Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development





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# Marijuana Control Board Meeting Agenda Second Judicial District 302 Front Street, Aurora Inn Conference Room Nome, Alaska

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# June 29, 2022 at 9:00 am

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# June 30, 2022 at 9:00 am

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All times are approximate. Lunch break from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

The Board may go into executive session at any time when appropriate under AS 44.62.310(b) and (c).

#### ADMINISTRATION

# A. Call to Order

9:03 am

# B. Roll Call

Nick Miller, Industry Member and Chair, in person Christopher Jaime, Public Safety Member, in person Bruce Schulte, Public Member and Vice Chair, Zoom Eliza Muse, Public Health Member, on Zoom Ely Cyrus, Rural Public Member, absent

Joan Wilson, Director, in person Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing Supervisor, in person Nathan Hall, Licensing Examiner, in person Rick Helms, Program Coordinator, on Zoom James Hoelscher, Enforcement Supervisor, on Zoom Jane Sawyer, Regulation Specialist, on Zoom Stuart Goering, Assistant Attorney General, on Zoom

# C. Approval of Agenda

Bruce S. motions to change the agenda ProGro add after Tab 21. Eliza M seconds. None opposed motion passes. Bruce S. motions to approve. Chris J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

D.	AMCO Meeting Code of Conduct		<u>TAB 1</u>
E.	Top 10 Zoom FAQ		<u>TAB 2</u>
F.	Approval of the April 13 - 14, 2022 MCB Meeting Minutes		<u>TAB 3</u>
	Bruce motions to approve. Eliza M. seconds. Please post the audio on the motion passes.	e website. <b>None</b>	opposed,
BOA	RD GOVERNANCE	9:10 am	
No d	hanges to be reported.		
PUB	LIC TESTIMONY	9:20 am	

Based on current circumstances, the Board may decide to limit public testimony.

Public testimony is limited to issues not on this agenda and that are not proposed regulations Written comments may also be submitted to the board for review during its next regular meeting via <u>marijuana@alaska.gov</u>.

Lacy Wilcox, licensee and outgoing president of AMIA is in person: We had really wanted to come to this comment today to speak of the multitude of issues that the industry continues to grapple with. We need an Marijuana Control Board Meeting Agenda: June 29 – 30, 2022 Page 2 of 29

emergency policy with regards to the state of Alaska Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp Program. Specifically, our issue is government programs approval of intoxicating hemp derived products that are being sold with no age restrictions. To understand the gravity of this, I thought would be useful to provide some basics on the plant. So you see, there is only one plant from which all cannabis products come from. The terms marijuana and hemp were actually created by law to separate cannabis plants that test either above or below point 3%. Delta nine thc if the plant test about thc or want to do that test below. That delta nine thc is one of the approximately 160 million adenoids found in the trench. However, most notably is the main psychoactive cannabinoid or, in other words it's the one that gets you high. And it is what we in the marijuana industry stripe produce and track test, for it is what you limit in our edibles to consumers and is why our product is tracked in metric through its production lifecycle. I've met with Mitch McConnell the driver of the bill, did not intend to permit intoxicating products to the people. Rather, the bill was meant to address issues with the nation is kind of farmers were making products for industrial use and certain nonintoxicating cannabinoids like hemp. Unfortunately, the drafters did not understand the science behind the plant and did not specifically address the extraction process even inventive and aggressive players to turn the rope a dope see. Currently in Alaska, products with delta nine thc and other intoxicating rights to ride from him are breaking into the unregulated market due to the farm bills misunderstood metric for differentiating. From marijuana specifically the bill for fires growers to test their proper delta nine the levels within 15 days of harvest if the plants registered delta 9% of the plant marijuana below. Notably, this test is only required on a driveway basis in order for candidates to be considered, it must contain less than 3% delta nine thc on a driveway basis unregulated manufacturers are interpreting this you like to extract and products. Which on a percentage driveway basis contain a host of other additives like gelatin sugar oils in some cases, unsafe materials. This creates a situation where point 3% driveway plant does not equate 2.3% of the total we are coming. In short, consumers are being sold loosely regulated cannabis products that are highly intoxicated you do two levels of delta nine thc and other intoxicated now like delta 8 thc is that haven't yet come because of this area of standards. We understand that industrial programming Alaska has some quality requirements in place, however, these requirements are not nearly as rigorous regulated as last marijuana program. Recreational program importantly, what is not accomplished, perhaps because it actually didn't allow the express consideration is age restrictions to purchase safe child resistant packaging and product design and ensures consumption by minors it's. This is an immediate concern.

The other missing piece to the investor is taxation, well, we are taxed and burdened with regulations, the obvious and fairness needs, many of us in recreational market wondering what the validity of our current regulatory environment really is. Also noteworthy should be considered that it just continues Division of Agriculture will have also sanctioned on safe assumption of intoxicants pretty much anywhere. The sidewalk, playground, park your sensitivities areas and, obviously, in places where the soul imagine that the local gas station gas will hang out where kids are getting high off 50 milligram brightly colored delta nine candies, this is the reality could have them today. Can amend the Farm Bill, but we can protect our citizens is similar movement has taken place across the country with over 20 states for getting the manufacturing sailed intoxicating hemp derived now the marijuana program. They're counting on you to do the right thing for Alaska and citizens and its children. We are counting on the Governor to immediately advise the Commissioner of DNR and the Commissioner of Commerce, together with Director Wilson, Director Shade, Mr. Carter to meet and discuss media resolution in the form of emergency regulations, perhaps at DNR or quidance, such as the cease and desist directed through executive power that sorted out candies and children. At a minimum the Department of Law can issue a consumer protection advice to warn Alaskans about intoxicating and largely unregulated product in our market. We are understanding and sympathetic severely under resourced believe that AMCO and Department of Agriculture can and should work together. The Department of Agriculture has elements of their program that we really envy things like pesticide metal testing. They can reflect cannabis therapeutic values and the New Yorker pivoted from doing, and they have access to financial services loans and agricultural scholarships. They're also familiar development and application of standards for grading agricultural products, all of these things are items we need in our

industry and very much respect. Because, unfortunately, this type of communication with clouds the overall realization that the same plant being regulated by two different entities. The content is fundamental to understanding why we have two different entities, but given the same plan and where the language should be very clearly drawn so we stayed our request, these use the power rented in you under as a one to 1131. Please esteemed member and staff issue a request immediately to the Governor, commissioners both departments and immediate action we take them and to simplify what we could force a long term solution and post marijuana board could and should regulate all aspects intoxicating cannabis plant.

The board members have multiple questions. They decide for the director to write a letter to the governor requesting emergency action that halts the sale or require the sale to be in an age required premises. Director Wilson says she will draft tonight for tomorrow. **Bruce S. motions for the director to draft a letter to the Governor. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

**Cade Inscho**, with Cold Creek Extracts is present on Zoom: As far as regulating, I think the state should regulate all of the strains of thc, not just delta nine. It's a fairly easy conversion to get CBD and thc, it's an aesthetic conversion and I think that is definitely something that the Board should take on, as well as I'm trying to work with the Alaskan hemp farmers and make concentrates out of that. Even though the flower tested below point 3% is now 6% thc once we extract it off the plant and I'm required by the state to send it out of state to get tested, breaking federal law. I don't. So right now I'm sitting on a bunch of hemp that I bought from a farmer that I can't do anything with. I can't sell, I can't do anything, it just sits in my lab. I'm not willing to break federal law and jeopardize my current license. All it takes is somebody that doesn't like me to make an anonymous complaint and I've got the DEA coming down on me and I have a federal charge. There's just too much of a discrepancy between DNR and AMCO as far as testing heavy metals, pesticides, mycotoxins that's the actual public safety aspect here, so I would really encourage the board to really consider this stuff and making it more in line with the with the hemp program. Thank you.

There are no questions from the board.

Jana Weltzin, with JDW Law is present on Zoom: I wanted to welcome Joan. I'm really excited to have her as our director and I'm really excited for what that brings for the future. I want to talk about this intoxicating delta nine hemp products, and so I provided a written correspondence. I don't know I think that's been shared by Carrie with the board members. So I'm just going to go over that I know, maybe I'm beating a dead horse, but I think it's important that we put as much emphasis on this as possible. So, unfortunately with any emerging industry comes the growing pains of defining the bounds and scopes of the regulation, coupled with tweaking and modifying the regulations as apparent loopholes begin to be identified, exploited and then this case endorsed by the Department of Ag. This correspondence today deals with the issue of hemp products, endorsed by and approved by the industrial department of industrial hemp department of the State Alaska Department of Ag. When one thinks of industrial hemp several products pop in your head: rope, hemp paper a pack of intoxicating 50 milligram delta nine gummy bears with no age restriction like one of those things does not fit in the industrial hemp program. There's no child resistant packaging, there's no AMCO approval, there's no information required warnings. This is an emerging and urgent issue and we need the board to be educated about this, the delta nine products that are being endorsed by the Department of Ag have no place in gas stations, no place in in grocery stores. They should only be if they're going to be allowed, they should only be in licensed marijuana retail establishments.

Backing up a bit to give this honorable board context, I wanted to ask your indulgence, as I explained a little bit about the federal definition of hemp which I disagree with the way the Department of Ag is interpreting the federal definition of hemp, I want to be very clear about that I disagree with that. I understand a lot of states are using this analogy, but it's it doesn't make sense and just because other states are doing it does not mean Alaska has to interpret the definition of the federal definition of hemp in the way it's currently

defining it. So the hemp plant, as we know, is really the exact same plan as the marijuana plant with one difference, the level of thc delta nine contained in the plant, the Farm Bill federally legalized industrial hemp defines the hemp plant as the following hemp, the term hat means the plant cannabis, a TV L and any part of that plant. Including the seeds there of derivatives extracts cannabinoids ice moaners ice and homers acids so and whether it's growing or not with a delta nine concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis note there's nothing in here that talks about edibles or the weight of a flat of sugar the weight of aelatin none of that is in the definition of hemp. Note the definition refers to the plant or any part of the plant or any extract of the plant and it further clarifies that the weight of the plant, I'm sorry, the weight of the thc in the plant or the extract cannot be higher than point 3% of delta nine thc to be classified as hemp. If it goes over point 3% of delta nine thc in the dry weight or the extract then it's not a hemp plant it's not a hemp derivative, it's marijuana a schedule one federally illegal substance. The delta nine thc is the main intoxicating cannabinoid in the plant. It's the reason this board is that standards that govern marijuana edibles safety control, such as 10 milligrams of thc per edible and no more than 100 milligrams of delta nine in the entire container of edibles. It's also the reason that this board requires labels on marijuana such as it impairs judgment keep out of the out of the reach of children, and so on you've also required these products be packaged and child resistant containers prior to customers, leaving the retail store. And you've instituted strict regulatory controls in regard to transport, testing and purchase quantity being limits solely based on the milligrams of delta nine thc in a total purchase. This one because it's an intoxicating substance, and we know in this industry, and we expect in this industry to be regulated and for delta nine to be regulated because intoxicating substances are generally regulated.

Another unintended impact of hemp derived from delta nine thc products is the invasion of the law prohibiting smoking marijuana in public and therefore bypassing the need to comply with the marijuana on site consumption laws. The industrial hemp division of Department of Ag has been improving and sanctioning the sale of delta nine thc products that are exactly the same thc concentration as licensed products found in licensed retail stores. The Department of Ag has been improving products that have the following characteristics. The products can have up to 50 milligrams of intoxicating delta nine thc in an edible package, the products have zero age restrictions and can be sold anywhere to anyone. Even online you don't have to be 21 you don't even have to be 18 and you can sell these right next to a school, they have no sensitive use buffers. The products are not required to be in child resistant packaging, the products have not been derived from Alaskan license taxed and tracked marijuana plants. The products have no restriction on how appealing, they can be to children, they can be bright, they can be colorful they can be shaped like Mickey Mouse that they wanted to there's no restriction. These products completely undermined the Alaskan marketplace and 90% of these products are manufactured out of the state of Alaska that's just based on my review of it. It's just based on what I've seen online that's available from the public database. And they, as I said before, this also bypasses the onsite consumption laws, I know where you're thinking, "how did this happen?" And it's this definition, where they've taken the you know the point 3% weight. And they apply that to edible products.

So here's the logic, if I took a chocolate chip cookie and I infused it with delta nine thc and put 50 milligrams of delta nine in it, and then I weighed the cookie and that 50 milligrams weighs less than point 3% of the total weight of the cookie then it's an Alaskan industrial hemp approved product, it could be right, however, if I took a sugar cookie and infused it with the same 50 milligrams of delta nine thc and that way to over point 3% of the cookies total weight. Then I have a federally illegal marijuana edible but don't worry, I'll just take frosting added onto the cookie and all of a sudden I'm back under that point 3% and magically I'm a hemp product, and I can be sold to a child, does that make sense? This this the comparison of a dry weight plant basis or extract to the dry weight combination of sugar butter flour is not logical it's like comparing apples to onions they're not the same. All jokes aside, I understand that this is complicated and evolving in a murky area of law so because of that I reached out to one of my colleagues in Colorado who's on the new tax force of the SP it's an intoxicating hemp and Tetra cannabinoid products Task Force in Colorado and I was given some feedback for Colorado in this back and forth exchange. So I've come up with some ideas for resolution based on what they've been developing and what they've been working on. So define intoxicating hemp products and target what products are appropriately regulated by the Department of Ag, and which should be more responsibility regulated by AMCO. Also, with the obvious point that intoxicating hemp products should be regulated by AMCO package and package and have age restrictions, just like marijuana products. Allow the marijuana Control Board in partnership with a permanent back to determine what is the intoxicating threshold, create a tailored approach to penalties and potential criminal penalties for selling unimproved unlicensed delta nine the products within Alaska and including web sales. Best rulemaking and regulatory oversight over AMCO for intoxicating hemp products and then strongly request and copy the commissioner and the governor that the Department of Ag and emergency rulemaking authority to immediately require that any thc delta nine products not be sold in any establishment at all other than marijuana retail establishments if this board so chooses, they should be there, I don't know if they should, but if this board chooses, they should be. They should only be if they're going to be sold in a marijuana retail shop. Action is needed before this problem evolves and continues to grow. Right now we hear about the unregulated or the so black market undercutting the legal market and undercutting taxes but we didn't anticipate that the state of Alaska and agency within the state of Alaska would be our biggest threat. And the biggest threat to public health and safety, I just want to echo. I think it was either I think was Lacy that mentioned, you know, at some point, a kid's going to get one of these packets of gummies if it hasn't happened already, down the whole thing, get in their car, maybe they're 16, and get into an accident and then who's to blame? We're warning you this is, this is an issue the Department of Ag needs to correct this immediately, and they need you to voice your concern about it to start the process because that's how this conversation got started in Colorado. It was the marijuana control division sentence a send a letter sent a correspondence the Department of Ag, and now they're working together on a task force to fix it and so that's what needs to happen here too. Happy to answer any questions, sorry that was long.

There are no questions from the board. Director Wilson disagrees with the definition of hemp.

**Trever Haines**, general manager for Good Cannabis is present on Zoom: There is an audio issue for a few seconds. My public comment today is in regards to delta nine thc some of this is going to overlap with some of the public comment, but it's hopefully will flush out the issue, even more and it's really important to hit this home because there are Alaskans that have their careers at risk because of these products that are coming into the state, as well as the public safety issues. So I want to start by providing a brief contrast of Alaska marijuana and hemp programs. After 2000 and 2014 after much public scrutiny Alaskans voted in favor of legalizing recreational marijuana. Because marijuana is talk skating and it is was previously bought and sold on the black market, the other message from the voters was that Alaskans wanted a carefully regulated marijuana market, one that employed regulations that ensured public safety and provided tax revenue. Since the ballot measure the regulations have been modified many times, however, despite these incremental changes the regulations have remained largely the same and scope and spirit as the market evolves the marijuana regulations remain the foundation for that evolution. In contrast, the regulations for Alaskans industrial hemp pilot program came into effect was a public scrutiny program didn't garner much public attention, mostly because hemp is generally not considered an intoxicated substance by the public. One of the other big differences between the two programs is in regulation hemp is in the hemp program isn't nearly as highly regulated, it is not taxed and is backed by a federal hemp bill and just allows interstate commerce. Because of this low-key nature most Alaskans have not realized that the Alaska hemp program is actively introducing delta nine thc products. Which is in fact same plant species as marijuana these products are currently coming from out of state produced by facilities and tested by labs that are not regulated or inspected by the state of Alaska. These products can contain up to 50 milligrams of delta nine thc which up

until recently was the limit for the marijuana market. These products are creating major problems for Alaska both for public safety and for the Alaskan economy. The most urgent problem that people have already pointed out, is that delta nine thc products are now available to Alaskans of any age. This poses an immediate threat to public health and safety. In fact, not only can people under 21 purchase products from the hemp program, but they can sell them too. The hemp program requires licensees to be 18 years old or older than us an 18-year-old could obtain a retail hemp license, purchase 50 milligrams of thc products derived from hemp and distribute them to consumers of any age to retail sales. The economic problems, problems that have products, create for Alaska are also dire these untaxed products undermined the highly taxed highly regulated marijuana industry, which has evolved under the watchful eye of this board. And co and the Alaskan public these products are undermining Alaskan small businesses that have carefully followed Alaska. Alaska marijuana regulations to obtain licenses build facilities create products and hire and train employees, all within Alaska marijuana businesses and their employees are now in danger from products from the lower 48 that appear to be entering the market through a gray area under the hemp program. Namely, through taking low thc have plant concentrating the delta nine thc through extraction, at which point it federally becomes defined as marijuana and then diluting that thc down with other ingredients until it could be potentially interpreted as hemp again. I'm an advocate of hemp products. I'm a licensed participant in Alaska hemp program and I want to see it succeed, however, today, I pointed out the differences in public scrutiny, the two programs have faced. Because of this, and the related safety and economic reasons, I urge the board to take any actions they deem necessary, including considering some of the solutions suggested today to ensure that products with intoxicating levels of delta nine thc are not offered through the hemp program but through the marijuana program. Thank you.

# There are no questions from the board.

**Ryan Tunseth** licensee and elected president of AMIA is present on Zoom: I was recently elected President of the amia so I'm quite honored by that confidence in my peers, and I hope that I can be as charming and eloquent and accessible as Lacy has been so and I, and I appreciate Lacy being in the room, as well today representing us. I just want to say that I look forward to working with the industry, the board, the AMCO staff to do the best that I can to improve the industry and communicate issues. I'm going to be reaching out to a lot of you over the coming weeks, just to chat more and we'll also be releasing for the first time, what we're calling our quarterly issues report, which will come out in July and so also look forward to sharing that, with all of you.

I really want to thank the director, the enforcement staff, the board everybody for taking this issue of delta nine very seriously I think we're seeing a couple things you know it's really the sort of beginning of an inundation of out of state products into our market, however you look at it and it's also important to realize that while these are just gummies, it's sort of the beginning of a potential floodgate opening with regards to other products derived from working progress hemp extracts and the ability to access those things and it's also important to realize that there are some businesses that may sell a lot of different products and that the companies may just be one element of that, but there are other licensed businesses within our state that's their entire business is selling gummies, and this is an absolute direct affront on their ability to operate and leaves them questioning why it is they need the AMCO license to sell thc when others don't.

And I think Trevor also hits on a very important point, which is that you only have to be 18 years old to have a license to wholesale these products and so that also speaks to the intent of what the hemp program was to allow working farmers and kids to be able to be getting into this market, but not for selling psychoactive products. And so that's why that 18-year-old limit was set there but it again, I just want to thank everybody for being able to kind of illuminate and bring this issue up it's a tricky issue. There are a lot of tricky sort of legal things but, at the end of the day, I think everybody can stand on the position of doing what's right, and I think we know what's right which is to start by making sure that we regulate. Access to minors and we can figure out all the minutiae of how this fits into programs, one way or another, but that's really where we should start. I think you guys all really clearly get that. I think that's really all I have. I'm available for questions, Lacy is in the room for questions as well, and again just want to thank everybody for taking it seriously taking our comments on this seriously and providing some action forward.

# There are no questions from the board.

**Kerby Coman**, licensee is present on Zoom: Once you get a curriculum here just can't maybe is everyone that spoke, I can agree with the statements and made some really great points, I think, maybe, something that might be getting overlooked is the online sales of these products. So let's say we go about we do our best to regulate as a marijuana product. You know interstate commerce with the Department of Agriculture stuff like that is still being legal. We're going to drive a lot of the traffic to the online sale so just hopefully hoping that you know when these regulations come out whatever is done that its being thought about as well the online sales of these various product so other than that everyone had some really great points. That's all I had to say.

# There are no questions from the board.

**Caleb Saunders** Green Jar in person: I just wanted to piggyback up on this whole conversation a little bit in the sense that when you're outside of our industry, as we talked about, you can see how they can do anything they want unless it's written down as a restriction. But in our industry, we're restricted from doing anything unless it's a permission. It's I think that's kind of one of those situations that we've found ourselves and maybe you guys can even work on. Right now, without having to really do much is that we just follow our regs, because it's already really hard like. I have to find advisory notices that I don't know where they are that are soft rules, I need to follow because that's what, unfortunately. There's all these interpretations and soft rules and there's rules that the Board has put in place that are written out, they just sending these meetings I have to find them in meeting minutes. But these anyone outside this industry can go get alone, they can have their children and their business with them. All I'm asking is that you guys see our rules, the same as everyone else we can do anything it doesn't restrictions. The permissions that are in our rules are there to prevent you guys from regulating out a product with such small amounts or so, making it not feasible, those were for us those permissions are perfect us. The restrictions our own restrictions if they're there, otherwise we can have a trade show we can have a sale, we can sell sliders there's all these things I can buy your printing label there's all these things I can do. What I have to ask enforcement if he thinks it's okay first. It's really, really hard to be in this industry in this moment with everything else going on. I'd really appreciate, if you guys could just see us like all the rest of people because if you don't have to do it, make it a restriction.

Bruce S. supports his statement. Nick M. comments that the regulations tell us what they can and can't do. If is not covered, it should be allowed. Director Wilson asks for an example. Caleb mentioned trade shows. Nick M. is requesting a legal opinion. There will be a discussion near the end of the meeting. Christopher J. mentions their laws are: if not in the regulations, it's illegal. Chief Hoelscher wants to comment. Nick M. says later in discussion.

**Andy**, with New Life Labs, is present on Zoom: I would just like to point out, thank you for your time first off, and I do agree with everything that's been said so far regarding the hemp derivatives. I just would like you got to take in consideration when you are right, writing these new or trying to write these new regs. I see a lot of the focus is on delta nine but right up the top of my head, I can name 15 more derivatives that are much more potent than delta nine and when tested they don't show up as. Such as thc o. So when that's being consideration there's a lot that needs to be asked out on the wording on it as well. It's just not delta nine alone. For example, thc PS 32 times stronger than delta nine thc o doesn't show up in the test it comes

Rick Helms summarizes his report. Eliza M. appreciates the options given which the boa

Rick Helms summarizes his report. Eliza M. appreciates the options given which the board could take. Nick M. comments/clarifies one of the bullet points regarding the drive thru issue. Discussion. Nick M. asks the board to think about this – any action they may want to take regarding the drive thru and testing issues.

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back zero percent thc. Those are just a couple things that should be taken into consideration. And then, when you're writing about thc as well, there are others like ADHD that isn't considered a better educational. it's all I gotta say thank you.

There are no questions from the board.

Levi Miller, is on Zoom: Comment about the full spectrum for the CBD a comment that guy from Cold Creek had made earlier about the full spectrum oil being 6%. With these coming regulations that are being talked about, I would just like to give a warning on over regulation too quick. Without understanding of the plant, because that could potentially do what got us into this in the first place. I would suggest really working closely with Rob Carter and the Department of Agriculture. Creating a metric endorsements so that it can be regulated through the AMCO retails and it can follow all the guidelines for packaging childproof age restriction and milligrams. I believe that they should the two departments should work together to be able to take a product that could be thc to delta nine delta eight and put it into retails where it could then be regulated, much like what they do in other states like Oregon. The reason why I would be cautious on what was recommended early on about regulation of products that have such low the that it's undetectable is you're going to eliminate any type of full spectrum CBD product from being able to be implemented into the market, which is the true medicine of CBD. Because, as Cold Creek had said full spectrum CBD oil 6% thc in it. So if you go to make a tincture are you going to make these medicines and the things that don't aren't intoxicating but have that full spectrum effect that's going to be barely below point 3% and if you do that on a dry weight level it's above 50 milligrams of thc. And so I would just suggest and plead to the board to be very cautious about not just blanket regulations and eliminating things but working closely with Rob Carter in the Department of Agriculture, who is very educated in what they do and if you look at their testing that they require for the hemp products it's actually way more strict than AMCO testing regulations, a test heavy metals, microbiome pesticides they're requiring seven page 16 page certificate of analysis, which is why it's needed to be sent out of state, because the testing facilities in Alaska. Those types of tests, because they don't have the equipment to do it and so that's where it's kind of in. And so, for people that only six a full spectrum and don't go to Iceland or don't go to that like Cold Creek was saying. I'll go to that point 3% it's hard for them to be able to send that out legally be able to match those super strict tests that are required, through the Department of Agriculture. So, that's what I have to say.

10:10 am: Public testimony is closed.

# DIRECTOR BRIEFING

# A. Director's Report

Director Wilson summarizes her report. Nick M. would like to see the process of intake, timing.

# PROGRAM COORDINATOR BRIEFING

# A. Working/Discussion Groups Update

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# TAB 4

#### A. Enforcement Supervisor's Report

Chief Hoelscher summarizes his report. Speaks to public comment regarding the trade show. They need to create the event in METRC to transfer the product in a legal manner. They just want to be notified. The comment was inaccurate. Reassure the board and licensees that their priority for community policing is solid. 17.38 is what is allowed – outside of that is considered misconduct of product. Bruce S. states AMCO is under commerce not law enforcement. Chris J. thanks the Chief for his position on community policing and they are doing an outstanding job. Nick M. comments that he has been told he is hard on enforcement. The Chief continues with presenting his report. Mike Chiesa speaks to the Blazing Salmon measurement issue. Nick M. might have questions regarding the METRC roadmap tomorrow. No further questions by the board.

11:00 am: Break 11:20 am: Reconvened

В.	Notices of Violation Issued and Licensee Responses	<u>TAB 7</u>
C.	Notices of Violation for April and May Unpaid Taxes	<u>TAB 8</u>
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A. Licensing Report

Carrie Craig summarizes her report. Nick M. has some comments and Nathan Hall clarifies. Nick M. would like blanket temporary approvals for renewals sent ASAP.

# • DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX DIVISION PRESENTATION

Nicole Reynolds from DOR, is present on Zoom. The board appreciates the presentation. Who has authority to go after the ones that went out of business? DOL would need to file the complaints through the court system. Chris J. asks DOR to work with the director on this issue. Nick M. asks the director's written question – taxes owed for weight. Nick M. would like them to get back to the board on that.

11:51 am: Director Wilson stepped out for a meeting with the Nome Rotary Club.

12:11 pm: Lunch 1:27 pm: Reconvened, Bruce Schulte is not present on Zoom.

# BOARD CONSIDERATION

Α.	License #24541:	Releaf
	Licensee:	One Stop, LLC
	License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
	Premise Address:	910 W. International Airport Road, Unit A
		Anchorage, AK 99518-1003
	Local Government:	Municipality of Anchorage
	For Consideration:	Address Open Meetings Act issue raised. No memo. Director to
		address board. License is currently in delegated status.

<u>TAB 9</u>

**<u>6/29/22</u>**: Director Wilson asks for Stacy Stone and Richard Moses, counsel for Mr. Owen or Ms. Brandt who is the licensee. There is no request to go into executive session. Ms. Brandt is on Zoom and confirms no session is needed. Investigation is not complete. Discussion between the director and Stuart Goering regarding procedural steps.

1:35 pm: Bruce S. is back and asks what the strategy is. Director Wilson says it has not been substantiated. CBPL has not concluded their investigation. Nick M. asks if there is a desire of the board. There is none. There is more procedural discussion. Nick M. asks if anyone wants to reconsider the previous decision. Christopher J. motions to reconsider the approval of the new license application #24541 for discussion. Bruce S. seconds for discussion. None opposed, motion passes.

*Christopher J. motions to approve 24541. Eliza M. seconds.* Lori Brandt, licensee, is present on Zoom. Mr. Travis Owen has no financial interest in her company as of last night's arbitration decision. Christopher J. speaks about his previous concerns – would like to confirm with Mr. Owen or his counsel, Richard Moses. Eliza M. has a question for Ms. Brandt regarding outside funding sources, who else is invested in her business? Ms. Brandt says there is no one else that has financial interest. Bruce S. asks about her two limited liability corporations. Only One Stop has a cannabis license. Then why the two LLCs? Eliza M. asks a clarifying question about the entities. Ms. Brandt says that Happy Farmer is a retail for hemp products. Releaf is One Stop for THC. Chief Hoelscher speaks about previous violations.

Travis Owen is on Zoom. He says he was told he was to be at the meeting. He disputes that the arbitration has not been concluded. There was not a ruling on the ownership.

*Ms.* Brandt objects to everything he says and will forward documentation to AMCO office. **Christopher J.** and Nick M. are opposed, the motion fails.

<u>6/30/22 11:55 am:</u> Director Wilson states that Ms. Brandt is requesting executive session and would like to be reconsidered. The director would also like to have the board reconsider because of the 3-2 vote in January and the 2-2 vote yesterday. Christopher J. would not like to reconsider. **Bruce S. motions to reconsider the board's previous action on 24541. Eliza M. seconds. None opposed, motion passes. Bruce S. motions to table the matter to September. Eliza M. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

# • TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Α.	License #20827:	Good Titrations	
	Licensee:	FSE, LLC	
	License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
	Premise Address:	506 Merhar Ave	
		Fairbanks, AK 99701	
	Local Government:	City of Fairbanks; Fairbanks North Star Borough	
		MJ-14: Licensed Premises Diagram Change For Consideration: Enforcement Concerns	<u>TAB 10</u>
	2.	MJ-15: Operating Plan Change	<u>TAB 11</u>
	At the April 13 – 14, 2022 MCB meeting, the board voted to table the consideration to the June 29-30, 2022 MCB meeting.		he

Brandon Emmett is present in person. Jana Weltzin, counsel, is on Zoom. **Christopher J. motions to approve the MJ-14 and MJ-15 for license 20827. Bruce S. seconds.** Director Wilson provides historical background. It could be considered a free-standing building pre or post Fairbanks Cut. Jana summarizes her written response and exhibits. Brandon states they would turn the Cheese Head employees to their employees if the board does not vote to "grandfather" this. Jana says that would create a precedent. Christopher J. states thatis a good argument but doesn't want an image of treating Brandon different because he was a past board member. Procedural discussion with the director and the board's counsel. Jana suggests tabling to the September meeting to conduct more research with the director. Brandon would like the MJ-14 considered today if the will of the board.

Christopher J. motions to approve the MJ-14 without prejudice to return the decision of the MJ-15 at the next meeting. Bruce S. seconds. None opposed, motion passes. Christopher J. motions to table the MJ-15 to the next meeting in Fairbanks. Bruce S. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

2:46 pm: Break 3:02 pm: Reconvened all four board members are present.

#### • OPERATING PLAN CHANGES

Tabs 12 through 16 in this section may be approved as a block or may pull any specific application for separate discussion/consideration at the board's discretion. Tab 17 should be considered separately.

Nick M. would like Tab 15 removed to ask the licensee a question. **Bruce S. motions to approve 10166**, **10271**, **16006**, **19532**. Eliza M. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

Α.	License #10166: Licensee: License Type: Premise Address:	<b>Good Cannabis</b> Good LLC Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility 1949 Frank Avenue Fairbanks, AK 99701	<u>TAB 12</u>
	Local Government:	Fairbanks North Star Borough	
	For Consideration:	MJ-15: Operating Plan Change	
В.	License #10271:	Top Hat Concentrates	<u>TAB 13</u>
	Licensee:	Top Hat Concentrates, LLC	
	License Type:	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	
	Premise Address:	2315 Industrial Boulevard – Suite B Juneau, AK 99801	
	Local Government:	City and Borough of Juneau	
	For Consideration:	MJ-15: Operating Plan Change	
C.	License #16006:	Arctic Bakery, LLC	<u>TAB 14</u>
	Licensee:	Arctic Bakery, LLC	
	License Type:	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	
	Premise Address:	1409 Well Street Fairbanks, AK 99701-2822	
	Local Government:	Fairbanks North Star Borough, City of Fairbanks	
	For Consideration:	MJ-15: Operating Plan Change (x2)	

D.	License #19532:	Highliner Crafts, LLC
	Licensee:	Highliner Crafts, LLC
	License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premise Address:	98 Kian Street
		Ketchikan, AK 99901
	Local Government:	Ketchikan Gateway Borough
	For Consideration:	MJ-15: Operating Plan Change

**Bruce S. motions to approve license 19532. Eliza M. seconds.** Licensee is present on Zoom. Question regarding CO-2 in the grow room and fire approval. The licensee says no, it is not required by the Borough. DEC and fire are sometimes deferred to the local governing bodies. Ketchikan Borough is not deferred. Jane Sawyer states they do not notify fire but it could be part of delegation. Carrie Craig asks if the board would like this requirement for all MJ-15s with CO-2. Nick M. answers, yes. Bruce S. motions to amend the previous motion to approve the MJ-14 with delegation of fire marshal being informed. Eliza M. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

E.	License #26946: Licensee: License Type: Premise Address:	<b>One Sweet World</b> Alaskan Pipe Dreams, LLC Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility 5675 East Blue Lupine Drive Wasilla, AK 99654	<u>TAB 16</u>
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
	For Consideration:	MJ-15: Operating Plan Change	
F.	License #10094:	Alaskabuds, LLC	<u>TAB 17</u>
	Licensee:	Alaskabuds, LLC	
	License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
	Premise Address:	1005 East 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	
		Anchorage, AK 99501	
	Local Government:	Anchorage, AK 99501 Municipality of Anchorage	

Nick M. recuses himself from voting on license 10094. Bruce S. takes the gavel. Christopher J. motions to approve 10094. Eliza M. seconds. None opposed, motion passes. The gavel is passed back to Nick.

**<u>6/30/2022</u>** Tab 17a regarding the MJ-15: Jana Weltzin, counsel, is present on Zoom. Bruce S. asks if Enforcement is okay with the distribution of cameras. **Bruce S. motions to approve the MJ-15 with delegation. Eliza M. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

#### NEW LIMITED MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY APPLICATIONS

<u>Tabs 18 through 21a in this section may be approved as a block or may pull any specific application for</u> <u>separate discussion/consideration at the board's discretion.</u>

*Bruce S. motions to approve Tabs 18 – 21a with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.* Director Wilson mentions economic liabilities of the limited grows and hasn't forgotten about the working group on this issue. *None opposed, motion passes.* 

A. License #25971:	Honey Bees
Licensee:	Brandi Massman
Premises Address:	1575 North Williwaw Way

<u>TAB 18</u>

**TAB 15** 

	Local Government:	Wasilla, AK 99654 Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
В.	License #30406: Licensee:	<b>The Dank Side</b> The Dank Side, LLC	<u>TAB 19</u>
	Premises Address:	3321 N. Bonnie Jim Lane, Unit 1 Wasilla, AK 99654	
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
C.	License #30548:	Black Bear Budz	<u>TAB 20</u>
	Licensee:	Black Bear Budz, LLC	
	Premises Address:	2100 N Spruce Drive, Lower Level	
		Wasilla, AK 99654	
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
D	. License #30905:	Candid Farms	<u>TAB 21</u>
	Licensee:	Candid Farms, LLC	
	Premises Address:	17690 E Idle Drive, Bldg. #4	
		Palmer, AK 99645	
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
E.	License #29922:	BP ProGro	<u>TAB 21a</u>
	Licensee:	BP ProGro, LLC	
	Premises Address:	3065 N. Nichols Drive, Bldg. #2 Houston, AK 99694	
	Local Government:	City of Houston, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	

#### • NEW STANDARD MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY APPLICATIONS

Tabs 22 through 25 in this section may be approved as a block or may pull any specific application for separate discussion/consideration at the board's discretion.

Bruce S. motions to approve Tabs 22-25 with delegation. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

A. License #29093: Licensee: Premises Address: Local Government:	<b>Ketchikan Cannabis, LLC</b> Ketchikan Cannabis, LLC 9737 Mud Bay Road unit 108/109 Ketchikan, AK 99901 Ketchikan Gateway Borough	<u>TAB 22</u>
<ul> <li>B. License #29769:</li> <li>Licensee:</li> <li>Premises Address:</li> <li>Local Government:</li> </ul>	<b>Higher Dimensions 907</b> Kimberly Anne Peters 9737 Mud Bay Road – Unit #101 Ketchikan, AK 99901 Ketchikan Gateway Borough	<u>TAB 23</u>
<b>C. License #30422:</b> Licensee: Premises Address:	<b>Magic Flower</b> Yesip, LLC 2861 N. Ross Street Houston, AK 99623	<u>TAB 24</u>

Local Government: Houston; Matanuska-Susitna Borough

D. License #30463:	Melted Face Farms
Licensee:	B 'n' C Enterprises, LLC
Premises Address:	6281 W Aeronautical Avenue
	Wasilla, AK 99623
Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough

<u>TAB 25</u>

#### • NEW RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE APPLICATIONS

Nick M. wants to separate Tab 28 and Christopher J. Tab 27. *Bruce S. motions to approve licenses 29768, 30838, 30974, 31005, 31418 with delegation. Bruce S. amends his motion to exclude Tab 31 which is 31005 and approve the remaining licenses with delegation. Christopher J. seconds. Director Wilson mentions Tab 32 has issues about METRC. Bruce S. again amends the motion to remove Tab 32 which is license 31418 and approve the remaining licenses with delegation. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.* 

A. License #29768: Licensee: Premises Address:	<b>Higher Dimensions</b> Kimberly Anne Peters 9737 Mud Bay Road – Unit #101 Ketchikan, AK 99901	<u>TAB 26</u>
Local Government:	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	
B. License #23627:	Happy Walrus Enterprises	<u>TAB 27</u>
Licensee:	Happy Walrus Enterprises, LLC	
Premises Address:	310 Aqviq Street	
	Point Hope, AK 99766	
Local Government:	City of Point Hope	

*Christopher J. motions to approve license 23627 with delegation. Bruce S. seconds.* Jana Weltzin, counsel, is on Zoom, licensee is not present. Christopher J. is concerned with the nearness of the church or youth facility, St. Thomas Episcopal Church – southeast of the proposed location. He would like Enforcement to confirm the distance. *None opposed, motion passes.* 

E. License #30107:	The Blazin' Salmon	<u>TAB 28</u>
Licensee:	Sammie Investments, LLC	
Premises Address:	824 S. Colony Way	
	Palmer, AK 99645	
Local Government:	City of Palmer; Matanuska-Susitna Borough	

**Bruce S. motions to approve license 30107 with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.** Jessika Smith, with Lance Wells office is on Zoom. Nick M. is concerned about the location. Ms. Smith states the licensee is withdrawing application. **Bruce S. withdraws his motion. No action is taken by the board.** 

C. License #30838:	Stash Cannabis Company	<u>TAB 29</u>
Licensee:	Stash Cannabis Company, LLC	
Premises Address:	12825 W. Big Lake Road, Building #2	
	Big Lake, AK 99654	
Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
D. License #30974:	Green Jar Hatcher Pass, LLC	<u>TAB 30</u>

	Licensee:	Green Jar Hatcher Pass, LLC
	Premises Address:	9351 N Palmer Fishhook Road
		Palmer, AK 99645
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough
F.	License #31005:	Green Growcer
F.	License #31005: Licensee:	<b>Green Growcer</b> HYDK Enterprises, LLC
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F.	Licensee:	HYDK Enterprises, LLC
F.	Licensee:	HYDK Enterprises, LLC 2835 Rose Street, Unit 1 (same as unit A)

**Bruce S. motions to approve license 31005 with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.** Jana Weltzin, counsel, and Helen, licensee, are on Zoom. Jana addresses the objection. The community concerns will be flushed out in the Assembly process. Will need a variance through the municipality and they haven't started the community engagement process yet. There is no one from the public to comment on the objection. **Christopher J. is opposed, motion passes 3-1.** 

G. License #31418:	Catalyst Cannabis Company	<b>TAB 32</b>
Licensee:	Catalyst Retail, LLC	
Premises Address:	4707 Spenard Road	
	Anchorage, AK 99517	
Local Government:	Municipality of Anchorage	

**Bruce S. motions to approve license 31418 with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.** Director Wilson asks for Enforcement input. Steve Johnson, present on Zoom, states they gave training with plenty of notice. The cultivation had glaring discrepancies and Enforcement is conducting an investigation. This is the retail application. Jason Brandies, counsel, is present on Zoom. His client has two other retail stores without significant issues. Christopher J. suggests tabling the matter to the September meeting. There is a discussion of options. None opposed, motion passes.

# • NEW MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURING FACILITY APPLICATIONS

Α.	License #29770:	Higher Dimensions Extracts	<u>TAB 33</u>
	Licensee:	Kimberly Anne Peters	
	Premises Address:	9737 Mud Bay Road – Unit #101	
		Ketchikan, AK 99901	
	Local Government:	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	

**Bruce S. motions to approve license 29770 with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.** Kimberly Peters, licensee, is on Zoom. **Bruce S. amends to approve the license, not the products. Eliza M. seconds. None opposed, motion passes. Bruce S. motions to approve full slate of products. Bruce S. motions to amend "with delegation". Eliza seconds.** Note regarding one product that may be new (not similar to other ones) Nathan Hall states he could not find a similar product. **None opposed, motion passes.** 

# • LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

Α.	License #12612:	Absolem's Garden	<u>TAB 34</u>
	Current Licensee (from):	Absolem's Garden, LLC – (Ryan Bode 50% and Lorrie	
		Moffitt 50%)	

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**TAB 31** 

New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	Absolem's Garden, LLC – (Ryan Bode 100%)
License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Premises Address:	13247 East Wycoff Drive
	Palmer, AK 99645
Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.** Ryan Bode is present on Zoom and states Lorrie Moffitt is not available. **None opposed, motion passes.** 

В.	License #12783:	Homer Budz, LLC	<u>TAB 35</u>
	Current Licensee (from):	Homer Budz, LLC – (Patrick Moore 34%, Florence	
		Moore 33%, and Robert Moore 33%)	
	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	Homer Budz, LLC – (Patrick Moore 100%)	
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
	Premises Address:	67835 Virginia Avenue	
		Homer, AK 99603	
	Local Government:	Kenai Peninsula Borough	
	For Consideration:	Conditions by Local Government pursuant to 3 AAC	
		306.060(b)	

Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation. Eliza M. seconds. Licensees are not present. None opposed, motion passes.

C.	License #13614:	Grace Flower	<u>TAB 36</u>
	Current Licensee (from):	LBS, LLC – DBA: LBS, LLC - (Casey Wilkins 100%)	
	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	Bay One, LLC – DBA: Grace Flower – (John Youse 50%	
		and Bonnie Lam 50%)	
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
	Premises Address:	200 W. 68 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Unit A2	
		Anchorage, AK 99518	
	Local Government:	Municipality of Anchorage	

<u>6/29/2022:</u> Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation. Christopher J. seconds. Jana Weltzin represents the landlord and put together the application packet. Youse is present on Zoom as well as Jason Brandies. Christopher J. asks why Casey is transferring. He responds the he is consolidating his businesses. None opposed, motion passes.

<u>6/30/22 11:25 am:</u> Department of Revenue (DOR) is requesting reconsideration of the approval. Nicole Reynolds with DOR is present on Zoom. Carrie Craig summarizes the previous motion. Nick M. explains what the delegation meant. Casey is on payment plan. Christopher J. asks why object to the transfer then? Nicole Reynolds says the department will object if the licensees owe taxes, regardless if they are on a payment plan. Bruce S. motions to reconsider their previous action on the transfer. Christopher J. seconds for discussion. Jana W. and Jason B. discuss the challenges with this issue in general. None opposed, motion passes. Bruce S. motions to approve the transfer with delegation – taxes to be paid in full or documentation on a payment plan and remaining items on the memo. Christopher J. seconds. Christopher J. asks the director to get legal information/opinion on this tax issue. None opposed, motion passes.

D.	License #27522:	The Connoisseur Lounge
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<u>TAB 37</u>

Current Licensee (from):	The Connoisseur Lounge, LLC-(Elizabeth Warren 40%, Trisha Torborg 24%, Matthew Chambers 36%)
New Licenses (to)	
New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	The Connoisseur Lounge, LLC–(Sara Berberich 10%,
	Trisha Torborg 24%, Matthew Chambers 66%)
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
Premises Address:	226 West Evergreen Avenue
	Palmer, AK 99645
Local Government:	City of Palmer, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation. Christopher J. seconds.** Jana W., counsel for licensee, is present on Zoom. Matt Chambers, licensee, is also present on Zoom. Elizabeth Warren is not present. Jana W. states she doesn't know exactly why Ms. Warren wishes to transfer. Matt says it has been a financial burden for her and she has since changed direction. Nathan Hall states he has processed this application and confirms Matt's statement. None opposed, motion passes.

# • RELATED APPLICATIONS

Α.	License #10170 - Transfer:	The Culture Cannabis Company	<u>TAB 38</u>
	Current Licensee (from):	Coman Farming Corporation – DBA: Green Degree -	
		(Kerby Coman 100%)	
	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	The Culture Cannabis Co. LLC– DBA: The Culture	
		Cannabis Company - (Micheal Lee 100%)	
	License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
	Premises Address:	2301 South Knik Goose-Bay Road #1	
		Wasilla, AK 99654	
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
	For Consideration:	Lien - IRS taxes owed	
В.	License #11031 - Transfer:	The Culture Cannabis Company	TAB 39
	Current Licensee (from):	Kerby's Corporation – DBA: Green Degree - (Kerby	<u></u>
		Coman 100%)	
	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	The Culture Cannabis Co. LLC– DBA: The Culture	
	. ,	Cannabis Company - (Micheal Lee 100%)	
	License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store	
	Premises Address:	2301 South Knik Goose-Bay Road #1B	
		Wasilla, AK 99654	
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	

Kerby Coman is present on Zoom and summarizes the transfers. State taxes are paid and taken care of. He is working with a tax attorney to clear it up and the IRS is not forthcoming. He is trying to get balance statements and receipts, but they are 7 – 8 months out. There is a discussion if the board should consider IRS liens. 3 AAC 304.080(c)(2). Director Wilson gives the definition of taxing authority. Income tax vs. excise tax. Is it incumbent upon the state to uphold federal law? Stuart G. weighs in. The risk is on the transferee. State's rights. **Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation for normal items excluding the tax lien for licenses 10170 and 11031. Christopher J. seconds. Eliza M. and Christopher J. are opposed. Motion fails.** 

C. License #14199 - Transfer:<br/>Current Licensee (from):Matanuska Cannabis CompanyMCC Ventures, LLC - (Owned by 6 individuals)

<u>TAB 40</u>

	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	MCC Ventures, LLC – (Removing 4 individuals & adding 1 individual)	
	License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
	Premises Address:	3550 S. Old Glenn Highway	
		Palmer, AK 99645	
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
D.	License #14200 - Transfer:	Matanuska Cannabis Company	<u>TAB 41</u>
	Current Licensee (from):	MCC Ventures, LLC – (Owned by 6 individuals)	
	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	MCC Ventures, LLC – (Removing 4 individuals & adding	
	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> :	MCC Ventures, LLC – (Removing 4 individuals & adding 1 individual)	
	New Licensee <b>(to)</b> : License Type:		
	.,	1 individual)	
	License Type:	1 individual) Retail Marijuana Store	

Jason B., counsel, provides a short summary of the transfers. **Bruce S. motions to approve licenses 14199** and 14200 with delegation. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

E.	License #30782 - New: Licensee: License Type: Premises Address: Local Government:	Wobbly Moose Wobbly Moose, LLC Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility 1036 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501 Municipality of Anchorage	<u>TAB 42</u>
F.	License #30783 - New: Licensee: License Type: Premises Address: Local Government:	Wobbly Moose Wobbly Moose, LLC Retail Marijuana Store 1036 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501 Municipality of Anchorage	<u>TAB 43</u>

Jessika Smith, with Lance Wells office, is on Zoom. **Bruce S. motions to approve the new application 30782 with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.** Jessika S. provides some background regarding previous applications at this location. Nick M. asks that staff review application history of this location to verify there are no other licensees at the same location. There are none. **None opposed, motion passes.** 

**Bruce S. motions to approve the new application 30783 with delegation. Eliza M. seconds.** Nick M. asks that staff review application history of this location to verify there are no other licensees at the same location. There are none. **None opposed, motion passes.** 

# <u>6/29/22 5:05 pm</u>: Recessed <u>6/30/22 9:04 am</u>: Reconvened

Nick Miller, Industry Member and Chair, in person Christopher Jaime, Public Safety Member, in person Bruce Schulte, Public Member and Vice Chair, Zoom Eliza Muse, Public Health Member, on Zoom Ely Cyrus, Rural Public Member, absent

Joan Wilson, Director, in person Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing Supervisor, in person Nathan Hall, Licensing Examiner, in person Rick Helms, Program Coordinator, on Zoom James Hoelscher, Enforcement Supervisor, on Zoom Jane Sawyer, Regulation Specialist, on Zoom Stuart Goering, Assistant Attorney General, on Zoom

*Carrie Craig requests the board to amend the agenda to add Tab 17a for their consideration.* **Bruce S. motions to amend the agenda and add Tab 17a. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

#### LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

#### A. NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS RECEIVED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

1.	License #10592:	Alaska Cannabis Cultivators	<u>TAB 44</u>
	Licensee:	Branden M Roybal	
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	
	Premise Address:	3665 Worrell Avenue	
		Fairbanks, AK 99701	
	Local Government:	Fairbanks North Star Borough	
	For Consideration:	One NOV for tax delinquency	

6/30/22 9:11: Licensee is not present. They are not currently on the delinquency list. Nick M. wants to hear from the licensee. Nathan says he will reach out to them for later today.

12:10 pm: Branden Roybal is on Zoom. **Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation. Christopher J. seconds.** He is current on his payment plan. Nicole Reynolds with DOR verifies that this licensee is not on the delinquency list. Licensing examiners do not send notices to DOR for renewals. **None opposed, motion passes.** 

6/30/22 12:17 pm: Lunch 6/30/22 1:15 pm: Reconvened, all are present.

# DELAGATED RENEWALS WITH DEADLINE – TAXES PAID IN FULL OR PROOF OF PAYMENT PLAN

Carrie Craig summarizes this tab. The first two have received have had novs sent by enforcement for May delinquency. Christopher J. would like to hold them accountable. More NOV's or accusations, shorter delegation time of 30 days? Director Wilson says they can prepare two accusations to revoke the licenses. Michael Kiser with Joint Operations is on Zoom. He is nearly paid up and can't get on a payment plan. He is in Ketchikan, and taxes are to be paid in Anchorage. Its problematic. The industry could use a cash drop in Juneau. Nick M. urges licensees to pay their taxes – more renewals on this issue will be on the September agenda. Bruce S. states he will not approve any renewals with taxes owed.

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Α.	License #10040:	Alaska Precision
	Licensee:	David J. Straub

	License Type: Premises Address:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility 15520 East Birch Circle
		Willow, AK 99688
	Local Government:	Matanuska-Susitna Borough
	For Consideration:	Seven NOV's for tax delinquency, currently has \$12,339 tax
	Board Outcome:	delinquency as of 9/16/2021 Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation – 60 days to have the taxes entirely satisfied or documentation that he is on a payment plan. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.
	Comments:	60-day deadline was December 27, 2021. Licensee was not on the November 2021 Tax Delinquency list. The license was renewed and issued on November 23, 2021.
		No action was taken by the board at the April 2022 meeting.
		On the May 2022 delinquency list, owing \$14,993.00
в.	License #11957:	Last Frontier Joint Operations LLC
	Licensee:	Last Frontier Joint Operations LLC
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premise Address:	7180 Revilla Road
		Suite 101
		Ketchikan, AK 99901
	Local Government:	Ketchikan Gateway Borough
	For Consideration:	9 NOV's for tax delinquency, currently has \$7,999.00 tax delinquency as of 9/16/21
	Board Outcome:	Bruce S. motions to approve with delegation of 60 days to have the taxes entirely satisfied or documentation that they are on a payment plan. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.
	Comments:	60-day deadline was December 27, 2021. The license was renewed and issued on January 12, 2022. Licensee has consistently been on the DOR Tax Delinquency list from September 2021 to March 2022.
		At the previous meeting in April 2022, they owed \$62,566.00. Michael Kieser stated at that meeting he planned to have the taxes paid in full by the end of the month. No action was taken by the board at that time, but did state that Enforcement could issue an accusation if not paid.
		Presently on the May 2022 delinquency list, owing \$41,041.00.

#### C. Licensee: Alaska Wild Coyote, Inc.

Evanjelina Gonzales is on Zoom, Jana Weltzin, counsel for Silvia – who has already been removed from the ownership. She has no information regarding the taxes. Jane Sawyer summarizes the history. Director Wilson supplements. Ms. Gonzales explains the delinquency issues. Says she didn't know she had to file at the beginning – attempted to keep the balance zero once she found out. Asked for a payment plan. Bruce S. states this is a pattern, not a one off and the amounts keep increasing. She thinks she can get it done. Christopher J. reminds her that she agreed to the 60-day delegation. She says wants to pay. The director states that she is not eligible for a payment plan because of the past due payments. Licensee

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disagrees. Eliza M. mentions Tab 8. Christopher J. would like the board to reconsider their previous approval with delegation. Discussion of options. They could appeal and office would place an administrative hold on the products. **Bruce S. motions to reconsider the previous motions of the renewals for both. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes. Bruce S. motions to approve both renewals. Christopher J. seconds.** Ms. Gonzales asks for a chance to pay. Chief Hoelscher is on Zoom and would like to know if it would be an immediate action. Bruce S. reiterates what James said. He just wants clarification. There will be implications for his staff, what is the expectation? If the vote is against the renewal, start with an administrative hold and evaluate if a seizure is needed. All opposed, **motion fails. Bruce S. motions to reconsider the transfers. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** Question of taxes owed at the time of the transfer consideration at the January meeting. Nicole Reynolds from DOR is on Zoom and provides some information. There is further discussion. Nick M. would like table the matter, people sign DOR's waiver to get the information the board needs. **Bruce S. motions to approve the transfers with delegation – being providing proof that the tax debt was paid in full by the previous January's approvals. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed.** 

# 10:40 am: Break

11:00 am: Reconvened, members present.

1	1:00000 #12125.	Alaska Mariiyana Candana (ANAC)
1.	License #12125:	Alaska Marijuana Gardens (AMG)
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premises Address:	838 Bonanza Avenue
		Anchorage, AK 99518-1707
	Local Government:	Municipality of Anchorage
	For consideration:	Licensee owes past-due taxes to DOR.
2.	License #12471:	AMG Concentrates
	License Type:	Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility
	Premises Address:	838 Bonanza Avenue
		Anchorage, AK 99518-1707
	Local Government:	Municipality of Anchorage
	Board Outcome:	At the April 13 – 14, 2022 the board unanimously voted to
		reconsider the previous decisions for the renewal and transfer
		applications for both licenses. Immediately afterwards, the board
		again voted unanimously to approve the renewal and transfer
		applications for both licenses with delegation. The delegation
		included that the licensee was current on a payment plan with
		the Department of Revenue (DOR) or that all taxes were paid in
		full within 60 days.
	Comments:	
	comments.	The 60-day deadline was June 13, 2022. As of May 26, 2022,
		Alaska Marijuana Gardens (AMG), license 12125, is still on
		DOR's delinquent list owing \$61,305. Further, as of 6.20.22,
		both transfer applications are still marked as not
		compliant/owes taxes by DOR.

#### • LICENSES IN "DELEGATED" STATUS FOR APPROXIMATLEY ONE YEAR

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Α.	License #26721:	Mr. Budd
	Licensee:	Briske Enterprises, Inc.
	License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
	Premises Address:	9370 East Palmer Wasilla Highway, Suite 1

		Palmer, AK 99645
	Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Pending:	Department of Environmental Conservation, State Fire Marshal, protest by Matanuska – Susitna Borough pending MSB business license and a conditional use permit as of 7/12/2021.
в.	License #26724:	Mr. Budd's Garden
	Licensee:	Briske Enterprises, Inc.
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premises Address:	9370 East Palmer Wasilla Highway, Suite 2
		Palmer, AK 99645
	Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Pending:	State Fire Marshal, protest by Matanuska – Susitna Borough pending MSB business license and a conditional use permit as of 7/12/2021.

Jana Weltzin, counsel, and Kylie Briske, licensee, are on Zoom. Kylie says they are still working on remodeling, taking their time. There is no action taken by the board.

C.	License #26987:	Caradundy Cultivation
	Licensee:	Caradundy Cultivation, LLC
	License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premises Address:	12580 West Westen Drive
		Houston, AK 99623
	Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Pending:	State Fire Marshal

Dustin Farrow, licensee is present on Zoom. He states they should be completed by December. There is no action taken by the board.

D.	License #27199: Licensee: License Type: Premises Address:	<b>Green Jar Palmer, LLC</b> Green Jar Palmer, LLC Retail Marijuana Store 11709 East Palmer – Wasilla Highway, Suite 420 Palmer, AK 99645
	Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Pending:	Department of Environmental Conservation, protest by Matanuska – Susitna Borough pending a conditional use permit as of 7/13/2021.
Ε.	License #27222:	Matanuska Apothecary, LLC
	Licensee:	Matanuska Apothecary, LLC
	License Type:	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility
	Premises Address:	11709 East Palmer – Wasilla Highway, Suite 710
		Palmer, AK 99645
	Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Pending:	Department of Environmental Conservation

Caleb Saunders, licensee for 27199 and 27222, is in person and requests executive session. Possible damaging reputation to people not in the room and/or on Zoom. Caleb states the subject matter is finances and would like to explain in detail privately. He is still working on projects, just taking longer

than he anticipated. There are challenges unique to this industry. No action taken by the board. Director Wilson will schedule a meeting with Caleb.

F.	License #27317:	Talkeetna Connection
	Licensee:	The Talkeetna Canna Connection, Inc.
	License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
	Premises Address:	39209 South Talkeetna Spur Road
		Talkeetna, AK 99676
	Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Pending:	Department of Environmental Conservation, State Fire Marshal, protest by Matanuska – Susitna Borough pending payment of the \$100.00 review fee and a conditional use permit as of 8/2/2021.

Jana Weltzin, counsel is on Zoom. They are working on getting fire marshal approval, new foundation regarding the new design. There will be a MJ-14 in the future. No action taken by the board.

G.	License #27471:	Alaska Vibes
	Licensee:	Alaska Vibes LLC
	License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premises Address:	10011 Glacier Highway
		Juneau, AK 99801
	Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Pending:	Pending proof of zero balance to Department of Revenue. Alaska
		business license is not currently active.
н.	License #27532:	Alaska Vibes
	Licensee:	Alaska Vibes LLC
	License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
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	Revenue. Alaska business license is not currently active.
Pending:	Pending updated floor plan, proof of zero balance to Department of
Approved by MCB:	June 23, 2021
	Juneau, AK 99801
Premises Address:	10011 Glacier Highway
License Type.	

Casey Wilkens is on Zoom, and state they ran out of financing. Would like to open as is. The outdoor consumption area is not happening currently and not build the ADA restrooms. Bruce S. would like an MJ-14 with the final floor plan for review. Nick M. agrees. Christopher J. asks about the pending items. Taxes are owed from other licenses, on a payment plan and current since December. No action taken by the board.

#### • LICENSES IN "PENDING INSPECTION" STATUS FOR OVER SIX MONTHS

Α.	License #17346:	Great Northern Cultivation, Inc.
	Licensee:	Great Northern Cultivation, Inc.
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premises Address:	7031 Arctic Boulevard, Suite 101
		Anchorage, AK 99518
	Approved by MCB:	September 3, 2021
	License Issued:	November 29, 2021

Jason B. counsel, is present on Zoom. The project proceeding has slowed down by construction, supply chains, costs issues. No action taken by the board.

В.	License #22479:	AK Rime
	Licensee:	AK Rime, LLC
	License Type:	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility
	Premises Address:	100 E International Airport Rd, Suite 101
		Anchorage, AK 99518
	Approved by MCB:	January 23, 2020
	License Issued:	November 16, 2021

Jana Weltzin, counsel is on Zoom. They are working forward – again costs of construction. No action taken by the board.

C.	License #27922:	Bad Habits
	Licensee:	Alaska Joint Ventures, LLC
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premises Address:	7731 Schoon Street, Suite D
		Anchorage, AK 99518
	Approved by MCB:	August 19, 2021
	License Issued:	December 16, 2021

Sherri is present on Zoom and says there is an inspection in two weeks. No action taken by the board.

D.	License #28617:	Denali Farms
	Licensee:	Denali Cultivation, LLC
	License Type:	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
	Premises Address:	23161 West Ayrshire Avenue
		Big Lake, AK 99652
	Approved by MCB:	October 27, 2021
	License Issued:	December 28, 2021

Jana Weltzin, counsel is on Zoom. They should get the Conditional Use Permit in August. Moving forward. No action taken by the board.

# • NEW MARIJUANA HANDLER PERMIT EDUCATION COURSE

A. MHCP 036:	Optimized – Online Handler Course	<u>TAB 48</u>
Applicant:	Mae L Good	

Applicant is not present in person or on Zoom. Tabled to the September meeting.

#### • **REGULATIONS**

6/30/22 1:17 pm: Bruce S. stepped away 1:18 pm: Bruce is back.

#### A. Regulations Tracking Sheet

6/30/22 1:19 pm: Will come back to this tab after reviewing the regulations below.

#### **B. Opened Regulations Projects**

#### 1. Drafts for Discussion

Dairy Butter, Oils, Fats – sold as stand-alone product Status: draft for board discussion Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Jane Sawyer summarizes the regulations project changes and Director Wilson provides supplemental information. Discussion regarding the changes. **Bruce S. motions to put out for public comment. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

Public Notice – advertising license applications Status: revised draft for board discussion Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Jane summarizes the regulations project changes and Director Wilson provides supplemental information. Discussion. Nick M. likes the draft as is but would like to add radio back as an option, then put out for public comment and the public could possibly help with the wording for digital media. Bruce S. motions to amend the draft to keep radio as an option. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes. Bruce S. motions to put out the amended draft out for public comment. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

Trade Shows Status: Initial draft for board discussion Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Jane summarizes the regulations project. Discussion on the limits. Investigators Bankowski and Johnson are present on Zoom. Nick M. asks if they have an issue with no limits. Banks states they are concerned with security measures (video coverage) at the trade show locations and Johnson agrees. Director Wilson suggests "one ounce of each strain". Bruce S. suggests, in paragraph b, it states 1 plant – why not more? Nick M. states the plants need to be destroyed after the trade show. Eliza M. asks what happens if product goes missing in METRC once the licensee returns to the premises? Nick M. states Enforcement would start an investigation. **Bruce S. motions to amend paragraph C to say the specific license type bring "up to one ounce of each strain". Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

Bruce S. motions to put this regulation project out for public comment for 30 days for Tabs 50 & 51. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

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Bruce S. motions to put this regulation project in Tab 52 out for public comment for 45 days. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

2:38 pm: Break 2:55 pm: Reconvened, all board members present.

Renewal Application Requirements Status: Initial draft for board discussion Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Jane summarizes the regulations project. There is a discussion. **Bruce S. motions to put out public** comment for 45 days. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

Video Surveillance – power backup Status: Initial draft for board discussion Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Jane summarizes the regulations project. **Bruce S. motions to put out public comment for 45 days. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

#### 2. Public Comment Period Closed

Transfer of License to Another Location Status: public comment period closed May 31, 2022. Comment were received. Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Jane summarizes the regulations project and comments that were received. Discussion regarding public comments and impacts for licensees, staff. **Bruce S. motions to adopt the regulation project as presented after considering the public comments. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.** 

 Waste Management
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 Status: public comment period closed May 27, 2022. Comment were received.
 Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Jane summarizes the regulations project and comments that were received. Investigators Johnson & Bankowski states they are fine with this in their perspective but they are not speaking for Chief Hoelscher. Bruce S. motions to adopt the regulation project as presented after considering the public comments. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

C. Delegation of Authority to Director – List

<u>6/30/22 3:38 pm:</u> Jane reviews the memo for the board. Nick M. likes the list and would like it to come back in September with some added delegations to the director.

E. Board Requests (if any)

<u>6/30/22 3:25 pm:</u> Review of the Director's letter regarding Delta 9 derived from hemp. Director Wilson summarizes the subject and intent of the letter. Further discussion regarding the word "dangerous". Bruce S. motions to submit this letter to the Governor. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion

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**passes.** The director asks who should be cc'd. Anyone mentioned or referenced in the letter should be cc'd and Nick would like a copy and it be published on the website.

*Christopher J: What is the mechanism when seizing the plants without destroying? He would like it to be researched.* 

*Eliza M: Pesticides/testing status. She requests that AMCO work with other agencies and to follow up with the Program Coordinator to move this forward. Director Wilson to follow up with Nick. Suggests a meeting or working group in 30 days. Pilot program brought to the board in September.* 

Nick M: There was a robust discussion regarding drive throughs. He would like to see a draft regualtion project for the next meeting. Bruce S. motions to open a regulation project to get input from local communities for exterior window pick up. Procedural discussion with the board's counsel. Nick M. seconds with an objection by Christopher J. Motion passes 3-1.

Working group for transportation – cleaning up requirements for manifests and deliveries. **Bruce S.** motions to start a working group. Christopher J. seconds. None opposed, motion passes.

#### MARIJUANA MAILBOX

All correspondence received in the <u>marijuana@alaska.gov</u> inbox from March 26, 2022 <u>TAB 58</u> to June 10, 2022.

**<u>6/30/22 4:11 pm</u>**: Eliza M. addresses the email from David Evans, Esq. He has contacted Department of Health many times with similar warnings. She states that he is incorrect about the education out to the public.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Based on current circumstances, the Board may decide to limit public testimony.

Public testimony is limited to issues not on this agenda and that are not proposed regulations Written comments may also be submitted to the board for review during its next regular meeting via <u>marijuana@alaska.gov</u>.

#### BOARD COMMENTS

Bruce S: thanks staff and welcomes the director in her new role. Enjoyed the discussions with the members.

*Eliza M: Echoes Bruce's comments and apologized for not being in person.* 

*Christopher J: thanks staff and welcomes the director in her new role. Thanks public in the room and on Zoom for participating. Thanks to Lacy Wilcox.* 

Nick M.: thanks staff for their hard work and welcomes the director in her new role. Appreciates the board members. Appreciates that AMIA brought an important subject to the board and public.

# • 2023 ABC BOARD MEETING LOCATION DISCUSSION

Director Wilson states she loves her job and the boards. She is equally concerned with public health and safety and her door is always open. She will bring dates/places for 2023 at the next meeting.

# • NEXT MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21 - 22, 2022, in Fairbanks. All applications must be deemed complete and all other information for inclusion in the board's packets must be received by **September 2**, **2022**.

# ADJOURN

4:22 pm: meeting adjourned.