaks on the violation and have fixed the issue on visitor log.

*#28104 Hash Frontier Gardens, - Dana Gilliam, Licensee present on zoom, speaks on the violation and the issues with the metrc tags and provided the reasons. Investigator J. Linger, present on zoom, speaks on the violation issued about the plant not being updated on metrc. Atty. Jana W. speaks out that she was recently hired to assist with this case. **Ms. Wilcox moves NOV AM 250710 to accusation, Lt. Jamie seconds. Lt. Jamie – Yes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus – Not present to vote, Dr. Clift– Yes, Ms. Wilcox – Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart- Yes. Motion carries 4-0.***

#10136 Northern Lights Indoor Garden – Investigator S. Johnson speaks on the NOV and that he was contacted by Juneau police for the handling of this matter.

- ACCUSATIONS

- E & M Holdings, LLC dba Stoney Moose – open session

Eric Reimer Licensee, Atty. Jana Weltzin, both present in person – requests for an executive session.

*Ms. Wilcox motions to go into executive session for privacy and reputation concerns to the applicant and purposes of discussion for AM 241569, Dr. Clift seconds = Lt. Jamie Yes , Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus – not present to vote, Ms. Wilcox – Yes, Dr. Clift – Yes. **Motion carries 4-0.***

Board Moves into executive session at 3:13 pm

Back on the record from executive session at 4:09 pm

Chair Stuart calls roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – **Present in person**
- Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- **Present on zoom**
- Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- **Present on zoom**
- Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – **Present in Person**
- Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – **Present in Person**

Ms. Wilcox motions to fine E&M Holdings LLC and Eric Reimer have committed violations alleged in counts 1 through 4, as outlined in the matter of E & M holdings LLC dba Stoney Moose License #10873 the penalty imposed by the Marijuana Control Board is as follows:

*12-day suspension fully held in abeyance, monetary fine of \$10,000 total with \$4,000 held in abeyance, the remaining \$6000 to be paid within 9 months. Probation period of 2 years for any violation of 306.750 or AS 17.38. As to, handler permit #11928 – the Marijuana Control Board imposes the penalty of a permit suspension for 1 month , fully held in abeyance. A monetary fine of \$1000 fully held in abeyance , probation period of 6 months for any violation of 306.750 or AS 17.38. Lt . Jamie seconds the motion. Lt. Jamie – Yes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus – Yes, Dr. Clift – No, Ms. Wilcox – Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart – Yes, **Motion carries 4-1.***

- Robert DeFrancesco MHP 14849
 - Presentation by director – open session
 - Decision-making by MCB – Motion: “I move that we go into executive session for the sole purpose of making a decision in an adjudicatory proceeding in the matter of the director’s decision to discipline marijuana handler permit #14849”
 - Resume regular meeting to act on the director’s request.
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Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus motions to move into an executive session with matters pertaining to Robert DeFrancesco Handler Permit #14849, pursuant to 44.62.3.10 c 2, Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

4:12 Executive session

4:31 Back to regular session

Chair Stuart calls roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – **Present in person**
- Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- **Present on zoom**
- Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- **Present on zoom**
- Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – **Present in Person**
- Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – **Present in Person**

Ms. Wilcox motions that the Marijuana Control Board revoke Marijuana Handler Permit #14849 Robert DeFrancesco. Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

- STIPULATION UPON REMAND
 - JJH Holdings, LLC et al. AM-23-0300

Ms. Wilcox motions to adopt the stipulated agreement of AM 23-0300 in the matter of OAH 23 0305 pursuant to AS 44.64 060 e 1. Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

- STIPULATED AGREEMENTS – OAH Deliberative Session
 - Tip Top, LLC, Lic., OAH 25-0354-MCB **6/25/25 at 1:00pm**

Ms. Wilcox motions to adopt the stipulated agreement in the matter of OAH 25-0354 pursuant to AS 44.64.060 as written. Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

- **MARIJUANA EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDER APPLICATION**
 - TAP Series Llc marijuana handler permit education course **TAB 8**

Ms. Wilcox motions to deny Marijuana Handler Permit course Tap Series LLC application, Lt. Jamie seconds. There is further discussion about the inconsistencies of this application and technical issues. None opposed, motion carries.

- **NEW MARIJUANA RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATIONS**
 - A. **License # 40585:** **High Standards** **TAB 9**
Licensee: High Standards, LLC / Melissa Clark 50% , Shawn Clark 50%
License type: Retail Marijuana Store
Premises address: 8860 Arlon Street
Anchorage, AK 99507
Local governing body: Municipality of Anchorage

Consideration: The Municipality of Anchorage protests pending Issuance of approved municipal marijuana License and a special land use permit for Marijuana

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License #40585 dba High Standards with delegation. Licensee Shawn Clark present on zoom Dr. Clift seconds. Licensee Shawn Clark present on zoom. Discussion on the saturation of the market and awareness. None opposed, motion carries.

NEW MARIJUANA LIMITED CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSE APPLICATIONS

A. **License # 40539:** **TOK** **TAB 10**
Licensee: TOK, LLC / Zeke Hilsinger 100%
License type: Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Premises address: 12001 Jonseville Mine Road
Sutton, AK 99674
Local governing body: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Approve with delegation to Director

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License #40539 dba Tok with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Licensee Zeke H. -present on zoom. There is further discussion on the application. None opposed, motion carries.

B. **License # 40910:** **The Grow Lab** **TAB 11**
Licensee: The Grow Lab, LLC / Daniel Hordoan 100%
License type: Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Premises address: 817 S Lazy Lake Dr
Big Lake, AK 99654
Local governing body: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Approve with delegation to Director

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License #40910 dba The Grow Lab with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Daniel Hordoan licensee, present on zoom. Chair Ms. Stuart asks if he has received any prior Notice of Violations. Daniel Hordoan responds yes, he has received one on untagged plants but has acted and has been resolved. Chair Ms. Stuart asks if the whole house is used as the cultivation, Daniel Hordoan – for the most part. Chair Ms. Stuart asks if there will be a person residing in the cultivation? Daniel Hordoan – says no. None Opposed, motion carries.

• NEW MARIJUANA MANUFACTURER LICENSE APPLICATIONS

A. **License # 36435:** **House OP** **TAB 12**
Licensee: HOUSE OP, LLC / Mark Oppegaard 100%
License type: Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility
Premises address: 6511 Hemlock Drive
Wasilla, AK 99654
Local governing body: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Approve with delegation to Director

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License #36435 House OP with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Licensee Mark Oppgaard present on zoom, Chair Ms. Stuart asks if he has ever received NOV? Mark: No. None Opposed, motion carries.

• **BOARD MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

A. License # 10270:	Top Hat	<u>TAB 13</u>
Licensee (from):	Top Hat Inc, - Benjamin Wilcox 36.25%, James Koeneman 11%, John Nemeth, 36.25%, Kevin Doyle 5.50%, Lacy Wilcox 0%, Naomi Hamb 11%	
Licensee (to):	Top Hat Inc, -Naomi Hamb 14.68%, James Koeneman 14.68%, Kevin Doyle 14.68%, Lacy Wilcox 0%, Benjamin Wilcox 55.96%	
License type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
Type of transfer:	Controlling Interest	
Premises address:	2315 Industrial Blvd Suite A Juneau, AK 99801	
Local governing body:	Juneau City and Borough	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None	
Consideration:	Taxes Owed	

Ms. Wilcox excuses herself from the conversation to vote on this matter. Atty. Jana Weltzin for Top Hat present in person for Ms. Lacy Wilcox- Secretary for Board for Top Hat present in person. Dr. Clift moves to approve transfer application #10270 dba Top Hat with delegation. Lt. Jamie seconds. Chair Stuart asks if there has been NOV for this license. Ms. Wilcox : not in the past 2 years and there was a \$32 underpayment for tax error years ago as well. None opposed, motion carries.

B. License # 10271:	Top Hat Concentrates	<u>TAB 14</u>
Licensee (from):	Top Hat Concentrates Inc, - Benjamin Wilcox 36.25%, James Koeneman 11%, John Nemeth, 36.25%, Kevin Doyle 5.50%, Lacy Wilcox 0%, Naomi Hamb 11%	
Licensee (to):	Top Hat Concentrates Inc, -Naomi Hamb 14.68%, James Koeneman 14.68%, Kevin Doyle 14.68%, Lacy Wilcox 0%, Benjamin Wilcox 55.96%	
License type:	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	
Type of transfer:	Controlling Interest	
Premises address:	2315 Industrial Blvd Suite B Juneau, AK 99801	
Local governing body:	Juneau City and Borough	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None	
Consideration:	Approve with delegation to director	

Ms. Wilcox recuses herself from the conversation to vote on this matter. Atty. Jana Weltzin and Lacy Wilcox both present in person. Dr. Clift motions to approve transfer #10271 dba Top Hat Concentrates. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus seconds. Chair Stuart asks if there have been any NOV's? Ms. Wilcox responds, No. None opposed, motion carries.

• **LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

C. License # 10901:	THE HIGH EXPEDITION COMPANY	<u>TAB 15</u>
Licensee (from):	The High Expedition Company LLC/ Joseph McAneney 100%	
Licensee (to):	GOOD LLC / Good Holdings, LLC 100%, Charles Goodale 7.52%, Christian Hood 50.62%, Greg Allison 7.52%, Linda Lewis 13.56%, Ronica Aldrich 20.79%	
License type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
Type of transfer:	Ownership	
Premises address:	13465 E Main St. Talkeetna, AK 99676	
Local governing body:	Matanuska Susitna Borough	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None	
Consideration:	Taxes owed	

Transferor Joe McAneney present on zoom, Atty Jana W. present in person. Dr. Clift moves to approve License #10901 The High Expedition Company with delegation. Ms. Wilcox seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

D. License #13827:	CHONGKEE FARMS LLC	<u>TAB 16</u>
Licensee (from):	Chongkee Farms LLC/ Daniel Brower 50%, Charles Lopez 50%	
Licensee (to):	Chongkee Farms LLC / Daniel Brower 51%, Michael Lee John 50%	
License type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
Type of transfer:	Controlling Interest	
Premises address:	691 Brewster St. Fairbanks, AK 99712	
Local governing body:	Fairbanks North Star Borough	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	1 NOV for Tax Delinquency in 2024	
Consideration:	Approve with delegation to director	

Licensee Daniel Brower present in person, Dr. Clift moves to approve the transfer of License #13827 Chongkee Farms with delegation. Ms. Wilcox seconds. None opposed, Motion carries.

***Recess at 5:00 pm on June 25, 2025
Reconvene at 9:01 on June 26, 2025***

Chair Ms. Stuart calls roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – ***Present in person***
- Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- ***Present on zoom***
- Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- ***Present on zoom***
- Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – ***Present in Person***
- Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – ***Present in Person***

E. License # 13217:	Glacier Valley Shop	<u>TAB 17</u>
Licensee (from):	ForgetMeNot AK/ Norvin Perez 100%	

Licensee (to):	Prestige WorldWide MGMT LLC / Joshua Gonzalez 100%
License type:	Retail Marijuana Store
Type of transfer:	Ownership
Premises address:	8505 Old Dairy Road Juneau, AK 99801
Local governing body:	City and Borough of Juneau
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None
Consideration:	Approve with delegation to director

Atty. Jana Weltzin present in person requesting to table these applications as the transferor is still working on the sale agreements. Ms. Wilcox motions to table #13217 dba Glacier Valley Shop, Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

F. License # 13221:	Glacier Valley Enterprises	<u>TAB 18</u>
Licensee (from):	ForgetMeNot Enterprises, Inc./ Norvin Perez 100%	
Licensee (to):	Prestige WorldWide MGMT LLC /Joshua Gonzalez 100%	
License type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
Type of transfer:	Ownership	
Premises address:	8505 Old Dairy Road Suite 2 Juneau, AK 99801	
Local governing body:	City and Borough of Juneau	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	2 NOV's for Tax Delinquency in 2023	
Consideration:	Approve with delegation to director	

G. License # 13222:	SOUTHEAST ESSENTIALS	<u>TAB 19</u>
Licensee (from):	ForgetMeNot Enterprises, Inc./ Norvin Perez 100%	
Licensee (to):	Prestige WorldWide MGMT LLC / Joshua Gonzalez 100%	
License type:	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	
Type of transfer:	Ownership	
Premises address:	8505 Old Dairy Road Suite 2 Juneau, AK 99801	
Local governing body:	City and Borough of Juneau	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None	
Consideration:	Approve with delegation to director	

The board voted TAB 18 and 19 as a block. Atty. Jana Weltzin present in person requested to table these applications as the transferor is still working on with the sale agreements. Ms. Wilcox moves to table License #13221,# 13222 ForgetMeNot Enterprises Inc, to Prestige WorldWide MGMT LLC. Dr. Clift seconds, none opposed, motion carries.

H. License # 14359:	Tip Top	<u>TAB 20</u>
Licensee (from):	Tip Top, LLC / Nick Coltman 100%	
Licensee (to):	Wolf Town Farm, LLC / Evangelina Gonzalez 100%	
License type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
Type of transfer:	Ownership	
Premises address:	233 E 5 th Avenue Suite 1 Anchorage, AK 99501	

Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage
NOV's in 2 prior years:	3 NOV's; Access restricted at a Retail Marijuana Store; Limit on quantity sold; Lawful Operation of Marijuana related facilities
Consideration:	Taxes Owed

Evanjelina Gonzalez, transferee present on zoom. Transferor Nick Coltman is not present. Chair Ms. Stuart asks how long she's been in operational agreement for this license and if she has had any financial gains from this license. Evangelina Gonzalez confirms that it is from the year 2023 and she has not received any financial gain and no compensation for being the manager of this license or any profit. Evangelina Gonzalez states she paid for the license to Nick Coltman and has been managing the business and waiting for the transfer to be effectuated. Chair Ms. Stuart asks if she is aware of the objections that were sent in for this transfer. Evangelina responds that those debts were made before she took over the license. There is further discussion on the NOV's that were issued for this license since the time she had been managing this license and for her other businesses. Lt. Jamie asks for directions from Attorney Andrew Bocanumenth on the management agreement and who should take responsibility for the actions on the license. Attorney Andrew Bocanumenth responds that he would need to read more into the management agreement but agrees with Chair Ms. Stuart on the regulations that she has stated on 306.080 d, listing all the factors that this applicant is unable to comply with the applicable provisions of this chapter, you have grounds for a denial in this case. Chair Ms. Stuart restates the regulation on the denial of this transfer 3 AAC 306.080(a)(6).

Ms. Wilcox motions to deny license transfer application #14359 dba Tip Top citing 3AAC 306.080 D, Lt. Jamie seconds.

Lt. Jamie = Yes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Dr. Clift = No, and Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. Motion carries. 4-1.

I. License # 23692:	Gold Star Concentrates	<u>TAB 21</u>
Licensee (from):	Greenstar, Inc./ Jason Bott 100%	
Licensee (to):	Canna Get Hashy LLC / Trout Millhouse 45%, Troy Millhouse 45%, Sandra Millhouse 10%	
License type:	Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility	
Type of transfer:	Ownership	
Premises address:	40593 Kalifornsky Beach Road Suite C Kenai, AK 99611	
Local governing body:	Kenai Peninsula Borough	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None	
Consideration:	Taxes Owed	

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License transfer application #23692 Gold Star Concentrates with delegation, Dr. Clift seconds. Transferor Jason Bott and Transferee Sandra Millhouse, both present on zoom. None Opposed, motion carries.

J. License # 23694:	Greenstar Flower Outlet	<u>TAB 22</u>
Licensee (from):	Greenstar, Inc./ Jason Bott 100%	
Licensee (to):	Canna Get Happy LLC/ Sandra Millhouse 50%, Troy Millhouse 25%, Trout Millhouse 25%	
License type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
Type of transfer:	Ownership	
Premises address:	40593 Kalifornsky Beach Road Suite B Kenai, AK 99611	

Local governing body:	Kenai Peninsula Borough
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None
Consideration:	Taxes Owed

Transferor Jason Bott and Transferee Sandra Millhouse, both present on zoom. There is discussion on the taxes owed from the transferor that is from a former cultivation license that is no longer active. Transferor Jason Bott speaks that his taxes owed are being held on litigation with the Department of Revenue. Atty. Jana Weltzin and Atty. Jason Brandies shares insight and passed precedence on the handling of transfer applications for transferors that have taxes owed on previous licenses. There is further discussion on the transferee receiving financial gain on a license that has not been fully effectuated. Chair Ms. Stewart states that this circumstance is related to a discussion about a management agreement regulation that is in progress. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus speaks on passed precedence that the board will normally approve with delegation and have the parties sort out the tax obligations before the transfer is effectuated.

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License transfer Application #23694 dba Greenstar Flower outlet with delegation, Dr. Clift seconds.. None opposed, motion carries.

***Break: 10:42 am
Reconvene: 10:53 am***

Chair Ms. Stuart calls roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – ***Present in person***
- Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- ***Present on zoom***
- Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- ***Present on zoom***
- Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – ***Present in Person***
- Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – ***Present in Person***

K. License # 30822:	Good Cannabis	<u>TAB 23</u>
Licensee (from):	Cooper Nugget, LLC/ Jennifer Rosenbaum 100%	
Licensee (to):	GOOD LLC / Good Holdings, LLC 100%, Charles Goodale 7.52%, Christian Hood 50.62%, Greg Allison 7.52%, Linda Lewis 13.56%, Ronica Aldrich 20.79%	
License type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
Type of transfer:	Ownership	
Premises address:	Lot 3 Block 1, Laurence Barrett Addition to Townsite of McCarthy McCarthy, AK 99588	
Local governing body:	None	
NOV's in 2 prior years:	None	
Consideration:	Taxes Owed	

Ms. Wilcox moves to approve License #30822 Good Cannabis with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Atty. Jana Weltzin present in person, Transferor Jennifer Rosenbaum present on zoom. Atty. Jana Weltzin provides an update on taxes owed. None opposed, motion carries.

• **LICENSE CONVERSION APPLICATION**

A. License # 17452:	Green Degree	<u>TAB 24</u>
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Licensee:	HNP, Inc / Kerby Coman 100%
Premises:	2439 S. Ridgecrest Wasilla, AK 99623
License Type (Current):	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
License type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Local Governing Body:	Matanuska Susitna Borough
Consideration:	Approve with delegation to director

Kerby Coman, Licensee present on zoom, provides an overview of the manufacturer that processes a lot of flower and would like to increase the process of cultivation and it is a small space so in the future expand the facility. Investigator J. Bankowski speaks on the practice of enforcement measuring cannabis is by the actual space, and by the grow table and if there is no table they would measure the entire table and not by pots. Director Kevin Richard recites 3 AAC 306.990 37a. Chair Ms. Stuart advises the licensee to provide a revised MJ02 with an actual outline with the actual square footage and that it's static. Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License conversion application #17452 with delegation that a revised MJ02 is submitted and is outlined to show a limited and growing space is clear, Dr. Clift seconds. Lt. Jamie = Yes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus= Not present to vote, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = No, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. 3-1 motion carries.

• **BOARD CONSIDERATION**

A. License # 40525:	Delta Blazers Dispensary	<u>TAB 25</u>
Licensee:	DBD Holdings, LLC / Benjamin Sloan Tim Clark	
License type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
Premises address:	Mile 284 Richardson Hwy. Delta Junction, AK 99737	
Local governing body:	None	
Consideration:	Petition	

*Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License #40525 Delta Blazers Dispensary with delegation that the MJ00 is corrected to include the statement that there is interest in a retail establishment, Dr. Clift seconds. Tim Clark Licensee, Michael Mays CEO present on zoom. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus back on zoom at 11:19 am. There is discussion on the petition, and the exact location of the premises. The applicant Tim Clark was advised to follow up with AMCO office about an establishment within a 10-mile radius of a local government. **None Opposed, motion carries.***

C. License #11547& 11654:	CLOUDBERRY CANNABIS &	<u>TAB 26</u>
Licensee :	CLOUBERRY CANNABIS DBA Salmonberry Farms	
License types:	Joseph David Shimek & Lily Anastasia Shimek Retail Marijuana Store &Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Consideration:	Under 3 AAC 306.095 (a), appeal of a determination of a transfer of controlling interest application needed.	

Chais Ms. Stuart provides an overview of the appeal for determination for a controlling interest transfer. Lily Shimek and David Shimek, licensees both present on zoom. Atty. Andrew Bocanumenth states he agrees with the interpretation and the key language her is change of controlling interest. David Shimek, Licensee speaks on the controlling interest appeal of a general partnership and recites 3AAC 306.040 e. **Ms. Wilcox motions to deny appeal for License #11547 and #11654 Cloudberry Cannabis dba Salmonberry Farms, Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.**

● **LICENSE 2024-2025 RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (INCOMPLETE)**

A. License # 32759:	Northern Emerald	<u>TAB 27</u>
Licensee:	Northern Emerald, LLC / William Little (Deceased) 45%, Keith Crocker 16.66%, Patrick O’Neal 16.66%, Jason Wood 16.66%, Travis Grande 5%	
License type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
Premises address:	2803 S. Old Glenn Hwy Building #2 Palmer, AK 99645	
Local governing body:	Matanuska – Susitna Borough	
Consideration:	Incomplete renewal under 3 AAC 306.035. At the April 16-17 meeting the board approved this transfer application, however voted as a delegation that the applicant provide a letter from the beneficiary of the deceased releasing the interest.	

Keith Crocker, Licensee and his Atty. Brian Duffy present on zoom. Ms. Wilcox asks if there was a letter from the estate received, Licensee responds, no and trying to determine the legal representative of the estate. Atty. Brian Duffy states working with an estate is a personal representative appointed by the court and it’s an unusual request. Atty. Jana Weltzin speaks that there has been little negotiation from the estate of the deceased licensee but has no authority to speak about it. Atty. Andrew Bocanumenth recites 50. 3. 85, on the rights of the estate. Lt. Jamie states he was kicked offline for a part of the conversation; Chair Ms. Stuart provides details of information that he had missed. **Ms. Wilcox motions to approve the Renewal Application for license #32759 dba Northern Emerald LLC with delegation, Dr. Clift seconds. Chair Ms. Stuart advises Atty. Brian Duffy to work with the deceased licensee survivor to have this resolved. None Opposed, motion carries.**

Background from April Meeting: Ms. Wilcox motions to approve Transfer with a Controlling Interest for License #32759 Northern Emerald, LLC with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Ms. Wilcox amends her motion to approve the Controlling Interest Application for License #32759 Northern Emerald LLC with an understanding that a Notice of Violation will be issued to them and the delegation will include a notarized statement from the beneficiary to release Mr. Little’s interest. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

Recess: 12:12 pm
Reconvene : 1:01 pm

Chair Ms. Stuart calls roll:

- Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – ***Present in person***
- Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- ***Present on zoom***
- Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- ***Present on zoom*** –
- Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – ***Present in Person***
- Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – ***Present in Person***

• **TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

A. License # 27520:	Purgatory Extracts	<u>TAB 28</u>
Licensee :	Leaf & Larf, LLC	
License type:	Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility	
Type of Application:	2024-2025 Renewal	
Premises address:	43280 Kenai Spur Highway Nikiski, AK 99635	
Local governing body:	Kenai Peninsula Borough	
Consideration:	Incomplete 2024 – 2025 Renewal; Pending a Transfer with a Non-Compliant notice from Department of Revenue.	

Background from the April 2025 meeting in Nome: Ms. Wilcox moves to deny Incomplete License Renewal Application for License #27520 Purgatory Extracts. Lt. Jamie seconds. Savannah Ritter from the Department of Revenue clarifies to the board that a payment plan will not release the transfer from being effectuated, but the full debt to be paid will release the debt. Toby Foster speaks on the taxes owed were from the previous licensee. Ms. Wilcox withdraws motion to deny License #27520 Purgatory Extracts. Lt. Jamie seconds. Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to table License #27520 Purgatory Extracts to the June meeting to allow the licensee to work with the Department of Revenue to establish a payment plan and for the board to review. Lt. Jamie seconds. Unanimously approved

Atty Jana W. present in person provides an overview of this license. There is a discussion on the Department of Revenue tax payment plan that in place that met the delegation from the last meeting. Ms. Sawyer confirms that there was a payment plan confirmation received from the Licensee with Department of Revenue. Ms. Wilcox motions to effectuate the transfer application for license #27520 Purgatory Extracts with delegation notwithstanding the Department the Revenue’s objection and they stay current with their payment plan; Lt. Jamie seconds the motion. None opposed, motion carries.

Lacy motions to approve the Renewal Application for #27520 Purgatory Extracts with delegation. Lt. Jamie seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

B. License #: 21724	The Red Light District	<u>TAB 29</u>
Licensee:	AKGLD2, LLC	
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
Premises Address:	407 E Northern Lights Blvd Anchorage, AK 99503	
Local Government:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Consideration:	Tax Delinquency	

Background from April 2025 meeting in Nome: Ms. Wilcox motions to deny Renewal License #21724 Red Light District with a 60-day abeyance pending a compliance with DOR taxes with

delegation to Director and local government protest is lifted. Dr. Clift seconds. Ms. Wilcox withdraws her motion until further information is received from the Department of Revenue. Dr. Clift seconds. Tabled to the June meeting.

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve Renewal License #21724. Lt. Jamie seconds the motion. None opposed, motion carries.

C. License #: 21725	The Red Light District	<u>TAB 30</u>
Licensee:	AKGLD2, LLC	
License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
Premises Address:	407 E Northern Lights Blvd Anchorage, AK 99503	
Local Government:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Consideration:	Tax Delinquency	

Background from April 2024 meeting in Nome: Ms. Wilcox motions to deny Renewal License #21724 Red Light District with a 60-day abeyance pending a compliance with DOR taxes with delegation to Director and local government protest is lifted. Dr. Clift seconds. Ms. Wilcox withdraws her motion until further information is received from the Department of Revenue. Dr. Clift seconds. Tabled to the June meeting.

*Atty. Jana Weltzin present in person, Mindy Millhouse licensee, present on zoom. Atty. Jana Weltzin provides an overview of the delinquent taxes and the confusion with the payment plan in place. Atty. Jana Weltzin prefers to move into an executive session to show the disconnect with the Department of Revenue portal. Vice Chair, Cyrus, states he likes transparency and would prefer not to move into an executive session for a tax issue that is already contentious. Chair Ms. Stuart confirms from the February agenda that this license was given a 60-day abeyance in the February meeting and when it was brought before the board in April it was tabled. Atty. Jana W. speaks that the information came late on Friday and there was confusion with the payment plan, and it has been rectified. Lt. Jamie feels that this license has been in violation for months. Vice chair Mr. Cyrus points out that they have known of this tax issue in February and it is not fair to other licensees. Ms. Wilcox would prefer someone else to make the motion as she wasn't present in the February meeting. **Lt. Jamie motions to deny #21725 Red light District Cultivation, Vice Chair Cyrus seconds.** Chair Ms. Stuart says that she wants people to succeed but also would like the board to operate fairly. Licensee Mindy speaks about the payments being made monthly on the payment plan and a confusion with the two months. Ms. Sawyer confirms that through the appeal they will be able to continue to operate. Lt. Jamie = Yes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Yes, Dr. Clift = No, Ms. Wilcox = No, and Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. **3-2, motion passes.***

3:46:58

- **REGULATIONS**

- **Regulation Training Presentation with Sara Chambers**

TAB 31

Sara Chambers presents her training to the board regarding regulations

4:10:55

Bailey Stuart reminds the board that the agenda was amended to include the CBD to THC conversation and mentions she intends to call a special meeting to discuss at a later date.

Lacey Wilcox would like to learn about Next Level Lab's extraction methods for research purposes to be prepared for the aforementioned special board meeting. Discussion...

Bailey Stuart asks the public to chime in

Kerby Coman: extraction methods used are BHO and CO2 and Ethanol extraction...

4:19:45

- REGULATIONS TRACKING SHEET

TAB 32

Bailey Stuart reiterates regulations are on hold until the AO is lifted unless there is a public safety concerns and reviews on the record the regulations tracking sheet, including the status of the regulation related to the decrease in license fees. Kevin Richard thanks Department of Law for turning it around very quickly.

Discussion about the fine schedule and potential clean up; businesses not under the board's purview; working groups.

- OPENED REGULATIONS PROJECTS

- Total THC

TAB 33

4:35:31 – 5:07:25

Bailey Stuart reviews tab on the record....Discussion/comments by board members about serving size limits (single serving vs whole packet limits); onsite consumption limits; rationale behind the limits; defining THC and Delta 8.... The board allows Jessica from Land and Seas to speak to the matter... (See tab and recording for details and full conversation).

Lacey Wilcox moves to amend 306.990(b)(48) and (54)(A)(B) and (55) to include the CAS number for both Delta 9 and Delta 8. Dr. Clift seconds. Lt. Jaime, yes; Ely Cyrus, yes; Dr. Clift, yes; Lacey Wilcox, yes; Bailey Stuart, yes. Motion carries 5-0. – regulation to be out for written public comment for 60 days.

Kristina Serezhenkov, asks clarification on her presentation to the board. The board confirms that it accepts the draft, in addition to the motion made. Kris will work up the draft as she understood the board's wishes.

Dr. Clift out at 2:37. Dr. Clift back at 2:40.

- PROPOSED REGULATIONS PROJECTS, BOARD DISCUSSION

5:07:20 – 5:16:30

- Minors on Premises

TAB 34

Kevin Richard speaks to the tabs 34 and 34.1.... Discussion... board acknowledges the restriction on making regulations by the AO, but it is opened to more conversation and continue work by individual board members(see recording and tabs for details and more information).

- WORKING GROUPS

5:16:32

Kevin Richard speaks to the subject...

Board requests a laboratory testing working group that encompasses the subjects of pesticides, heavy metal, and potency testing. With consideration for the group members be Reps from DEC, AMCO, Testing Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, MCB member, member of the public, hemp program/Division of Agriculture. No objections to the working group being formed.

- **LEGISLATIVE ITEMS**

TAB 35

Director Kevin Richard speaks that the legislative items that were left outstanding were HB 91, 94 and SB 73. Chair Ms. Stuart reminds the public of outstanding legislative bills and status.

BOARD REQUESTS

Break at 3:28 pm

Reconvene at 3:43 pm

Chair Ms. Stuart calls roll:

Bailey Stuart, Chair – Industry – ***Present in person***

Ely Cyrus, Vice Chair – Industry- ***Present on zoom***

Christopher Jaime – Public Safety- ***Present on zoom***

Lacy Wilcox – Public Member – ***Present in Person***

Dr. Brück Clift – Public Health present – ***Present in Person***

Ms. Wilcox motions to have the Director work on a draft to come back for the board chair for approval as a cease-and-desist letter to Meta or like regarding advertising of intoxicating hemp products sold in Alaska, Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.

Dr. Clift motions for the MCB Board to support a Transportation working group that includes members of the Marijuana Control Board, AMCO, Manufacturing Licensee, Cultivation Licensee,

and a Testing Facility licensee, Ms. Wilcox seconds. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus adds that having less attendees participating in the working group will be more efficient. **None opposed motion carries.**

There will be a special meeting for the CBD to THC conversion topic with Director Kevin Richard and Chair Ms. Stuart.

There will be no working group needed for the fine schedule. Director Kevin states the direction of the existing work schedule is clear and we should be able to work with it and will follow up if needed.

Chair Ms. Stuart says there needs to be an amendment to the existing sampling regulations section under 400 and to be clear that it's not ground down. Chair Ms. Stuart recites 3 AAC 306.455, The issue could be the word uniformly can be interpreted. Ms. Wilcox feels that the work can come out of the laboratory working group. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus speaks of his uncertainty about the comments heard on products being marked on the label and not what is in the store, because of samples being cherry-picked for testing and there is no way of verifying. Chair Ms. Stuart states that this issue was addressed in the February 2025 meeting but is now placed on hold because of the administrative order that would have allowed them to go and purchase samples. There is further discussion with the Board and Investigator Mr. Bankowski on random testing and the result of taking it to a testing facility, and how the regulation is being interpreted. **Ms. Wilcox motions to amend the random sampling project that was opened in February 2025 to include language that create provisions in 3 AAC 306.455, that requires whole plant to be sent to the testing laboratory, Dr. Clift seconds. None opposed, motion carries.**

Ms. Wilcox asks for thoughts from board members on drafting a letter of engagement to the Department of Revenue tax division to request a meeting on how to evaluate the loss of state general funds on misclassification of cannabis that is happening in the market. Chair Ms. Stuart clarifies further with the request. Ms. Wilcox says that she will attempt the first draft of the DOR letter of engagement and have it come from the board. Chair Ms. Stuart states that it will need to be reviewed by Director Kevin Richard and Atty. Andrew Bocanumenth. **Ms. Wilcox motions to draft a letter of engagement to the Tax Division director that engages in a conversation about tax avoidance or evasions of both legally produced THC and illegal THC. Lt. Jamie seconds. None opposed, motion carries.**

Chair Ms. Stuart as the legislative liaison of the board, requests permission of the board to talk more about the gray/black market issues and help educate the legislators on the scope of things happening. Ms. Wilcox says Chair Ms. Stuart is a subject matter expert. Lt. Jamie commends Ms. Stuart for displaying competence and expert knowledge and doing an outstanding job as chair.

Director Kevin Richard speaks that the Department of Health will give a brief presentation at the September meeting about the Marijuana Education Treatment fund and give a description of what it is and what the money is used for. Chair Ms. Stuart requests from Director Kevin Richard if he can get information on the Department of Corrections on how the funds are allocated.

- **MARIJUANA MAILBOX**

TAB 36

- All correspondence received in the Board's inbox from **April 5th to June 14th**.

Chair Ms. Stuart speaks that on the comment that an Off Site is not a priority with the administrative order in place and research needs to be done in statute. Ms. Wilcox disagrees and feels the board should be looking at it as an endorsement of your retail license and should be looking at other ways to

create limited retail facility and have the flexibility. There is further discussion about the off-site permit and the similarities with alcohol.

Chair Ms. Stuart would like to discuss the following with Attorney Andrew Bocanumenth that needs research.

- *Legalities of Moratorium*
- *Offsite Permit like alcohol*
- *Potential of a limited retail marijuana store – separate from the cultivation license which will allow them to sell something like a sample but still operate like a retail, not limited by square footage area but on the selling but mainly for cultivators giving tours*

Director Kevin Richard states he will discuss the topics with Atty. Andrew Bocanumenth.

• **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chair Ms. Stuart Public Testimony opens at 4:23pm

Megan Moody *present in person, works with industry, agrees with regulating marijuana as one plant, and would like to see industrial hemp and AMCO on one board that is proactive. For public health and safety, I would like transparency on the products that were placed on hold and advisory for the public.*

Joseph Stolz *present in person, works in industry and participant – to highlight the concerns in the industry and folks afraid to coming forward because of inverting products into the market, diluting THC yields, and modifying metric batches to evade taxes and create money for themselves. Hopes that saying it all on record will give enforcement the teeth to go after the people that are putting people's lives and livelihood at stake. Vice chair Mr. Cyrus asks if the information given is something enforcement can use. Investigator Mr. Bankowski comments that he is not sure where the information comes from about approved products, but our records indicate different.*

Matt Greogory *present on zoom – master's degree in synthetic chemistry – further comments on the synthetic or isomerized THC. To be able to package and sell synthetically derived THC is immoral in my opinion as these reactions have not been close to sufficiently studied so to say that these products are safe for human consumption is absurd. If you continue to allow isomerized materials to be sold in the state get ready for a public health crisis. Ms. Wilcox asks enforcement if there is a procedure needed to keep everyone safe from these products that are CBD to THC isomerization off the shelves? Investigator Mr. Bankowski responds that in the ongoing investigation actions between AMCO and Department of Agriculture that production method is no longer being employed.*

Ann Taylor, *present on zoom – Consumer, disabled veteran- can purchase hemp online for pain management and would like to see it available local, to support local.*

Brenda Mills- *present on zoom, Senior paralegal for JDW Atty – works exclusively with Industrial Hemp Program. There is a process for getting CBD endorsed as a product and then getting the CBD approved by hemp endorsed into an AMCO approved product. Why are there products on any retail shelf that aren't governed by the AMCO regulations? Atty. Jana Weltzin present in person, further specifies their office does not apply for hemp to be converted to THC but has gone through painstaking expensive processes for clients to get them approved to have the hemp oil, approved to be an AMCO product, and approved by this board.*

Chair Ms. Stuart closes public comment at 4:41 pm

- **BOARD COMMENTS**

Lt. Jamie – no comments, thanks board members, staff, and industry member

Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus – no further comments

Dr. Clift - no comments

Ms. Wilcox – no comments

Chair Ms. Stuart – appreciates the public comments and sharing, grateful for AMCO staff, and board members for entertaining these hard conversations in these long days.

- **NEXT MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD MEETING**

September 17th -18th , 2025 in Anchorage, Alaska

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Clift motions to adjourn , Ms. Wilcox seconds. Chair Ms. Stuart calls the meeting to adjourn at 4:42 pm.