

# Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

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# Marijuana Control Board Meeting Agenda Second Judicial District

# Aurora Inn Conference Room, 302 Front St. B, Nome AK 99762

April 16, 2025, at 9:30am

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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 9:30 am

#### A. Call to Order

Chair Ms. Stuart called the meeting to order - at 9:31 am

#### B. Roll Call

- Bailey Stuart, MCB Board Chair- Industry present in person
- Ely Cyrus, MCB Board Vice Chair Rural present on zoom
- Christopher Jaime, MCB Board Public Safety present on zoom
- Lacy Wilcox, MCB Board Public present in person
- Dr. Brück Clift, MCB Board Public Health present in person

#### **Staff Present**

- Kevin Higgins, Agency Attorney- present on zoom
- Kevin Richard , AMCO Director present in person
- Joe Bankowski, Enforcement Supervisor present in person
- Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Specialist **present on zoom**
- Regina Cruz- Marijuana Licensing Supervisor present in person

# C. Approval of Agenda

Chair Ms. Stuart requested correction of the spelling of board members Ms. Wilcox and Dr. Clift for future reference; Chair Ms. Stuart requested to amend the agenda to include the Department of Revenue Speaker- Deputy Director Brandon Spanos to speak place after the Enforcement report. Motion by Ms. Wilcox to approve the amended agenda. Second by Dr. Clift. Unanimously approved.

# D. AMCO Meeting Code of Conduct

**TAB 1** 

#### E. Top 10 Zoom FAQ

**TAB 2** 

#### F. Approval of November 20, 2024 - MCB Meeting Minutes

TAB 3

Motion by Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus to approve the November meeting minutes. Second by Dr. Clift. Unanimously approved.

# G. Approval of February 5-6, 2025 – MCB Meeting Minutes

<u>TAB 4</u>

Motion by Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus to approve the February meeting minutes. Second by Dr. Clift. Unanimously approved.

# H. Approval of March 14, 2025 – MCB Special Meeting Minutes

TAB 5

Motion by Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus to approve March 14 Special meeting minutes. Second my Dr. Clift. Unanimously approved.

#### BOARD GOVERNANCE

9:35 am

**Lt. Jamie** – no changes, no conflicts **Vice Chair Cyrus** – no changes **Dr. Clift** – no changes or conflicts

Ms. Wilcox – represents a manufacturing and cultivation License Top Hat in Juneau, Alaska. Serves as Vice President on the Marijuana Industry Association. She works wholesale and many licensees are her customers and friends. Ms. Wilcox states that she will be able to hold a bar of ethics high and will report a time when she feels she can't be unbiased.

**Chair Ms. Stuart** – reports a change to her role in the Marijuana Industry Association and steps down as an executive position on the board. Chair Stuart discloses her business relationship with licensees on the agenda Lacey Rego and Kristerfer Byers and is currently working on the association board with Licensee Trevor Haynes on the agenda for an Onsite Consumption application.

**Ms. Chambers** – states for the boards transparency and education having past business or casual relationships doesn't rise to an occasion of an ethics conflict.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

9:40 am

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 <a href="mailto:mcb.amco@alaska.gov">mcb.amco@alaska.gov</a>

Recordings are available on AMCO's website here: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/MCBMeetingDocuments

Chair Stuart opens public testimony at 9:40 am.

<u>Michael Emers, Licensee on zoom-</u> Batch tagging, we are required to tag every single plant and have a large outdoor grow. The cost is significant a year, not to mention the labor and amount of environmental waste. Would like the board to consider batch tagging, what matters is the weight if the harvest batch. Tourist Season – would like to propose a limited retail endorsement for cultivators with a suggestion of an  $8^{th}$  of an ounce or 3.5 grams. This will be for tourists to sample a product on the farm after the tour of the facility.

<u>Megan Moody works in Industry, in person</u>- recognizing and appreciate Enforcement work and action and continue to treat the unregulated marijuana as a high priority. Regulating Marijuana like alcohol is nowhere near equal and should be. Transportation, purchase limits, children on license premises, and cost of Metrc tags, are regulations asked to be open to treat Cannabis like alcohol. Lt. Jamie feels that kids on the license premises is a horrible idea.

<u>Sarah Alexander, Licensee, in person –</u> agree to bring your child in a dispensary. I can bring my child into a bar whenever I want to but not the dispensary. Not asking for an extended period but

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a little leeway because it is safer for a child to be with their parents like when going to a liquor store and not leaving them in the car, which could be dangerous. If there is an emergency in my store, as a Licensee it would be helpful to bring my child with me to run in and deal with something. Further clarifies the alcohol laws with allowing minors on premises. Lt. Jamie states marijuana is for recreational premises.

<u>Trevor Haynes, Licensee on zoom-</u> speaking on behalf of GOOD Cannabis. Thanks, and gratitude to enforcement. Concerned and becoming less optimistic with tax reform, if it doesn't happen a proposal to make progress in regulations. 1<sup>st</sup> regulation that can be streamlined is Marijuana Handler card. It restricts hiring pools, a barrier when getting into the industry, and has very little benefit and would rather it go away or remove it from the frontline staff that aren't working with the public and keep it for budtenders. Acknowledge the benefits, enforcement and background check. 2<sup>nd</sup> regulation to look closely at onsite consumption to streamline it and make it beneficial for industry. The onsite is very restricted it makes it risky and marginal.

<u>Atty. Jana Weltzin, Atty. for many licensees on zoom, -</u> Thank you to Enforcement, support them in any budget needs. Hoping they can get a statistics person that would be very helpful. Don't feel the need to get rid of Handler Permits, criminal background check is an important factor. Additional METRC training for the permit would be good.

<u>Jennifer Lee, works in industry, on zoom</u> – A parent working in a dispensary, I want the ability to bring a child to sit in the office to perhaps breastfeed or if a child is sick. I have been to bars where there are children inside. We're not smoking on the premises or doing anything that anybody else can do, being of age you still can't partake.

<u>Janeise Stevens, Licensee on zoom -</u> The more marijuana is being regulated and trying to mirror alcohol it should allow children on to a marijuana premises. Supports the changes in taxes, we are in a critical state of needing more tax reform and change.

<u>Kerby Coman, Licensee on zoom</u> – Agree with all public comment given. I would like to remove the odor regulation and no harm to the public and costly for the industry. There should be an age limit with allowing kids on the premises and unsafe. Transportation to rural areas should have a better way, doesn't see a threat to public health and safety with bags being checked on a plane with cannabis products.

<u>Shelton Landon, Licensee on zoom -</u> As a single parent and business owner, I faced many challenges trying to run my business and take care of my child. I have high morals and value child's cognitive and learning. I don't see harm in a child underage being supervised by a parent. I encourage the board to move forward and make exceptions to owners.

Chair Stuart closes public testimony at 10:17 am.

# DIRECTOR

# Director's Report

<u>TAB 6</u>

Director Kevin Richard summarizes his report. There is further discussion on the topic of a process that is being used in industry that allows a manufacturer to cheaply increase the THC of a marijuana product by chemically altering an industrial hemp product. Chair Stuart states that she

has big public health and safety concerns with the process. Ms. Wilcox speaks that it is alarming from a marketing competitiveness and perspective.

Dr. Clift motions for AMCO staff to put out an advisory regarding the unacceptable nature of conversion of hemp products into marijuana products. Ms. Wilcox seconds. Unanimously approved.

There is further discussion by the board on Notice of Violations and fine schedule. Lt. Jamie believes things need to be more efficient when we proceed with Notice of Violations. Ms. Wilcox states that the fine schedule needs to be updated and would like to see for every license application all the licensee's violations for each license type submitted to the board for review.

Dr. Clift motions for AMCO staff to put out an advisory to the industry regarding terpene infusion at the cultivation level that it is not an acceptable practice. Ms. Wilcox seconds. Unanimously approved.

#### ENFORCEMENT

#### A. Supervisor's Report

**TAB 7** 

Joe Bankowski summarizes his report. There are no questions from the board.

<u>Department of Revenue Tax Division Deputy Director- Brandon Spanos,</u> provides testimony to the board and industry. Chair Stuart asks about DOR Enforcement and if they have inspected the products being reported. Mr. Spanos responds that the auditors have gone not for inspection but more to stores for knowledge and we gather information from AMCO investigators.

Recess: 11:18 am Reconvene: 11:30 am

## Roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, MCB Board Chair- Industry present in person
- Ely Cyrus, MCB Board Vice Chair Rural absent
- Christopher Jaime, MCB Board Public Safety present in zoom
- Lacy Wilcox, MCB Board Public present in person
- Dr. Brück Clift, MCB Board Public Health present in person

#### B. Notice of Violation Issued and Licensee Responses

**TAB 8** 

Joe Bankowski summarizes his report.

#26251 Goodsinse - Chair Ms. Stuart asks if the employees had a handler permit or a copy on the premises. Joe Bankowski responds that he will get back to her with the details. Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to table the #26251 Notice of Violation to the June Board meeting for Joe Bankowski to provide additional due process in time for licensee, Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved. #30905 Candid Farms — Chair Stuart asks is there was a response for the violation on what was detected. There is further discussion with the fine schedule between the board and enforcement. Kevin Higgins further advises the board on issuing a fine for the violation. Lt. Jamie motions to have Enforcement reissue the NOV for #30905 Candid Farms, which will include the fine amount for its second violation. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

#33305 Ganja by Sarah – Licensee Sarah Alexander present in person, Jana W. Attorney present on zoom. Sarah provides a response to the Notice of Violation. Chair Ms. Stuart asks if Metrc was checked? Sarah responds that it was checked and now understands it better, further explains the metrc issue was finishing tags with inventory attached and could not place where the inventory was and had issues with theft. Ms. Wilcox commends her response and action taken to correct the violation.

Jane Sawyer conveys information that Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus is having issues logging on to the zoom meeting; Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus rejoins the board meeting via zoom at 11:46 am.

Lt. Jamie motions to move forward with an accusation for #33305 Ganjah by Sarah, Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

(Inaudible time)Lt. Jamie steps out, Lt. Jamie rejoins the meeting via zoom at 12:14 pm.

# ● LICENSING STATISTICS <u>TAB 9</u>

Regina Cruz provides the licensing statistics to the board. Chair Ms. Stuart asks about the status of the completed applications pending delegation, Regina C. responds with the delegation statuses.

Lunch Break: 12:30 pm

Reconvene for Executive Session at 1:30 pm

#### Roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, MCB Board Chair- Industry present in person
- Ely Cyrus, MCB Board Vice Chair Rural present via zoom
- Christopher Jaime, MCB Board Public Safety present via zoom
- Lacy Wilcox, MCB Board Public present in person
- Dr. Brück Clift, MCB Board Public Health present in person

#### ● EXECUTIVE SESSION - Robert Defrancesco MHP 14849

- Presentation by director open session
- Decision-making by MCB Motion: "I move that we go into executive session for the sole purpose of making a decision in an adjudicatory proceeding in the matter of the director's decision to discipline marijuana handler permit #14849"

- Resume regular meeting to act on the director's request.
  - Robert Defrancesco MHP 14849 has been tabled to the June meeting.

#### ● STIPULATED AGREEMENTS – OAH Deliberative Session

Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus moves to go into a Deliberative Session. Ms. Wilcox seconds. Unanimously approved.

Back on record from executive session at 2:49 pm.

● K&C Enterprises, LLC dba Dreaming Tree, OAH 25-0115-MCB, Lic. 17612 4/16/25 at 1:30pm

Ms. Wilcox motions to adopt the stipulated agreement for OAH 25-0115-MCB, License #17612, Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

● Farm Loop Labs, LLC dba High Society Laboratory, Lic. 29879 et al. 4/16/25 at 2:30pm OAH 25-0062-MCB

Dr. Clift moves to adopt the stipulated agreement for OAH 25-0062-MCB , License #29879, Ms. Wilcox seconds. Unanimously approved.

Tip Top, LLC, Lic., OAH 25-0354-MCB

Ms. Wilcox moves to bring back matters of License #13590 OAH 25-0354-MCB back to OAH, Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

#### NEW LIMITED MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY

A. License #: 39758 Susitna Sungrown LLC TAB 10

Licensee: Susitna Sungrown LLC

Premises Address: 41010 S Parks Hwy, Talkeetna
Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Will need delegation- See memo

Licensee Judy R. present via zoom Chair Ms. Stuart asks about the diagram being identical tunnels for the applications, provides background that the license was originally approved for a Standard application but was denied by the Matsu Borough due to a rebuild on an old foundation that had burned down previously. Chair Stuart advises the licensee on the regulation from the Matsu Borough that requires a Conditional Use permit for a second cultivation. Chair Stuart asks enforcement if the odor detection being so far into the property where no one can detect the smell acceptable? Mr. Joe Bankowski responds the odor can't be detected from outside of the premises and never had a determination of setbacks from public rights. Chair Stuart asks Atty. Kevin Higgins asks if the lease provided with the application is acceptable with no date or notary. Atty. Kevin Higgins recites regulation 306.020, that the lease is fine to accept. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus moves to approve License #39758 Susitna Sungrown with delegation, Ms. Wilcox seconds. Unanimously approved.

B. License #: 39759 Susitna Sungrown LLC

**TAB 11** 

Licensee: Susitna Sungrown LLC

Premises Address: 41010 S Parks Hwy ,Talkeetna
Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Will need delegation- See memo

Licensee Judy Reiter present on zoom. Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus moves to approve License #39759 Susitna Sungrown with delegation, Ms. Wilcox seconds. Unanimously approved.

C. License #: 39775 Tidewater Farms

**TAB 12** 

Licensee: Tidewater Farms LLC

Premises Address: 3002 Tongass Narrows, Ketchikan Local Governments: Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Consideration: Will need delegation- See memo

Licensee John Knetchel present on zoom. Chair Stuart asks about the previous license on the premises Stoney Moose with back taxes. John Knetchel advises that the lease for Stoney Moose Farms has been expired, and this License is a whole new company taking over the premises. There is further discussion with the Board and Atty. Kevin Higgins on the back taxes owed by previous licensee of the premises Stoney Moose Farms and how the board can proceed with the approval of the license. Eric Reimer Licensee for Stoney Moose Farms speaks on the back taxes owed and working on getting them paid. Ms. Wilcox adds that in this struggling industry it is good to see an energized licensee be willing to come in and utilize the property retrofitted for a cultivation in a rural community and but the building to use and become a taxpayer again. Ms. Wilcox moves to approve License #39775 with delegation . Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus seconds. Lt. Jamie = No, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = No, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. Motion Passes.

#### NEW MARIJUANA CONCENTRATE MANUFACTURING FACILITY

A. License #: 39776 Tidewater Extracts TAB 13

Licensee: Tidewater Farms, LLC

Premises Address: 3002 Tongass Narrows Ketchikan Local Governments: Ketchikan Gateway Borough Will need delegation- See memo

Licensee John Knetchel present on zoom. Ms. Wilcox moves to approve License #39776

Tidewater Extracts with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Chair Ms. Stuart asks the licensee if there is already a extraction facility in this location and just taking over, John Knetchel responds that there is no extraction facility currently and will just be manufacturing rosin press and solventless. Ms. Wilcox asks if this facility is on an island, Licensee John Knetchel responds, yes. Ms. Wilcox commends him on attempting to take over business on this location and luck and safety.

Unanimously Approved.

B. License #: 39849 Tundra Gold Corporation TAB 14

Licensee: Tundra Gold Corporation,

Premises Address: 14479 W King Arthur Dr, Houston
Local Governments: Houston, Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Will need delegation- See memo

Atty. Jana Weltzin and Eric Shade Licensee present on zoom. **Ms. Wilcox moves to approve Concentrate Manufacturing Facility #39849 Tundra Gold Corporation with delegation, Dr. Clift seconds.** Chair Stuart asks if there are any delinquent taxes on his License #36155. Licensee Eric Shade responds, No taxes are owed, we are new and just finished our 1<sup>st</sup> run a couple months ago. **Unanimously approved.** 

#### LICENSE TRANSFER WITH A CONTROLLING INTEREST APPLICATION

A. License #11778 OLD SCHOOL & BUFFIE, LLC

**TAB 15** 

Current Licensee (from): Old School & Buffie, LLC (Michael Morgan 100%)

New Licensee (to): Old School & Buffie, LLC (Buffie Jones 100%)

License Type: Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Premises Address: 10263 Nigh Road, #5, Anchorage
Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

Consideration: Will need delegation

Buffie Jones Licensee present on zoom. Ms. Wilcox moves to approve license transfer with a controlling interest application with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

B. License #32759 Northern Emerald, LLC TAB 16

Current Licensee (From): Northern Emerald (Keith Crocker 16.66%, William Little

45%, Travis Grande 5%, Jason Wood 16.66%, Patrick O'Neal 16.66%)

New Licensee (to): Northern Emerald LLC (Keith Crocker 33.33% Jason

Wood 33.33%, Patrick O'Neal 33.3%)

License Type: Retail Marijuana Store

Premises Address: 2803 S. Old Glenn Highway, Palmer

Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Will need delegation

Keith Crocker, Licensee present on zoom. Ms. Wilcox moves to approve License #32759 Northern Emerald LLC with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Chair Ms. Stuart asks about the Corporations Business Professional Licensing paperwork already reflecting the transfer being effectuated. Keith Crocker speaks on the filing with Corporations, Business, and professional licensing that there was confusion when filing the paperwork. There is a discussion with the Board on how to proceed with the approval of this application and how to move forward. Atty. Kevin Higgins discloses that he personally knows the Licensee and further advises the board on actions that could be taken regarding this license and that there is no clear ruling that has been set in these situations. Ms. Wilcox amends the motion of approval of License #32759 Northern Emerald LLC with delegation and to include an additional delegation to the director to issue an advisory to the Licensee

based on the order of the transfer of board approval being sought and obtained. Dr. Clift seconds. Lt. Jamie= No, Vice Chair Cyrus= Yes, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox= Yes, and Chair Stuart = Yes.

Director Kevin Richard requests that the Board reconsider the motion for approval with delegation with an advisory from the Director and would rather have Enforcement conduct an investigation on the violation of the transfer process. Dr. Clift motions to reconsider the motion, Ms. Wilcox seconds. Lt Jamie = No, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus= Not present to vote, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes.

Ms. Wilcox moves to approve License Transfer with a Controlling Interest #32759 Northern Emerald, LLC with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Lt. Jamie = Yes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Not present to vote, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox= Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes.

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Ms. Wilcox moves to reconsider action taken on License #32759 Northern Emerald, LLC. Lt. Jamie seconds. Lt. Jamie = Yes, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Yes, Dr. Clift = No, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes, motion passes.

Ms. Wilcox motion to approve Transfer with a Controlling Interest for License #32759 Northern Emerald, LLC with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Licensee Keith Crocker on zoom. Atty. Jana Weltzin speaks that she represented William Little (deceased) and contacted the family about the transfer of license. Keith Crocker speaks that there has been debt accrued to get this license, and he has been trying to contact the family of the deceased and has been unsuccessful. Ms. Wilcox amends her motion to approve the Controlling Interest Application for License #32759 Northern Emerald LLC with an understanding that a Notice of Violation will be issued to them and the delegation will include a notarized statement from the beneficiary to release Mr. Little's interest. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

#### LICENSE TRANSFER WITH A SECURITY INTEREST APPLICATION

A. License #20983 King Street Cannabis Co. TAB 17

Current Licensee (from): King Street Management Inc (Amy Mattson 5%,

Benjamin English 31.66, Luke Stowe 31.66%,

Nicholas Gelinas 31.66%)

New Licensee (to): AK Sustainable Farms LLC (Kerby Coman 33.3%, Casey

Wilkins 33.3%, Greg Miller 33.3%)

License Type: Retail Marijuana Store

Premises Address: 8430 Laviento Drive, Suite A , Anchorage

Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

Consideration: Will need delegation

Kerby Coman, Licensee present on zoom. Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License #20983 King Street Cannabis Co. with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Chair Stuart seeks clarification on the Licensee for Three Kings Corp. and asks Ms. Chambers on clarification on the corporation names being on the transfers. Ms. Chambers responds that it depends on what the law says and doesn't think the State Corporation Law is going to speak on that level of nuance. The Board further

discusses the Corporations structure, and the names listed on the Corporation. Ms. Jane Sawyer speaks that it is dependent on how the licenses and business licenses are owned and further explains the level of the businesses and what is listed on the application. There is further discussion by the board about the licensees on the application having issues and what can possibly be ruled by the board. Lt. Jamies asks Atty. Kevin Higgins if there is a reason for denial as best interest for the public. Atty. Kevin Higgins clarifies there is no considering these factors for the best interest of the public in the regulation. Kerby Coman speaks on the application, that he has been in the industry since the beginning and the ability to look at him being the designated licensee and the ability of multiple individuals and being able to execute a license properly. **Unanimously approved**.

B. License #20984 Quintessence Farms TAB 18

Current Licensee (from): Jack Ventures, LLC (Benjamin English 33.33%, Luke

Stowe 33.33%, Nicholas Gelinas 33.33%)

New Licensee (to): Three Kings Corp. (Kerby Coman 33.33%, Casey Wilkins

33.%, Greg Miller 33.33%)

License Type: Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Premises Address: 8430 Laviento Drive, Suite B, Anchorage

Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

Consideration: Will need delegation

Ms. Wilcox moves to approve License #20984 Quintessence Farms with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

C. License #22369 Moon Forest Legends, LLC <u>TAB 19</u>

Current Licensee (from): Bubba Greens, LLC (Michael Gallagher 100%)

New Licensee (to): Moon Forest Legends LLC (Christopher Barlow 100%)

License Type: Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility

Premises Address: 108 E Schrock Avenue , Wasilla Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Consideration: Will need delegation

Jana W. Atty for Transferee, Transferee Chris Barlow, J Brandies Atty for Transferor Michael Gallagher all present on zoom. Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License with a Security Interest #22369 Moon Forest Legends, LLC with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Lt. Jamie= No, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus= Yes, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. Motion Passes.

#### BOARD CONSIDERATION

# MJ-16 New Marijuana Product Application

A. License #16006: Arctic Bakery LLC TAB 20

Licensee: Arctic Bakery, LLC

License Type: Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility

Premises Address: 1409 Well Street , Fairbanks

Local Governments: Fairbanks (City Of), Fairbanks North Star Borough

Jana W. Atty. for licensee present on zoom. **Ms. Wilcox moves to approve New Marijuana Product Application for License #16006 Arctic Bakery. Dr. Clift Seconds.** Chair Ms. Stuart asks for elaboration on the Marijuana Fiber and what the intention is. Atty. Jana Weltzin responds that it is just Marijuana, like Bud or trim. **Unanimously approved.** 

#### MJ-31 DRIVE -THROUGH EXTERIOR WINDOW PICK UP

A. License #21417: Cosmic Cannabis Company TAB 21

Licensee: Cosmic Seaweed, LLC
License Type: Retail Marijuana Store
Premises Address: 261 East Bunnell Ave, Homer
Local Governments: Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough

Ms. Wilcox moves to approve a Drive-up exterior window for license #21417 Cosmic Cannabis Company. Atty. Jana Weltzin Atty. for licensee, present on zoom. Lt. Jamie = No, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Yes, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. Motion Passes.

# MJ28 ONSITE ENDORSEMENT

A. License #10873: The Stoney Moose TAB 22

Licensee: E & M Holdings, LLC
License Type: Retail Marijuana Store
Premises Address: 127 Stedman St., Ketchikan

Local Governments: City Of Ketchikan/Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve License #10873 The Stoney Moose with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Eric Reimer Licensee present on zoom, provides overview of the application to offer a spot and bring visitors in town, and locals to partake in cannabis edibles. Lt. Jamies comments on the application and commends Mr. Reimer and not wanting the smoke to drift to his neighbors and appreciates that but when it comes to onsite consumption he is still apprehensive as law enforcement officers still haven't developed field sobriety tests to the point where law enforcement can accurately identify when an individual consumes too much. There is further discussion on the law enforcement testing currently being practiced. Lt. Jamie = No, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Yes, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. Motion Passes.

Break at 4:30 Reconvene at 4:36

B. License #12325: GOOD Cannabis TAB 23

Licensee: Good LLC

License Type: Retail Marijuana Store

Premises Address: 356 Old Steese Hwy., Fairbanks

Local Governments: City Of Fairbanks/Fairbanks North Star Borough

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Ms. Wilcox moves to approve Onsite endorsement application for license #12325 Good Cannabis with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Jana W. Atty for Licensee, Barett and Greg Allison, Licensees all present on zoom. Greg Allison provides an overview of the application. Lt. Jamie = No, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Not present to vote, Dr. Clift= Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Stuart = Yes. Motion Passes.

Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus is absent on zoom at 4:40 pm; Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus rejoins zoom at 4:47pm.

# • 2024 -2025 LICENSE RENEWALS – INCOMPLETE

A. License #: 20642 SNOW LOTUS GARDENS TAB 24

Licensee: Snow Lotus Gardens, LLC

Premises Address: 2301 South Knik-Goose Bay Road 4B, Wasilla

Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve #20642 Snow Lotus Gardens with delegation, Lt. Jamie seconds. Licensee Duane Larson Present on zoom and provides the board an overview and the reason for the lack of communication. There is further discussion with the Board and Atty. Higgins on the status of the license of the Licensees. Ms. Wilcox withdraws her motion for License #20642 Snow Lotus Gardens. Ms. Wilcox motions to deny application #20642 Snow Lotus Gardens on the grounds of an incomplete application. Lt. Jamie seconds. Atty. Kevin Higgins advises the board on the process of denial of renewal application. Unanimously approved.

B. License #: 27520 Purgatory Extracts TAB 25

Licensee: Leaf & Larf, LLC

Premises Address: 43280 Kenai Spur Hwy, Nikiski Local Governments: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Atty. Jana Weltzin, Atty. for Licensee present on zoom. Ms. Wilcox moves to approve License #27520 Purgatory Extracts with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Atty. Jana Weltzin on zoom for licensee provides details of the tax delinquency that is preventing the transfer from being effectuated. There is further discussion with the board on the amount of tax being held by the licensees in an Inactive license from 2023. Atty. Jana Weltzin asks the board to table this license for the licensee to be present to speak on the license. Ms. Wilcox rescinds her motion of approval License #27520 Purgatory Extracts. Dr. Clift seconds.

Recess on 4/16/2025 at 5:45 pm Reconvene on 4/17/2025 at 9:01 am

#### Roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, MCB Board Chair- Industry present in person
- Ely Cyrus, MCB Board Vice Chair Rural present via zoom
- Christopher Jaime, MCB Board Public Safety present via zoom
- Lacy Wilcox, MCB Board Public present in person
- Dr. Brück Clift, MCB Board Public Health present in person

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

C. License #: 29879 High Society Laboratory TAB 26

Licensee: Farm Loop Labs, LLC

Premises Address: 11740 W Weathervane Circle, Palmer

Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Wilcox moves to deny the incomplete renewal application for License #29879 High Society Laboratory. Lt. Jamie seconds. Atty. Jason Brandeis and Licensee Kris Byers are both present on zoom. Atty. Jason Brandeis provides an overview of the license and advises that there is an application for an ownership change that was submitted to AMCO and all Licensees agree of the change. Ms. Wilcox withdraws motion to deny the incomplete renewal application. Lt. Jamie seconds. Ms. Wilcox and moves to approve License Renewal # 29879 High Society Laboratory with delegation that the ownership change is approved. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

D. License #: 33609 The Culture TAB 27

Licensee: The Culture Cannabis Co., LLC

Premises Address: 2301 S Knik-Goose Bay Road #1, Wasilla

Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Wilcox moves to deny the renewal for License #33609 The Culture. Lt. Jamie seconds. There is further discussion on the status of this license. Unanimously approved.

License #: 33610 The Culture

Licensee: The Culture Cannabis Co., LLC

Premises Address: 2301 South Knik-Goose Bay Road #4B, Wasilla

Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

#### Lt. Jamie steps out at 10:16 am

Ms. Wilcox moves to deny renewal for License #33610 The Culture. Dr. Clift seconds. Lt. Jamie = Not present to vote, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus = Yes, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, and Chair Ms. Stuart = Yes. Motion Passes.

# 2024-2025 RENEWALS WITH PROTEST

E. License #: 10308 GreenDreams Cultivation TAB 28

Licensee: Birchie J Walter

Premises Address: 680 Winch Rd, Fairbanks
Local Governments: Fairbanks North Star Borough

Protest was lifted by the Local Government on 4/14/2025. Ms. Wilcox moves to approve Renewal License #10308 GreenDreams Cultivation with delegation. Lt. Jamie = Not present to vote, Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus =Yes, Dr. Clift = Yes, Ms. Wilcox = Yes, Chair Ms. Stuart =Yes. Motion passes.

F. License #: 10237 AlaskaSense, LLC. TAB 29

Licensee: AlaskaSense, LLC

Premises Address: 521 W. Tudor Rd, Unit 202, Anchorage

Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

Mandy Honest, Business License Official with the Municipal Clerks office- present on zoom, speaks on the protest. The decision from the Municipality of Anchorage was to postpone action until the May 6, 2025, meeting, to further discuss the fact that AlaskaSense had been working on installing a new ventilation system to address odor issues. The delay was to test if the new HVAC system is working and to be able to address the Municipal license at the meeting. Atty. Jana Weltzin and Licensee Smadi Warden both present on zoom. Atty. Jana Weltzin speaks on the HVAC system being done and procedure on spot checking to address community concerns. There is further discussion on the License delinquent taxes. Smadi Warden Licensee speaks to the board on the payment plan with the Department of Revenue. The Board asks for further details with the Department of Revenue on the payment plan and will revert when the information is received.

4/17/25 at 11:17 am

Ms. Wilcox motions to deny renewal license #10237 AlaskaSense, LLC with a 60- day abeyance pending compliance with DOR taxes with delegation to the Director and removal of the local government protest. Lt. Jamie seconds. Atty. Jana W. and Licensee Smardi Warden present on

zoom. There is further discussion with the Department of Revenue on the delinquency list. **Unanimously approved.** 

G. License #: 10958 Green Life Supply, LLC. TAB 30

Licensee: Green Life Supply, LLC
Premises Address: 511 30<sup>th</sup> Ave, Fairbanks
Local Governments: City of Fairbanks, FNSB

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve renewal License #10958 Green Life Supply, LLC with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

Lt. Jamie rejoins the meeting via zoom at 10:39 am.

H. License #: 11611 Kushtopia TAB 31

Licensee: Prestige Worldwide Management, LLC

Premises Address: 1044 S Old Glenn Hwy, Palmer Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Wilcox motions to approve renewal License #11611 Kushtopia with delegation. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

License #: 12125 Alaska Marijuana Gardens (AMG) TAB 32

Licensee: Alaska Wild Coyote, Inc.

Premises Address: 838 Bonanza Avenue, Anchorage Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

Ms. Wilcox motions to deny with an abeyance of 60 days for the removal of the protest for License #12125 Alaska Marijuana Gardens with delegation. Lt. Jamie seconds. Miranda Honest, Business License official from the Municipal Clerks office speaks on the protest by the municipality. Evangelina Gonzalez, Licensee present on zoom. There is a discussion with the Licensee and the Municipality of Anchorage on the notices being sent. Unanimously approved.

License #: 12471 AMG Concentrates
Licensee: Alaska Wild Coyote, Inc.

Premises Address: 838 Bonanza Avenue, Anchorage Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

Ms. Wilcox motions to deny with an abeyance of 60 days for the removal of protest for License #12471 AMG Concentrates with delegation to the Director. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

I. License #: 17816 Talkeetna Traditions LLC TAB 33

Licensee: Talkeetna Traditions, LLC.

Premises Address: 41010 S Parks Hwy, Talkeetna Local Governments: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Wilcox motions to deny with 60-day abeyance for the removal of protest for License #17816 Talkeetna Traditions with delegation to the Director. Lt. Jamie seconds. Judy Reiter, Licensee present on zoom. Unanimously Approved.

Ms. Wilcox motions to include the Delegation to the Director to the Renewals for License # 12125 Alaska Marijuana Gardens, #12471 AMG Concentrates, #17816 Talkeetna Traditions. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

J. License #: 21724 The Red Light District TAB 34

Licensee: AKGLD2, LLC

Premises Address: 407 E Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage

Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

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

License #: 21725 The Red Light District

Licensee: AKGLD2, LLC

Premises Address: 407 E Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage

Local Governments: Municipality of Anchorage

Ms. Wilcox motions to deny Renewal License #21725 Red Light District with a 60-day abeyance pending compliance with DOR taxes with delegation to Director and local government. Dr. Clift seconds. Tabled to the June meeting.

K. License #: 25721 Gold Leaf Farms TAB 35

Licensee: Coopalation LLC

Premises Address: 12428 Round Table Dr, Houston

Local Governments: Houston/ Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Wilcox moves to deny Renewal License #25721 Gold Leaf Farms with a 60-day abeyance pending compliance with the Borough taxes and delegation to the director and local government. Dr. Clift seconds. Licensee Landon Coooper present on zoom provides information that the taxes were paid by the property owner. Unanimously approved.

Recess: 11:03 am Reconvene: 11:17 am

Roll call:

Bailey Stuart, MCB Board Chair- Industry – present in person
 Ely Cyrus, MCB Board Vice Chair – Rural - present on zoom
 Christopher Jaime, MCB Board – Public Safety – present on zoom

- Lacy Wilcox, MCB Board - Public - present in person

- Dr. Brück Clift, MCB Board – Public Health – **present in person** 

#### REGULATIONS

Deputy Commissioner Anna Latham advises the board on the processes of regulation, recommending the board combine projects going forward. Board discussion and the board finds this advice sound and will move forward with larger, combined regulations projects.

#### A. Regulations Tracking Sheet

**TAB 36** 

Bailey Stuart notes the complications on the reduced renewal fees regulations project and asks for status. Kevin Richard gives overview of the status of this project and its timeline for completion. The guidance is that the fee for renewal is the fee that is in place on the date the renewal is paid. Board discussion.

Bailey Stuart comments on projects on the tracking sheet will be effective this month, tracking requirements for flowering plans is effective 4/20, removing batch limits for clones or cuttings is effective 4/25, labelling requirements for marijuana test requirements is effective 4/19.

(not audible, sound issues) Bailey Stuart requests staff to reestablish the working group for testing heavy metals and pesticides. Anna Latham speaks to processes for working groups.

Bailey Stuart requests update on increase of THC content and remarks two regulations projects are combined, total THC and active THC. Kristina Serezhenkov gives overview the history and status of this combined project. The issues with how to define Delta 9 and Delta 8 are touched on as well

Sara Chambers anticipates that regulations process trainings for future meetings will be useful for both the marijuana and alcohol boards. The board should do the research and work to create the regulations. She suggests that the working group mentioned earlier may also address the research needed for the THC project. Bailey Stuart would like to connect with staff to coordinate better and asks Kristina Serezhenkov about the increase of serving size of THC. Kristina Serezhenkov confirms this is part of the combined THC project and gives status.

Bailey Stuart moves to discuss the fine schedule project and mentions prior working group that initially created the fine schedule. Kevin Richard speaks to the redesign of the fine schedule and examples from other states that use the tier system. Christopher Jaime comments that the fine schedule is designed to make things easier for enforcement and that a working group might not be needed. He is for positive change to make things more efficient and effective using the existing fine schedule as a basis. Bailey Stuart mentions possible clerical errors in the excel spreadsheet used to outline the fine schedule and would like staff to look into this. Joe Bankowski comments there is a missing administrative piece from the current fine schedule that needs to be addressed for enforcement to use the fine schedule effectively. Board discussion of possible fixes. Kevin Higgins outlines the administrative process of issuing a fine. Bailey Stuart requests this project is added to the agenda for the next meeting. Lacy Wilcox mentions that Mr. Tunseth has historical perspective and is willing to help to assist staff.

# **B.** Opened Regulations Projects

1. Public Comment Period Closed. Public oral comments may not be received at this meeting for this section.

a. Operating Plans TAB 37

**Status:** Public comment closed September 6, 2024. Comments were received. **History:** At the September 2024 meeting tabled to November 2024 meeting.

At the November 2024 meeting tabled to the April 2025 meeting.

Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Bailey Stuart introduces and gives history and mentions written comments received are reviewed. She would like to close this project. Lacy Wilcox concurs. No other board comments seen. Lacy Wilcox motions to close operating plans regulations project. Dr. Brück Clift seconds. All vote yes. Motion carries.

2. Open Regulations Projects Board Discussion.

# a. Product Manufacturer Packaging Requirements

**TAB 38** 

Status: For board discussion

Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Bailey Stuart introduces. Kristina Serezhenkov gives overview. Lacy Wilcox asks if marijuana concentrate licensees are included and they are. Board discussion. Lacy Wilcox motions to approve draft and send to Law for initial review and with Law's approval out for public comment. Sara Chambers asks the motion clearly states 'written' or 'written and oral' public comment. Lacy Wilcox motions to approve draft and send to Law for initial review and with Law's approval out for written public comment. Christopher Jaime asks on public input processes. Sara Chambers outlines processes for written public comment which is required and oral comments at oral hearings which is optional. All vote yes. Motion carries.

b. Random Sampling

**Status:** For board discussion

Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

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**TAB 39** 

Bailey Stuart introduces and this is a project to correct regulations to allow random sampling as the board envisions. Kristina Serezhenkov outlines the changes to random sampling in the draft. She mentions Joe Bankowski noted that retail stores should also be included in the random sampling regulations draft and that if the board wishes to include retail stores the board can send the draft back to staff for amendments.

Lacy Wilcox speaks of logistics concerns for those licensees outside of the Anchorage area and addresses transport and transport manifest. (not audible, sound issues) (sound returns and board members and staff determine when sound was lost-conversation resumes) Lacy Wilcox would like to see enforcement come to the facility, collect the sample, and use the investigator as the transporter. Bearing the airfare cost is in question. The licensee should not be the transporter. Joe Bankowski comments on possible remedies and mentions tamper evident seals on packages. Cost of transportation is discussed and possibly enforcement can transport the sample and the transport cost can be wrapped up in regular enforcement activities. Ely Cyrus asks for enforcement direction. Joe Bankowski speaks to enforcement processes and metrc system tracking as far as chain of custody goes. Ely Cyrus comments the majority of sales happen on the road system and opines on costs that might be put on the cultivator not the retailer.

Sara Chambers comments. (not audible, sound issues) (sound returns and board members and staff determine when sound was lost-conversation resumes) Sara Chambers resumes and says that the board may take a direction that assumes the enforcement officer will be there for the random sampling but may also want to leave this open-ended. Board discussion and the board touches on the 'randomness' of the sampling and the use of the word 'random'. Kristina Serezhenkov comments that perhaps there is a better name for the section(s) being changed and that the word 'random' can be removed and replaced with a better descriptor.

Lacy Wilcox motions to send this project back to staff with the guidance that this is for the purpose of enforcement to take the sample, and transport the sample with the lease amount of cost for the licensee unless a violation occurs. Joe Bankowski asks if the sample were related to an investigation how that would interplay with other enforcement actions, such as a seizure. Bailey Stuart comments this would not be a seizure but would be a small sample in the best interest of public health and safety for investigating.

Kristina Serezhenkov asks if the board also wants to provide guidance to add product manufacturers as well for random sampling. The board concurs that sampling should also be for product manufacturers.

Ely Cyrus asks if the taking of a sample is not the same as a 'seizure'. Lacy Wilcox speaks to this and there is a difference. Sara Chambers comments that the board might add a definition on what a 'sample' is to delineate between a sample and a seizure. Lacy Wilcox asks staff to look at language.

Lacy Wilcox moves to send back to staff for more work based on the boards conversation. Dr. Brück Clift seconds. All vote yes. Motion carries.

# Break at 12:45 pm Reconvene at 1:03 pm

#### Roll call:

- Bailey Stuart, MCB Board Chair- Industry present in person
- Ely Cyrus, MCB Board Vice Chair Rural present on zoom
- Christopher Jaime, MCB Board Public Safety present on zoom
- Lacy Wilcox, MCB Board Public present in person
- Dr. Brück Clift, MCB Board Public Health present in person

# 3. Proposed Regulations Projects, Board Discussion

# a. Adding Business Name Change as License Condition

**TAB 40** 

Status: For board discussion

Potential Board Actions: TBD at meeting

Lacy Wilcox introduces. Kristina Serezhenkov provides overview and summary. Lacy Wilcox asks enforcement perspective. Joe Bankowski speaks to the background of this issue from an enforcement view. Board discussion and further board guidance is given to staff. Lacy Wilcox moves to open project. Sara Chambers suggests the board may wish to clarify- approved by board or approved by director. Board discussion. The board gives guidance that the director may approve the name change.

Lacy Wilcox restates the motion to open a project with the guidance of the board to give authority to the director and use the form (MJ 13) that exists for business name changes as a license condition and to move to Law for initial review and then out for written public comment. Dr. Brück Clift seconds. No further comments seen. All vote yes. Motion carries.

#### LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

**TAB 40.1** 

Chair Ms. Stuart provides an overview of the status of HB 119, HB91, and HB94. Ms. Wilcox would encourage people to become involved, require support, write your legislator to give your thoughts and support. Make your voice heard. Chair Ms. Stuart speaks on taxes and urges the board to always have a proactive stance not a reactive stance, something will have to happen. There is further discussion on the bills. Ms. Wilcox motions to have the board writing a letter of support for House Bill 94 that reflects Senate Bill 73. Dr. Clift seconds. Unanimously approved.

#### BOARD REQUESTS (IF ANY)

Bailey Stuart speaks on regulations creations and combining many regulation projects into an 'omnibus' project. She opens for board requests.

Lacy Wilcox would like to open a regulation project that groups batch tagging at 306.435 and odor violations at 306.420 under the umbrella of cultivation issues. For odor violations she would like to remove the ability for a violation to be issued in an industrial zone, commercial mixed-use zone or where a limited cultivation resides which could include a residential zone. Christopher Jaime comments no issue with a batch tag regulation project but disagrees with making changes

to odor requirements regulations. He mentions the fine schedule is the solution for odor violations. Board discussion.

Kevin Richard suggests that the board list out each regulatory project and then have the board vote on if the project should move forward to the 'omnibus' regulation project rather than parsing out each project individually. Sara Chambers concurs.

Lacy Wilcox lists regulations request to:

- 1. change batch tagging to allow for batch tagging;
- 2. streamline odor violations to only apply to cultivations with the exception of a limited cultivation;
- 3. see research language to allow minors on site to as much as possible mirror alcohol regulations to include do away with the 7 year old age limit in a drive through requirements
- 4. raising sales limits for edibles and concentrates
- 5. raising the sales limits for consumables at onsite areas
- 6. evaluation of the transportation regulations
- 7. remove handler permits for all but budtenders, retailers and licensees

Christopher Jaimes states he must leave at 2:30 and has to go. He has no board requests and leaves meeting at 1:51.

Ely Cyrus has no board requests to add regulations.

Bailey Stuart wants to add to the regulations list; 8. remove the 10 pound package limits

Kevin Richard summarizes the list with 8 total items. Sara Chambers suggests research should be done by board members and those projects that might need research would need more time to develop them. Board discussion about this process.

Starting with the list, Bailey Stuart open discussion on batch tagging and comments the change is to 306.435 to remove plant tagging requirements for plants over 18 inches tall and transition to assigned batch tag. Lacy Wilcox adds that this is for a crop of plants that are 18 inches or higher or under 18 inches and flowering. This moves the tagging to a crop based system that is strain specific. Lacy Wilcox makes the motion. Dr. Brück Clift seconds. Board discussion touches on cost savings for industry and increased efficiency. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Bailey Stuart moves to odor violations for cultivators. Dr. Brück Clift comments on odor not getting people high. Dr. Brück Clift moves to amend regulations at 306.422(f) and 306.430(c)(2) to remove odor requirements. Lacy Wilcox seconds. Kevin Richard asks for clarification if odor requirements are to be removed where they are found throughout regulations or only at the mentioned cites. Bailey Stuart states that guidance is to remove odor violations wherever it is referenced with the exception of limited cultivations using 306.422 and 306.430 as a starting point. Lacy Wilcox gives further guidance and highlights that limited (cultivators) located in industrial mixed use or commercial spaces should not have odor requirements and only those limiteds located in a residential zone should have odor requirements. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Bailey Stuart moves to minors on site and would like to hear oral comment on this one. It may be pulled off of the omnibus project. Kevin Richards suggests moving to the next item on the list and moving this one to the bottom of the list.

Bailey Stuart moves on to the limits for sales of edibles and would like to hear a motion to remove 306.355(a)(2) and 306.355(a)(3) on limits sold leaving only 306.355(a)(1) 1 oz of marijuana flower as the limit. Board discussion. Lacy Wilcox makes the motion and gives her community as an example of her support for changing the limits. Dr. Brück Clift seconds and speaks to concerns about diversion. Board discussion. Ely Cyrus speaks on issues in rural communities but would like to see the 1 oz limit on marijuana raised in statute before it is addressed in regulations. Bailey Stuart suggests the board write a letter to legislature to support raising the 1 oz limit. Board discussion touches on the marijuana taskforce that supported raising the amount to 4 oz. Lacy Wilcox asks on enforcement issues as far as prosecuting goes. Joe Bankowski envisions a cooperative agreement between AMCO enforcement and local law enforcement. Board discussion on the statutory authority. Lacy Wilcox brings attention to the letter from Jana Wilton received in the marijuana mailbox regarding this issue. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Ely Cyrus motions that the marijuana control board supports the taskforce's recommendation to raise the marijuana limit to 4 ounces. Lacy Wilcox seconds. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Kevin Richard comments that consumables on site is the next item on the list. Lacy Wilcox speaks to the product size challenges to comply with onsite consumption. She wants to do away with the unique serving size limits for consumption areas and restore them to the standard limits. Board discussion. Lacy Wilcox moves to increase the limits sold at onsite consumption areas at 306.370(b). Dr. Brück Clift seconds. Kevin Richard asks for specifics on the limits sold. Lacy Wilcox will prepare a suggestion on limits and bring something in June. Ely Cyrus suggests wording that the proposal is to raise the edible on site consumption limit not to exceed the current possession limit. Bailey Stuart gives wording that 306.370(b) limits could reference 306.355 limits sold for now. The motion as amended is seconded. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Bailey Stuart moves to the next item on the list, which is Section 700, transportation. (not audible, sound issues, zoom link dropped) (board reconnects zoom link and sound is reestablished) Lacy Wilcox speaks to the need to revise regulations at 306.750 to allow for greater flexibility in how marijuana products are transported between licensed facilities. Amend 306.750(d) to read 'a marijuana establishment shall ensure that marijuana products are transported from the originating facility to the receiving facility by any secure and lawful means, provided that (1) the products are packaged, sealed and secured in compliance with existing regulations (2) a copy of the transport manifest accompanies the product at all times and (3) the licensee or their designated agent ensures that the products are delivered to the receiving facility without diversion or tampering.

(zoom link dropped) (board reconnects zoom link and sound is reestablished). Lacy Wilcox moves to include 306.750 transportation regs in the omnibus project. Dr. Brück Clift seconds. Ely Cyrus asks on project timeline and wonders if this will come to the board in June. Kristina Serezhenkov doesn't know what will be ready by June. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Bailey Stuart moves to the next project which is the removal of handlers permits for budtenders and licensees. Lacy Wilcox moves to amend the regulations around handlers permits to no longer require them for employees, with the exception of onsite consumption, persons who sell directly to consumers and licensees and owners. Dr. Brück Clift seconds. Board discussion. Lacy Wilcox is curious about TAPS card requirements for alcohol and how that compares with marijuana handler permits. Ely Cyrus asks enforcement how useful these handler cards are for them. Joe Bankowski

notes there are..... (not audible, sound issues) (sound returns and meeting resumes and Joe Bankowski repeats).....two identification badges enforcement looks for, the handler permit and the ID badge issued by the employer. Ely Cyrus asks about prior NOV's when a handler card was revoked and wonders how useful the handlers cards are to retailers when hiring employees. Bailey Stuart answers that retailers would still have to have a handlers card. Ely Cyrus notes that this employee issue also translates to cultivators when hiring. Board discussion. Ely Cyrus votes no. Dr. Brück Clift votes yes. Lacy Wilcox votes yes. Bailey Stuart votes yes. 3 yes and 1 no, motion carries.

The board moves on to the 10 pound package limit project and Bailey Stuart is looking for a motion to remove the 10 pound package limits from 306.435(a)(2) (B), 306.445(c), 306.470(a)(1)(B), 306.470(a)(2)(A) and 306.565(c). Lacy Wilcox so moves and Dr. Brück Clift seconds. Board discussion. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Kevin Richard states next on the list is minors on site and the minors at the drive through. Lacy Wilcox suggests these be removed from the omnibus project and stand alone. Bailey Stuart further suggests that the change for minors at the drive through window might be fairly straight forward. Board discussion. Lacy Wilcox would like to leave the drive through language to remove the age requirement at 306.380(e) on the omnibus package but the overall minors on premise would be its own project. Lacy Wilcox moves to remove the age requirements of a minor at 306.380(e). Dr. Brück Clift seconds. Ely Cyrus states he does not support this. Ely Cyrus votes no. Dr. Brück Clift votes yes. Lacy Wilcox votes yes. Bailey Stuart votes yes. Motion carries.

Lacy Wilcox motions to open a regulations project to allow minors on licensed facilities except onsite consumption areas in a way that replicates the alcohol laws. Dr. Brück Clift seconds. Board discussion. Kevin Richard would like more guidance from the board and more detail on what is asked for. Lacy Wilcox would like to pull back her motion and come to the June meeting with a more detailed ask.

Bailey Stuart was taken aback by the conversation that came from the directors report about the conversion of CBD to THC. She quotes 3 AAC 306.830. This is deeply concerning and she is looking for the board to act. She asks for a motion from the board to have all known products that have CBD to THC conversion seized, or placed on an administrative hold while a thorough investigation is done. Lacy Wilcox so moves and speaks to her concern as well. Bailey Stuart seconds the motion. Kevin Richard comments that it is not AMCO's plan to do nothing about this issue. Board members interject to clarify that this comment on having no plan was directed to the board not to AMCO or to enforcement. Kevin Richard clarifies that this is still an issue AMCO is just learning about and AMCO is or will take action once there is enough information to apply an enforcement action. He supports the board's desire for AMCO to handle this. Lacy Wilcox comments about processes and timelines and putting products on hold. Kevin Higgins states the board can act on marijuana products it has approved but that the Department of Agriculture is moving on this and once they move there will be a clearer basis for the marijuana control board to follow up. He comments on ongoing joint efforts between AMCO and the Division of Agriculture, the pace of which is increasing. Lacy Wilcox suggests issuing another public advisory and notes the public health concerns. Ely Cyrus supports this but hesitates about the jurisdiction and liability. Further board discussion touches on how both boards (agriculture and marijuana) have equal jurisdiction over the product. Ely Cyrus asks enforcement if they can estimate the scope of the monetary value. Joe Bankowski notes this is too difficult to answer and there is an ongoing investigation. Board discussion. Lacy Wilcox withdraws motion. Bailey Stuart withdraws her second.

All correspondence received in the Board's inbox from January 25th, 2025 – April 4th, 2025.

Chair Ms. Stuart echoes the Fairbanks odor is everywhere, especially downtown.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Board may decide to limit public testimony.

Chair Ms. Stuart opens public testimony at 3:35 pm.

<u>Megan Moody - works in industry</u>, thanks enforcement on seizing products. Concerns about products that are not safe and the whole point of shopping in licensed retails is knowing products are safe. I would like to see unsafe products removed off the shelves since it is a huge public safety issue. It is very dangerous with what they are doing with the products and is urgent.

Joseph Stolz- Handler permit holder and participant in Cannabis industry, Congratulations to Ms. Wilcox on appointment to board and excited to see dramatic changes from her. If I can propose a regulatory structure for temporary offsite cannabis consumption permits like alcohol permitting and it would provide economic benefits. It would also reduce harm and benefit to public health. I would also like cultivators to have the ability to acquire their own product and attract tested in a fully complaint way.

Jana Weltzin- Atty for Licensees, really love the idea of an event permit.

<u>Brian Simpson – Licensee, Tundra Brewing Licensee –</u> I see the impact of local support when the public chooses locally grown and sourced products. Our beverages are craft from Alaska grown cannabis sourced only from trusted licensed cultivators and infused with care. Using outside sourced and processed hemp oil for processing defeats the purpose of protecting a distinctly Alaskan Industry. It is unfeasible to compete with outside Agribusiness for the key ingredient THC oil and the high risk of residual pesticide and other toxic substances concentrated when refining THC dominant oil from them. This is clearly an AMCO issue as these hemp products are the purview of AMCO. If AMCO does not act to protect public health in the local industry there will only be substandard hemp derived products available to consumers.

#### Chair Ms. Stuart closed Public Testimony at 3:48 pm.

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 <a href="mailto:mcb.amco@alaska.gov">mcb.amco@alaska.gov</a>

#### BOARD COMMENTS

**Vice Chair Mr. Cyrus** – Echo the comment in MCB Mailbox . Thank you for chairing the meeting. **Dr. Clift** - did a great job as chair, to Chair Ms. Stuart.

Ms. Wilcox – I appreciate your patience. Appreciate the omnibus suggestion and whatever happens from it is progress; understand the incremental change very well.

Chair Ms. Stuart - Thanks everyone for having patience with me for this 1<sup>st</sup> meeting chairing. We've made a lot of changes in addition to sitting in this position. Thank you Ms. Chambers. Think about you guys in the office and how much ongoing. These issues are constantly on my mind appreciate every one of you for all your hard work. Members of the public, for giving public comments, participating, giving us feedback, helping us develop this industry in a healthy manner. Board members for sitting here and working through these problems together with understanding and listening to each other without conflict, greatly appreciative for everyone on this board.

#### NEXT MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

#### ADJOURN

Ms. Wilcox motions to adjourn. Dr. Clift second. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.