



**Marijuana Control Board
Special Meeting Agenda
Third Judicial District
Anchorage, Alaska**

April 28, 2025, via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting starting at 10:00am

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

● **ADMINISTRATION**

10:00 am

A. Call to Order

10:02 am Call to order

B. Roll Call

- Bailey Stuart, MCB Board Chair- Industry
- Ely Cyrus, MCB Board Vice Chair – Rural
- Lt. Christopher Jaime, MCB Board – Public Safety
- Lacy Wilcox, MCB Board – Public
- Dr. Brück Clift, MCB Board – Public Health

Staff Present

- Kevin Higgins, Agency Attorney
- Kevin Richard, AMCO Director
- Jane Sawyer, Program Coordinator
- Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Specialist

C. Approval of Agenda

Bailey Stuart notes she would like to open meeting later to public comment. Lacy Wilcox moves to approve agenda. Ely Cyrus seconds. No further discussion. All board members vote yes. Motion passes and agenda is approved.

● DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No change in declarations.

● Regulations

Public oral comments may not be received at this meeting for this project.

- **Reduced License Renewal Fees**

TAB 1

Status: Written public comment closed April 25, 2025. Written comments were received.

Potential Board Actions: TDB at meeting

Bailey Stuart opens and gives history of project and notes process error with newspaper ad requiring additional opening for comment. All board members except Lt. Christopher Jaime note they have reviewed the written comments. Bailey Stuart gives some time to Lt. Christopher Jaime to review TAB 1 including written comments. Lacy Wilcox asks on process to make motion. Bailey Stuart advises motion should only come after Lt. Christopher Jaime has reviewed written comments. Lacy Wilcox. observes that many written comments reference a 50% reduction and wants to make it clear that this project is not a 50% reduction per license (type). She would like to see some licenses (fees) come down even more and is willing to come back to this issue again. Lt. Christopher Jaime states he has finished reviewing written comments. Lacy Wilcox motions to adopt the project and Ely Cyrus seconds. No further discussion seen. Dr. Brück Clift - yes, Ely Cyrus - yes, Lt. Christopher Jaime -yes, Lacy Wilcox -yes and Bailey Stuart -yes. Motion adopted.

● PUBLIC COMMENT NOT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS – at the discretion of the board

Bailey Stuart opens public comment.

Mr. Stolz comments that at the last board meeting there was a conversation about toxic hemp products being seized in coordination with the Division of Agriculture at non-licensed retail stores. He asks if the board has further information they can share or if the board has acted. Bailey Stuart notes the board is not able to share any information and she has not heard anything further.

Trevor Haynes, president of Alaska Marijuana Industry Association, echoes the comments of Mr. Stolz about the concerns of products that have converted CBD into THC. He has deep concerns about selling such converted products unknowingly at his retail store. He encourages the MCB and AMCO to take action quickly to get these products, that could be harmful, off the shelves.

Jana Weltzin, agrees with both of the prior commenters and expounds on her difficulties as an attorney who must give advice to her clients. The industry knows products have not been seized and are sold at

an extreme profit and because there is no enforcement there is no incentive for clients to act within the law. She expresses concern about the lack of action and this is bad for the industry.

Megan Moody is concerned there is no visible enforcement action regarding products in licensed retailers where CBD is being chemically converted into Delta 8 THC. This is now a public health and safety issue and there is no way of knowing what these products contain. Allowing unregulated chemically converted products to be sold in licensed stores threatens consumer trust, public safety and the integrity of the industry. She urges immediate enforcement and board action.

Kade Insco, Cold Creek Extracts, echoes the earlier comments. His business cannot compete with the adulterated products which are getting 40% returns. He is unsure whether his business will continue. Without enforcement action his, and others businesses, will shut down because they cannot compete.

No further comments seen. Closed 10:23am

● BOARD COMMENTS

Lacy Wilcox asks Kevin Higgins or Kevin Richard for an update on NOV's that were to go out after the Nome meeting and about when a conversation occurred between the Division of Agriculture and the Marijuana Control Board and between whom did it occur.

Kevin Higgins comments the Division of Agriculture should be here to speak for itself and that Director Richard is here. Action has been taken but getting into specifics is not appropriate with the Division (of Ag) here.

Lacy Wilcox asks if the Division of Agriculture was invited to this special meeting and the answer is no they were not.

Lacy Wilcox asked if an advisory has gone out and Kevin Higgins answers no. Lacy Wilcox continues and states she concurs with the business difficulties described by public commenter Kade Insco and has also experienced them.

Bailey Stuart appreciates the participation of all in this special meeting.

● NEXT MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **June 25-26, 2025, in Fairbanks.**

Bailey Stuart reminds all of the next meeting scheduled for June in Fairbanks.

● ADJOURN

Ely Cyrus motions to adjourn the meeting and Ely Cyrus seconds. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Adjourned at 10:28 am.