



**MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD  
LABORATORY TESTING WORKING GROUP  
APRIL 8, 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 10:00 am.*
- B. Roll Call  
*All members and AMCO participants listed on agenda are present except Bruck Clift.*
- C. Approval of Agenda  
*Agenda approved unanimously.*
- D. Subgroup Discussion  
*Bailey Stuart opens and recaps last meetings direction to look at other state protocols and bring results.*
  - a. Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product
  - b. Testing for Cause



*Chelsea Foster presents. Focus was on 1. Identifying gaps in the current system and 2. making sure sampling and testing for cause supports accurate results especially for pesticides and metals.*

*Chelsea Foster comments that the key is consistency in sampling and the recommendation is a standardized sampling framework developed by the state.*

*Discussion points include;*

- 1. requiring trained designated samplers who are employees of the licensee;*
- 2. incorporating standards directly into the handler certification course;*
- 3. development of sampling procedures with a call out to consistent documentation of how samples are collected; and*
- 4. alignment with other states already using similar systems and processes.*

*Jonathan Strong speaks to the creation of a draft compliance document for sampling and the question is whether this would be an additional state form or a training. Standard Operation Procedures would need to be worked out by the state and a standardized collection form created.*

*Jessica Alexander advises that a recommendation is to video record sampling activities; i.e. a video auditing process.*

*Director Kevin Richard speaks to the ongoing AO-360 project which may rewrite marijuana handler course requirements and touches on taking regulatory framework into consideration when contemplating creating new sampling requirements.*

*Further group discussion touches on the draft laboratory compliance document and DEC technical guidance, broad option to allow licensee to create their own sampling plan versus specific option of requiring licensee to follow state's plan. A draft compliance document may be shared with the group. Patryce McKinney will move forward to review the draft document and Jessica Alexander will reach out to AMIA for their opinion.*

- E. Subgroup Discussion** *Jessica Alexander presents.*
- a. Action Analytes**
  - b. Action Analyte Limits**

*Jessica Alexander speaks to the development of a list of inclusion and exclusion criteria and needed validation work as well as instrument sensitivity issues. Recent work from*



*other states is called out as a possible model with more work needed and planned. Further discussion touches on testing for cause and expense of testing. Kevin Richard will reach out to the Montana Cannabis Control Office (METRC) for inclusion and exclusion pesticide list data.*

F. Addition of an Agricultural Officer to AMCO

*Kevin Richard presents covers state job classifications and hiring processes. Further discussion on funding issues, workload, position duties and description as well as enforcement priorities and capacity, and RSA with Division of Agriculture. Third party contractors and consultants are briefly discussed.*

*Broadly, the working group discusses that they may not be ready to present their recommendations at a Board meeting just yet*

G. Prioritization of Agenda Items

- a. Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product
- b. Testing for Cause
- c. Number of Samples Tested
- d. Sample Testing Selections
- e. Collection and Submission of Samples
- f. Sample Size (6g for flower, 2g for concentrate)
- g. Laboratory to Laboratory Transfer of Samples
- h. R&D Testing for Contaminants (Elective Supplemental Quality Testing)
- i. Remediation and Retest of Failed Products
- j. CBD-to-THC Conversion: Lab Identification
- k. Labeling Requirements
- l. Residual Solvent Levels & Adjusting Acceptable Limits
- m. Financial Responsibility for Testing
- n. Mycotoxins, Pesticides, and Random Sampling

*Bailey Stuart opens discussion on sample size amounts with a possible increase of sample size from 4 to 6 grams. Jessica Alexander confirms this would be a minimum amount and also there would be a minimum set for concentrates which has not yet been 'set' or determined. Group consensus is that the determination of concentrate sample size is interlinked with the actionable limits for pesticide testing and cannot be 'set' at this point. The group further discusses who takes the sample (enforcement or licensee).*

H. New Agenda Items *No new agenda items seen.*

I. Goals and Deliverables for Next Meeting *Next meeting scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.*

J. Comments *Many comments thanking all for their participation.*

K. Adjourn 11:55 am adjourned.



### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- March 10, 2026
  - Subgroup on Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product and Testing for Cause presents topics for discussion to include:
    - Sampling integrity
    - Minimum sample amounts
    - Failed supplemental screens
    - Who bears the cost of additional testing for cause
  - Chair provides direction to continue the discussion on loopholes, look at other state protocols, and bring the result to the attention of the working group and Marijuana Control Board.
  - If a failed test occurs, how many additional attempts are allowed?
  - The WG discusses the possibility of a licensed sampling agent, the costs of equipment, and the costs of screening.
  - The WG discusses the potential removal of the 10 pound package limit and how to determine appropriate representative sample sizes based on the weight of the package.
  - A second subgroup is formed to discuss the analytes to be tested, permissible limits in Alaska, or other items related to action analytes and action limits. Sarah Hickman was suggested as a contributor and volunteers include:
    - Chelsea Foster
    - Jonathon Strong
    - Jessica Alexander
    - Jason Pfeifer
  - The board sets a future meeting date for April 8, 2026.
- 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.



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- 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.