BEFORE THE CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD STATE OF NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD,

Case No. 2020-018

Petitioner.

VS.

TRYKE COMPANIES RENO, LLC,

Respondent.

STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Cannabis Compliance Board (the "CCB"), by and through its counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General for the State of Nevada, L. Kristopher Rath, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General and Ashley A. Balducci, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby enters into this Stipulation and Order for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation and Order") with Respondent Tryke Companies Reno, LLC ("Tryke Reno"), by and through its counsel of record, Brett Scolari, Esq. Pursuant to this Stipulation and Order, Tryke Reno and CCB (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree that CCB Case No. 2020-018 (the "Administrative Action") shall be fully and finally settled and resolved upon terms and conditions set out herein.

PERTINENT FACTS

1. On September 22, 2020, CCB initiated this disciplinary action via the service and filing of a Complaint for Disciplinary Action (the "Complaint"). The Complaint alleges that, contrary to Nevada law, Tryke Reno's medical and adult use dispensary (D026 and RD026) failed to meet seed to sale tracking requirements, did not comply with requirements for disposal of cannabis waste, did not comply with packaging and labeling requirements, and was unable to produce a security camera malfunction log on request by CCB agents.

- 2. Tryke Reno has not filed an Answer in the Administrative Action. Rather, Tryke Reno, while initially generally denying the allegations in the Complaint, chose to engage in negotiations to resolve the matter prior to answering the Complaint. Tryke Reno also undertook measures to correct certain alleged violations.
- 3. The parties have engaged in good faith negotiations to reach an agreement that is mutually acceptable to Respondent and counsel for the CCB for resolution of this matter, with the understanding that this Stipulation and Order must be approved by majority vote of the members of the CCB.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

This Stipulation and Order is made and based upon the following acknowledgements by the Parties:

- 4. Tryke Reno has entered into this Stipulation and Order on its own behalf and with full authority to resolve the claims against it and is aware of Tryke Reno's rights to contest the violations pending against it. These rights include representation by an attorney at Tryke Reno's own expense, the right to a hearing on any violations or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against Tryke Reno, the right to present evidence on Tryke Reno's own behalf, the right to present witness testimony on Tryke Reno's behalf, the right to obtain any type of formal judicial review of this matter, and any other rights which may be accorded to Tryke Reno pursuant to provisions of NRS Chapters 678A through 678D, NAC Chapters 453A and 453D, and any other provisions of Nevada law. Tryke Reno is waiving all these rights by entering into this Stipulation and Order.
- 5. Should this Stipulation and Order be rejected by the CCB or not timely performed by Tryke Reno, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration by the CCB of such proposed stipulation or other documents or matters pertaining to the consideration of this Stipulation and Order shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the CCB or any of its members, and/or assigned hearing officers, from further participation, consideration, adjudication, or resolution of these proceedings and that no CCB member shall be

disqualified or challenged for bias.

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- 6. Tryke Reno acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order shall only become effective after the CCB has approved it.
- 7. Tryke Reno enters this Stipulation and Order after being fully advised of Tryke Reno's rights and as to the consequences of this Stipulation and Order. This Stipulation and Order embodies the entire agreement reached between the CCB and Tryke Reno. It may not be altered, amended, or modified without the express written consent of the Parties and all alterations, amendments and/or modifications must be in writing.
- 8. In an effort to avoid the cost and uncertainty of a disciplinary hearing, Tryke Reno has agreed to settle this matter. In settling this matter, Tryke Reno acknowledges that the facts contained in the paragraphs in the above "Pertinent Facts" portion of this Stipulation and Order are true and correct. Tryke Reno further acknowledges that certain facts contained in the CCB Complaint in Case No. 2020-018 could be found to constitute violations of Title 56 of NRS (NRS Chapters 678A through 678D), NRS Chapters 453A and 453D and NAC Chapters 453A and 453D, with penalties up to and including suspension of its certificate and license and civil penalties and costs of \$17,555.50, if this matter went to an administrative hearing.
- 9. In settling this matter the Executive Director for CCB and counsel for CCB have considered the factors set forth in NCCR 4.030(2), including: the gravity of the violations; the economic benefit or savings, if any, resulting from the violations; the size of the business of the violator; the history of compliance with the NCCR and Title 56 of NRS by the violator; actions taken to remedy and/or correct the violations; and the effect of the penalty on the ability of the violator to continue in business.
- 10. To resolve the Administrative action, Tryke Reno specifically admits to the following violations as to certificate D026 and license RD026 with respect to the Complaint in CCB Case No. 2020-018:
 - a. One violation of NAC 453D.905(3)(d)(15), for improper disposal of cannabis waste, a Category III violation.

- b. One violation of NAC 453D.905(3)(d)(6), for failing to follow an approved security plan, a second Category III violation.
- c. Two violations of NAC 453D.905(3)(f)(6), for failing to comply with any requirements not described in another category of violations, a Category V violation.
- 11. As to the remaining allegations in the Complaint, Tryke Reno neither admits nor denies those allegations and no civil penalties shall be assessed as to the remaining violations.
- 12. Tryke Reno further agrees to pay a civil penalty and costs in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in consideration for its admitted violations in Paragraph 10, above, and in consideration of CCB's agreement to resolve the Administrative Action on the terms set forth herein. Said sum must be paid within 30 days of the CCB's approval of this Stipulation and Order.
- 13. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, it shall be deemed and considered disciplinary action by the CCB against Tryke Reno.
- 14. Both parties acknowledge that the CCB has jurisdiction to consider and order this Stipulation and Order because Tryke Reno holds privileged licenses/certificates regulated by the CCB as of July 1, 2020. Tryke Reno expressly, knowingly, and intentionally waives the 21-day and/or 5 day notice requirements contained in the Nevada Open Meeting Law and acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order may be presented to the CCB for its consideration and potential ratification at the Board's meeting on November 17, 2020.

STIPULATED ADJUDICATION

Based upon the above acknowledgments of the Parties and their mutual agreement, the Parties stipulate and agree that the following terms of discipline shall be imposed by the CCB in this matter:

15. <u>Violations</u>: As to certificate D026 and license RD026, Tryke Reno is found to have two Category III violations and two Category V violation, as set forth in Paragraphs

10(a) through 10(c), above. In accordance with NAC 453D.905(4)(f)(1), the CCB hereby issues a formal warning to Tryke Reno, as to its first Category V violation, for certificate D026 and license RD026: Tryke Reno shall take precautions to ensure that the staff of its facilities communicates properly with all CCB agents to provide the CCB immediate access to items and documents to which NRS Title 56 and the NCCR's require immediate production upon CCB request.

- 16. <u>Imposition of Civil Penalties</u>. Tryke Reno shall pay a total civil penalty in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), which includes costs, to CCB within 30 days of the date CCB approves this Stipulation and Order.
- 17. Contingency if Approval Denied. If approval of this Stipulation and Order is denied by CCB, Tryke Reno and counsel for the CCB agree to resume settlement negotiations in good faith and attempt to reach an agreement to amend this Stipulation and Order and resubmit an amended Stipulation and Order to the CCB to review for approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If such an agreement cannot be reached, the Parties agree to proceed with the Administrative Action, which shall include a disciplinary hearing before the CCB or its assigned hearing officer. Tryke Reno shall file its answer to the Complaint no later than December 10, 2020. Should the Administrative Action proceed for the reasons set forth in this Paragraph, CCB preserves all its claims and arguments in the Administrative Action as set forth in its Complaint and Tryke Reno preserves all its defenses and arguments set forth in its Answer (once said Answer is filed). An unapproved Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible as evidence or referenced in argument at any disciplinary hearing in CCB Case No. 2020-018 or any other matter involving the CCB.
- 18. Contingency if Approval Conditioned. If the CCB approves this Stipulation and Order, but said approval is contingent on certain conditions, the parties will undertake further good faith negotiations to include said conditions in an amended stipulation and order for execution by the CCB Chair. If Tryke Reno does not agree to the certain conditions imposed by the CCB, the parties will undertake additional negotiations and attempt to

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reach an agreement to amend this Stipulation and Order and resubmit an amended Stipulation and Order to the CCB to review for approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If such an agreement cannot be reached, the Parties agree to proceed with the Administrative Action, which shall include a disciplinary hearing before the CCB or its assigned hearing officer. Tryke Reno shall file its answer to the Complaint no later than December 10, 2020. Should the Administrative Action proceed for the reasons set forth in this Paragraph, CCB preserves all its claims and arguments in the Administrative Action as set forth in its Complaint and Tryke Reno preserves all its defenses and arguments asserted in its Answer (once said Answer is filed). An unapproved Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible as evidence or referenced in argument at any disciplinary hearing in CCB Case No. 2020-018 or any other matter involving the CCB.

- 19. <u>Closure of Disciplinary Action</u>. Once this Stipulation and Order is fully performed by Tryke Reno, the Administrative Action will be closed.
- 20. Communications with CCB Members. Tryke Reno understands that this Stipulation and Order will be presented to the CCB in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled CCB meeting. Tryke Reno understands that the CCB has the right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Stipulation and Order. The CCB's counsel, which is the Nevada Attorney General and its staff attorneys, will recommend approval of this Stipulation and Order. In the course of seeking CCB acceptance of this Stipulation and Order, counsel for CCB may communicate directly with individual CCB members. Tryke Reno acknowledges that such communications may be made or conducted ex parte, without notice or opportunity for Tryke Reno to be heard on its part until the public CCB meeting where this Stipulation and Order is discussed, and that such contacts and communications may include, but may not be limited to, matters concerning this Stipulation and Order, the Administrative Action and any and all information of every nature whatsoever related to these matters. Tryke Reno agrees that it has no objections to such exparte communications. CCB agrees that Tryke Reno and/or its counsel may appear at the CCB meeting where this Stipulation and Order is discussed and, if requested, respond to any questions that may be

addressed to Tryke Reno and/or the Attorney General's staff attorneys. Tryke Reno agrees that, should the CCB decline to approve this Stipulation and Order, Tryke Reno will not contest or otherwise object to any CCB member, and/or CCB appointed hearing officer, hearing and adjudicating the Administrative Action based on the aforementioned *ex parte* communications with anyone from the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

- Release. In execution of this agreement, Respondent agrees that the State of Nevada, the CCB, the Office of the Attorney General, and each of their members, staff, attorneys, investigators, experts, hearing officers, consultants and agents are immune from any liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to information and data acquired by the CCB. Respondent agrees to release the State of Nevada, the CCB, the Office of the Attorney General, and each of their members, staff, attorneys, investigators, experts, hearing officers, consultants and agents from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any and/or all of the persons, government agencies or entities named in this Paragraph, arising out of, or by reason of, CCB's investigation of the matters set forth in its Complaint, the matters set forth in this Stipulation and Order, or the administration of CCB Case No. 2020-018.
- 22. No Precedence. The Parties agree that this Stipulation and Order shall not constitute a precedent for any other issues or proceedings before the CCB, other than those set forth in this Stipulation and Order. Furthermore, this Stipulation and Order shall not be admissible in any other proceeding or action with respect to any other matter and/or any other licensee, except proceedings brought to enforce this Stipulation and Order under its terms and/or for the CCB's consideration of future disciplinary action against this Respondent, including progressive discipline pursuant to NAC 453D.905, and/or NCCR 4.035 through 4.060. As every case concerns different facts and details, this Stipulation does not act as precedence to bind CCB to impose any particular penalty, to charge or allege any particular violation, and/or to impose any particular disciplinary action in the future

for this Respondent, or any other respondent, for violations of the same statutes and/or regulations addressed in this Stipulation and Order.

- 23. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u>. The Parties each agree to bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.
- 24. <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Parties shall cooperate in executing such additional documents and performing such further acts as may be reasonably necessary to give effect to the purposes and provisions of this Stipulation and Order.
- 25. Voluntary and Informed Agreement. The Respondent represents that its owners, officers, and/or its directors, who are responsible for and able to legally bind Tryke Reno have read completely and understand fully the terms of this Stipulation and Order, that such terms are fully understood and voluntarily accepted by Respondent in advance of and as memorialized by the signing of this Stipulation and Order, and that the Respondent's signature to this Stipulation and Order indicates same. Respondent further represents that it has voluntarily entered into this Stipulation and Order to make a full, final, and complete compromise upon the terms and conditions set forth herein. Respondent further represents that any releases, waivers, discharges, covenants, and agreements provided for in this Stipulation and Order have been knowingly and voluntarily granted and without any duress or undue influence of any nature from any person or entity. The Parties, and each of them, hereby expressly acknowledge that they are each represented by counsel of their own choice in this matter and have been advised by counsel accordingly.
- 26. <u>Warranties of Authority</u>. The Parties to this Stipulation and Order, and each of them, expressly warrant and represent to all other Parties that each has the full right, title, and authority to enter into and to carry out its obligations hereunder, with the sole exception of the required approval of this Stipulation and Order by the CCB. The Parties also expressly acknowledge the foregoing authority.
- 27. <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Stipulation and Order shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and the Parties' respective successors, predecessors,

parents, affiliates, shareholders, employees, heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators.

- 28. <u>Construction</u>. The headings of all Sections and Paragraphs of this Stipulation and Order are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of the Stipulation and Order and are not intended to govern, limit, or aid in the construction or interpretation of any term or provision of this Stipulation and Order. In the event of a conflict between such caption and the paragraph at the head of which it appears, the paragraph and not such caption shall govern in the construction of this Stipulation and Order.
- 29. Governing Law. This Stipulation and Order shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without reference to conflict of law principles.
- 30. <u>Jurisdiction and Forum Selection</u>. The Parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for Clark County, to resolve any disputes related to the terms or enforcement of this Stipulation and Order. The successful or prevailing Party or Parties in such action shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees, costs, and expenses actually incurred in initiating or responding to such proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.
- 31. <u>Interpretation</u>. This Stipulation and Order is the result of negotiations among the Parties who have each negotiated and reviewed its terms. In the event a Court ever construes this Agreement, the Parties expressly agree, consent, and assent that such Court shall not construe this Agreement or any provision hereof against any Party as its drafter for purposes of interpreting any ambiguity or uncertainty in this Stipulation and Order.
- 32. <u>Time is of the Essence</u>. Time is of the essence in the performance of all terms of this Stipulation and Order.
- 33. Severability. If any portion of this Stipulation and Order, or its application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be deemed to any extent to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable as a matter of law, all remaining clauses of this Stipulation and Order and its application thereof shall be not affected and shall remain enforceable to the fullest

1	extent permitted by law.
2	34. Counterparts and Copies. This Stipulation and Order may be executed in
3	counterparts, each of which when so executed and upon delivery to counsel of record for the
4	Parties shall be deemed an original ("Counterparts"). This Stipulation and Order shall be
5	deemed executed when Counterparts of this Stipulation and Order have been executed by
6	all the Parties and/or their counsel; such Counterparts taken together shall be deemed to
7	be the Agreement. This Stipulation and Order may be executed by signatures provided by
8	electronic facsimile or email, which signatures shall be binding and effective as original
9	wet ink signatures hereupon. All fully executed copies of this Stipulation and Order are
10	duplicate originals, equally admissible in evidence.
11	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation and Order has been executed by the
12	Parties and attested by their duly authorized representatives as of the date(s) so indicated.
13	The Effective Date of this Stipulation and Order shall be the date it is ordered by the CCB.
14 15	Brest J. Date: 10-26-2020
16	Brett Scolari, Esq. (Bar No. 8251) Counsel for Respondent Tryke Reno
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18	Date: 10/26/2020
19	(printed name) Adam Ryan
20	On behalf of Respondent Tryke Reno
21	AKOTanh Date: 10727/2020
22	L. Kristopher Rath (Nev. Bar No. 5749) Ashley Balducci (Nev. Bar No. 12687)
23	Senior Deputy Attorney General Counsel for Cannabis Compliance Board
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2	ORDER
3	WHEREAS, onday of, 2020, the Nevada Cannabis
4	Compliance Board approved and adopted all the terms and conditions set forth in the
5	Stipulation and Order for Settlement of Disciplinary Action with Tryke Reno.
6	IT IS SO ORDERED.
7	SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE this day of Novake, 2020.
8	STATE OF NEVADA,
9	CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD
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