



**MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD
LABORATORY TESTING WORKING GROUP
MARCH 10, 2026**

CHAIR

Bailey Stuart Marijuana Control Board

MEMBERSHIP

Bruck Clift	Marijuana Control Board
Patryce McKinney	DEC-DEH-Laboratory Services
Karin Hendrickson	DEC-DEH-Pesticides
Jonathan Strong	CannTest
Jessica Alexander	Land & Sea Labs
Shelton Landon	Anchorage Bowl
Mike Emers	Rosie Creek Farms
Barret Goodale	GOOD
Jason Pfeifer	Frog Mountain
Chelsea Foster	Alaska Cannabis Consumer Association
Matt Vanagel	Marijuana Permit Holder
Jennifer Lee	Marijuana Permit Holder

AMCO PARTICIPANTS

Kevin Richard	AMCO
Jane Sawyer	AMCO
Kristina Serezhenkov	AMCO

AGENDA

- A. Call To Order
Chair Bailey Stuart opens meeting at 10:02 am.
- B. Roll Call
All members and AMCO participants listed on agenda present but Karin Hendrickson, Shelton Landon and Barret Goodale.
- C. Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved unanimously.
- D. Subgroup Discussion
 - a. Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product
 - b. Testing for Cause
Chelsea Foster provides a recap and calls out sampling integrity and amounts (grams) needed for testing as important issues. The subgroup has identified the need to strengthen testing framework specifically for when testing for



cause might be triggered, failed testing (supplemental screens), and regulation framework to support expanded testing.

Points of further discussion are:

- *25% of submissions should be supplemental tested at a randomized level with the possibility that METRC could be utilized for this random sample selection.*
- *The licensee should not be allowed to submit different samples for different types of testing (potency/metals/pesticides).*
- *There should be a standard on how a sample is collected to ensure loopholes are closed.*
- *An agricultural officer or sampling agent working under or with enforcement could be utilized for sample collection.*

Jonathan Strong speaks to standard operation plans for sampling activities. The group also touches on bad-faith actors, investigation activities, testing for cause, and responsibilities of all involved parties especially related to costs.

Speaking to the cost issue, Director Kevin Richard reminds all that AMCO's is 100% funded by fee receipts from licensees.

Jessica Alexander comments on bad-actor practice of moving a product that they know would fail testing to a different type of product and gives the example of moving a concentrate to an infused type of product. This loophole must be closed. The group agrees this unacceptable practice must be stopped.

E. Prioritization of Agenda Items

- a. Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product
- b. Testing for Cause
- c. Number of Samples Tested
- d. Financial Responsibility for Testing
- e. Collection and Submission of Samples
- f. Laboratory to Laboratory Transfer of Samples
- g. Sample Size



Bailey Stuart moves to the topic of sample size and increasing the amount upwards by 2 grams. The group discusses the need to establish a minimum amount for concentrates and agrees there should be a balance between laboratory needs and loss of product for the licensee.

Edible products would not be tested as they would have already been tested twice before.

h. R&D Testing for Contaminants (Elective Supplemental Quality Testing)

i. Remediation and Retest of Failed Products

The group moves on to discuss remediation of product and retesting and holds a scientific discussion on remediation processes and importance of health and safety to consumers. Bailey Stuart calls out need for a list of what can be remediated and the creation of a guidance document on the pathways for acceptable remediation.

j. CBD-to-THC Conversion: Lab Identification

k. Labeling Requirements

l. Sample Testing Selections

m. Residual Solvent Levels & Adjusting Acceptable Limits

n. Financial Responsibility for Testing

o. Mycotoxins, Pesticides, and Random Sampling

Kevin Richard comments that reprioritizing may be helpful. The group should lock down forward movement on important issues.

As priorities, Bailey Stuart summarizes and lists: 1. further discussion with loopholes to pass unsafe product, and 2. testing for cause. The acceptable limits for residual solvents, heavy metals, and pesticides is also a top concern as well as moving sample size to 6 grams.

Jessica Alexander adds analytes and actions (limits) as a top priority item

F. New Agenda Items

The group concurs on the make-up and priorities of two sub-committees one dedicated to Analytes and Action Limits and the other dedicated to Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product and Testing For Cause.

G. Goals and Deliverables for Next Meeting

The group agrees that the possibility of adding an agricultural officer under enforcement is for further discussion at the next meeting which will be held April 8th at 10:00 am

H. Comments *None seen.*

I. Adjourn *Adjourned at 11:48 am.*



SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- January 22, 2026
 - No disagreement to change the name of the working group to “Laboratory Testing Working Group.”
 - No disagreement to the mission statement.
 - No disagreement to the meeting schedule.
 - Discussed the reprioritization of agenda items from 2024. It was agreed that “Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Products,” “Testing for Cause,” and “Remediation and Retest of Failed Products” were to take priority, with the remaining items prioritized in the order they appeared on the January 22, 2026 agenda.
 - Discussion surrounding the CBD-to-THC Conversion agenda item. It was tabled for further discussion to clarify the intent of the agenda item, to include identifying and defining a CBD-to-THC converted item.
 - “Labeling Requirements” discussion to remove concentrations and use a pass/fail system.
 - Items asked to be added to the agenda:
 - Sample testing selections
 - Who takes on the financial responsibility for updated testing requirements.
 - Residual solvent levels and adjusting the acceptable limits.
 - Address incentives for cultivators when providing samples. Suggest not relying on cultivators to select and deliver samples to laboratories.
 - Subgroup
 - Created a subgroup to address the “Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product” and “Testing for Cause” in advance of the March 2026 meeting.
 - Subgroup participants are:
 - Jessica Alexander
 - Jonathan Strong
 - Jason Pfeifer
 - Michael Emers
 - Chelsea Foster
 - Goals and deliverables at the next meeting are to discuss draft regulatory language addressing “Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product” and “Testing for Cause.” The subgroup is to come prepared to discuss this topic.
 - Discussed a future meeting date and landed on March 10, 2026.