



**MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD
LABORATORY TESTING WORKING GROUP
JANUARY 22, 2026**

MEMBERSHIP

Bailey Stuart	Marijuana Control Board
Bruck Clift	Marijuana Control Board
Patryce McKinney	DEC
Karin Hendrickson	DEC
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	Birch Alaskan Naturals
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
Director Kevin Richard opens meeting at 10:00 am and introduces. He updates the group that the membership affiliation for Chelsea Foster is the Alaska Cannabis Consumer Association and this will be fixed on next agenda.
- B. Roll Call
Karin Hendrickson and Barret Goodale are not present. All other listed members and AMCO participants are present except that Kelly Snyder is sitting in for Patryce McKinney who is not present.
- C. Appointment of Chair
Bailey Stuart volunteers to chair the workgroup. She may need to step off during this meeting for a pressing issue.
- D. Approval of Agenda
Kevin Richard gives brief history of prior 2024 working group with directive to focus on prioritizing items to reach a resolution on them.



Bailey Stuart exits meeting.

- E. Retitling the Working Group from “Cannabis Testing Lab User Group” to “Laboratory Testing Working Group”
- F. Confirmation of Mission Statement
 - a. To analyze various concerns regarding the testing of cannabis in Alaska, develop guidelines to best protect public health and provide for the reliability of testing results, and make recommendations for regulatory changes, including those applicable to licensed marijuana testing facilities. The working group will also assess and make recommendations on:
 - i. Improving public health and safety by creating in-state mechanisms for the testing of heavy metals and pesticides on plant, product, water, and soil
 - ii. The regulatory requirements for marijuana and marijuana product testing
 - iii. The regulatory requirements set for marijuana testing facility licensure
 - iv. Setting collection sampling standards for assessing THC content/end-product testing
 - v. The necessity for and potential funding mechanisms for a state reference laboratory
- G. Operations
 - a. Meet bimonthly for the period of six months with a resulting report to the Marijuana Control Board. Due to the presence of board members in the working group, all meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and will be properly noticed and recorded.

Kevin Richard moves to the topic of retitling the working group’s name, gives an outline of the groups mission, mentions issues such as regulatory requirements and budget restraints, and goes over timeline for future meetings with references to the Open Meetings Act process.

He opens discussion on prioritizing agenda items from the prior (2024) meetings.

- H. Prioritization of Agenda Items from 2024
 - a. Number of Samples Tested
 - b. Financial Responsibility for Testing
 - c. Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product
 - d. Collection and Submission of Samples
 - e. Laboratory to Laboratory Transfer of Samples
 - f. Sample Size
 - g. Testing for Cause
 - h. R&D Testing for Contaminants (Elective Supplemental Quality Testing)
 - i. Remediation and Retest of Failed Products
 - j. Labeling Requirements
- I. New Agenda Items



a. CBD-to-THC Conversion: Lab Identification

Group discussion on how to prioritize 2024 agenda items and new items. The group agrees to put top priority on 1. Loopholes to pass unsafe products, 2. testing for cause, 3. remediation and retest of failed products, 4. CBD to THC conversion, 5. lab identification. After which, the other agenda items from 2024 would fall in the order they are already listed.

Jessica Alexander would like to see the name of priority h. (R & D Testing....) reference the phrase 'pesticide testing'

J. Goals and Deliverables for Next Meeting

Kevin Richard comments that the goal is to create regulatory language that addresses all agenda items in a finalized format. This allows a regulations project to be opened as the next step. Jessica Alexander supports this goal and suggests that topics could be addressed one or two at a time for future meetings to keep it manageable.

A formal agenda is to be created for the next meeting. Members are asked to review regulatory language changes from 2024 and be prepared to discuss. Jonathan Strong suggests breaking into smaller subgroups. Further discussion touches on members of subgroups having interest or expertise in a particular area.

Loopholes and testing for cause are to be discussed at the next meeting. Kevin Richard reads related material from the attached 2024 documents with specific mentions to regulations involved. Group discussion on membership of subgroups.

Kevin Richard will send out an email with the membership roster for assignments of the subgroups as discussed.

K. Any Additional Updates

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the second week of March.

L. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.