BEFORE THE CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD STATE OF NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD,

Petitioner,

Case No. 2022-74

VS.

ACRES MEDICAL LLC,

Respondent.

COMPLAINT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Cannabis Compliance Board of the State of Nevada (the "CCB"), by and through its Agent Jason Banales, in conjunction with counsel Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and Emily N. Bordelove, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General, having a reasonable basis to believe that ACRES MEDICAL LLC ("AM" or "Respondent") has violated provisions of Chapters, 678A through 678D of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS"), and the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations ("NCCR"), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the CCB's charges and allegations as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. During all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, AM held, and currently holds, the following license:

ID	License/Certificate	Last Issued / Renewed	Address
RD011	Adult-use Dispensary 11058209030610809158	06/03/2021	2320 Western Ave Las Vegas, NV 89102

- 2. During all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, AM is and was registered as a Domestic Limited-Liability Company in the State of Nevada. The Nevada Secretary of State lists the manager of AM as PT Nevada, Inc. The CCB's point of contact for AM is Kay Ann C. Tyssee.
- 3. As AM holds its license with CCB, it is subject to NRS Title 56 and the NCCR for the violations asserted herein. Therefore, AM is subject to the jurisdiction of the CCB and

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subject to discipline pursuant to NRS 678A through 678D and the relevant provisions of the NCCR.

4. Pursuant to NRS 678A.500 and 678A.510(1), the CCB's Executive Director has transmitted the details of the suspected violations of AM to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General conducted an investigation of the suspected violations to determine whether they warrant proceedings for disciplinary action. The Attorney General has recommended to the Executive Director that further proceedings are warranted, as set forth in this CCB Complaint. The CCB has authorized proceeding with disciplinary action against AM, pursuant to NRS 678A.510(2)(b). Pursuant to NRS 678A.520(1), the CCB's Executive Director has authorized service of this Complaint upon AM.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. The CCB incorporates all prior Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

A. HISTORY OF PRIOR VIOLATIONS

- 6. On or about October 15, 2020, CCB Agent Jason Bañales ("Agent BAÑALES") investigated AM's adult-use cannabis dispensary at 2320 Western Ave, Las Vegas, NV.
- 7. During the October 15, 2020 investigation, Agent BAÑALES observed AM's digital billboard at Sahara Ave. and Las Vegas Blvd. The billboard failed to include the warnings "Keep out of reach of children" and "For use only by adults 21 years of age or older," as required for cannabis advertisements under the NCCR. As a result, Agent BAÑALES issued a Statement of Deficiencies letter ("SOD") dated October 20, 2020, which required AM to submit a Plan of Correction ("POC") within 10 business days.
- 8. On October 27, 2020, AM submitted a POC to the CCB, outlining AM's plan to require weekly digital billboard inventory from all vendors to ensure correct graphics are displayed and that all assets posted carry all state required warning language. Additionally, according to the POC, once the vendor posts a billboard, the vendor sends AM a photograph of the live billboard to allow AM to visually confirm all required warnings are present and accounted for. The CCB accepted this POC.

B. SEPTEMBER 4, 2021, INVESTIGATION

- 9. On or about September 4, 2021, CCB agents Agent BAÑALES and Marvin Taylor ("Agent TAYLOR") investigated AM's adult-use cannabis dispensary facility at 2320 Western Ave, Las Vegas, NV.
- 10. At the September 4, 2021 investigation, CCB agents observed another one of AM's digital billboard advertisements at N. Jones Blvd and US-95, which displayed required warnings in a manner that was neither visible nor legible. Specifically, the warnings "Keep out of reach of children" and "For use only by adults 21 years of age of older" appeared at the bottom of the digital billboard in extremely small font size and with very low definition, rendering it illegible.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

- 11. The CCB incorporates all prior Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 12. As to license RD011, AM violated NRS 678B.520(11)(e), NCCR 4.055(1)(a)(3), & 6.120(1)(e) by failing to ensure all advertising contains such warnings as prescribed by the Board in a visible and legible manner. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 10 above, CCB agents found AM's digital billboard located at N. Jones Blvd and US-95 failed to display the language required under NCCR 6.120(1)(e) in a visible and legible manner. Accordingly, the CCB may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,250 for the first violation of NRS 678B.520(11) upon a cannabis establishment under NRS 678B.520(16)(a) and/or one (1) Category IV violation, which carries a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000. NCCR 4.055(2)(a)(1).

DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 678A.600, NCCR 4.020, 4.030, 4.035 through 4.060, and 5.100, the CCB has the discretion to impose the following disciplinary actions:

- 1. Impose a civil penalty of not more than \$90,000 for each separate violation of NRS Title 56 and the NCCR on AM's license pursuant to NCCR 4.030(1)(a); and
 - 2. Take such other disciplinary action as the CCB deems appropriate.
 - The CCB may order one or any combination of the discipline described above.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Based on the foregoing, CCB staff in conjunction with counsel for the CCB respectfully requests the CCB impose civil penalties against AM in the amount of \$6,250.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Respondent has a right to request a hearing on the charges set forth herein, pursuant to NRS 678A.510 through 678A.590. Failure to demand a hearing constitutes a waiver of the right to a hearing and to judicial review of any decision or order of the Board, but the Board may order a hearing, even if the Respondent so waives its right. NRS 678A.520(2)(e).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, you, as the Respondent, must Answer this Complaint within twenty (20) days after service of this Complaint, unless granted an extension. Pursuant to NRS 678A.520(2), in the Answer Respondent:

- (a) Must state in short and plain terms the defenses to each claim asserted.
- (b) Must admit or deny the facts alleged in the Complaint.
- (c) Must state which allegations the Respondent is without knowledge or information to form a belief as to their truth. Such allegations shall be deemed denied.
- (d) Must affirmatively set forth any matter which constitutes an avoidance or affirmative defense.
- (e) May demand a hearing. Failure to demand a hearing constitutes a waiver of the right to a hearing and to judicial review of any decision or order of the Board, but the Board may order a hearing even if the Respondent so waives its right.
- Failure to Answer or to appear at the hearing constitutes an admission by the Respondent of all facts alleged in the Complaint. The Board may take action based on such an admission and on other evidence without further notice to the Respondent. NRS 678A.520(3).

The Board shall determine the time and place of the hearing as soon as is reasonably practical after receiving the Respondent's Answer. The Board may assign a hearing officer to conduct the hearing under NCCR 2.070, 4.095, and 4.110. The Board or its assigned

hearing officer shall deliver or send by registered or certified mail a notice of hearing to all parties at least ten (10) days before the hearing. The hearing must be held within forty-five (45) days after receiving Respondent's Answer unless an expedited hearing is determined to be appropriate by the Board, in which event the hearing must be held as soon as practicable. NRS 678A.520(4). The Chair of the Board or the assigned hearing officer may grant one or more extensions to the forty-five (45) day requirement pursuant to the request of a party or an agreement by both parties.

Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing must be either: mailed via registered mail, return receipt; or emailed to:

Tyler Klimas, Executive Director Cannabis Compliance Board 700 E. Warm Springs Rd, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89119 tklimas@ccb.nv.gov

If serving its Answer and Request for Hearing via email, Respondent must ensure that it receives an acknowledgment of receipt email from the CCB as proof of service. Respondent is also requested to email a copy of its Answer and Request for Hearing to Agent BAÑALES at jbanales@ccb.nv.gov and the Senior Deputy Attorney General listed below at ebordelove@ag.nv.gov.

As the Respondent, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice, at your own expense. At the hearing, the CCB has the burden of proving the allegations in the Complaint. The CCB will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the CCB issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making this request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness's testimony and/or evidence.

If the Respondent does not wish to dispute the charges and allegations set forth

1	herein, within thirty (30) days of the service of this Complaint, Respondent may pay the			
2	civil penalties set forth above in the total amount of \$6,250 on notice to:			
3	Tyler Klimas, Executive Director Cannabis Compliance Board			
4	700 E. Warm Springs Rd, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89119			
5	YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to immediately cease the activity described above			
6	which is a violation of Nevada law.			
7	DATED: June 20, 2022 STATE OF NEVADA,			
8	CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD			
9	By: Tyler Klimas, Executive Director			
10	Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board 700 E. Warm Springs Rd, Suite 100			
11	Las Vegas, NV 89119			
12	By:			
13	Jason A. Bañales Marijuana Program Supervisor			
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15	Las Vegas, NV 89119			
16	AARON D. FORD			
17	Attorney Geberal			
18	By: Epuly N. Bordelove (Bar No. 13202)			
19	Senior Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for the Cannabis Compliance Board			
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1 DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF COMPLAINT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION 2 (Service via Mail) 3 I, Amber Virkler, hereby certify and affirm that: 4 1. I am over the age of 18 years old. 5 2. I am a Board Agent of the Cannabis Compliance Board ("CCB"), as defined in NCCR 6 1.068. 7 3. Pursuant to NRS 678A.520 and NCCR 4.075, I have served the Respondent herein with 8 the Complaint for Disciplinary Action ("Complaint") in the above captioned matter as 9 follows: 10 By placing a true and correct copy of the Complaint to be deposited for mailing in 11 the United States Mail in a sealed envelope via registered or certified mail, prepaid 12 in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Respondent's point of contact with the CCB under NCCR 2.050 at Respondent's address on file with the Board as follows: 13 Name of point of contact served: Kay Ann Tyssee 14 15 Address on file with CCB: Date of Service: June 21, 2022 16 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 17 18 Executed on June 21, 2022 (date) 19 20 21 22 23 CC: Kay Ann Tyssee, via First Class Mail 24 25 26 27 28