#### 1 BEFORE THE CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD STATE OF NEVADA 2 3 STATE OF NEVADA, CANNABIS 4 COMPLIANCE BOARD, Case No. 2022-101 5 Petitioner, 6 VS. 7 PHYSIS ONE, LLC, 8 Respondent. 9 10 COMPLAINT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION 11 The Cannabis Compliance Board of the State of Nevada (the "CCB"), by and through 12 counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and L. Kristopher Rath, 13 Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General, having a reasonable basis to believe that 14 Respondent Physis One, LLC ("POL" or "Respondent") has violated provisions of Chapters 15 678A through 678D of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS"), and the Nevada Cannabis 16 Compliance Regulations ("NCCR"), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the CCB's charges 17 and allegations as follows: 18 **JURISDICTION** 19 1. During all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, POL held, and 20 currently holds, the following licenses: 21 Last Issued / ID License Address Renewed 22 C073 Medical Cultivation 6/30/2021 23 23270793294513307743 24 RC073 Adult-use Cultivation 6/30/2021 48570745986570139944 25

2. During all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, POL is and was registered as a Domestic Limited Liability Company in the State of Nevada. The Nevada Secretary of State lists the managers of POL as Clayton K. Hurst and Barbara J. Hurst.

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The point of contact with the CCB for POL is Clayton K. Hurst.

- 3. As POL holds its licenses with CCB, it is subject to NRS Title 56 and the NCCR for the violations asserted herein. Therefore, POL is subject to the jurisdiction of the CCB and 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 POL to the Attorney General and the Attorney General has 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 Executive Director has transmitted this recommendation and information to the CCB. Pursuant to NRS 678A.510(2)(b), the CCB has voted to proceed with appropriate disciplinary action under NRS 678A.520 through 678A.600. Pursuant to NRS 678A.520(1), the CCB's Executive Director has authorized service of this Complaint upon Respondent.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 5. CCB incorporates all prior Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 6. On or about August 19, 2021, CCB agents conducted a routine inspection and audit of the POL medical and adult-use cannabis cultivation facility at
- , Nevada (the "POL Facility"). The CCB agents for this inspection were Erica Scott, Marvin Taylor and Christine Shoemaker (the "CCB Agents").
- 7. During the course of this inspection/audit, the CCB Agents found that the POL Facility was unable to provide and was not maintaining destruction logs as required by NCCR 6.080(6)(d)(9). Also, the POL Facility was unable to provide and was not maintaining harvest logs as required under 6.080(6)(d)(8).
- 8. In addition, the CCB Agents found that the POL Facility violated seed-to-sale tracking requirements because it was unable to reconcile its inventory with the information it had inputted into the seed-to-sale tracking system. More specifically, the POL Facility

listed 12 cannabis plants in METRC as located in a "Z\_Room". However, there was no such "Z\_Room" located within the POL Facility and the POL Facility employees could not locate the subject 12 cannabis plants within the POL Facility. POL's owner, Clayton K. Hurst, admitted that the "Z\_Room" was a virtual room he created in METRC and when the POL Facility was doing inventory and could not find cannabis plants, those missing plants would be placed into this virtual room while an investigation was done to attempt to locate them.

- 9. During the course of their audit/inspection, the CCB Agents also observed that the POL Facility was not maintained in a cleanly manner. There was dirt and debris on every part of the floor and stairs that could be easily tracked into all rooms where all the doors were open, and the CCB agents observed visibly soiled utensils in the packaging room, in violation of NCCR 9.085,10.055(2)(e)(10), and 10.060.
- 10. The CCB agents found improperly stored cannabis at the POL facility. Specifically, cannabis pollen<sup>1</sup> was found stored in mislabeled containers in the break room freezer allowing for potential contamination, in violation of NCCR 4.055(1)(a)(8), 10.035(2), and 10.055(2)(a).
- 11. Lastly, the CCB agents found additional improper conditions and regulatory violations during their inspection/audit, including:
  - a. Multiple containers of pesticide and fertilizers all open at the same time within the POL Facility, allowing for the potential of contamination of cannabis and/or cannabis products, in violation of NCCR 10.055(2)(a);
  - b. A failure to keep plants and bagged or boxed components at least 15 inches off the floor and suitably spaced to permit cleaning and inspection, in violation of NCCR 10.035(3) and 10.055(2)(c); and,
  - c. A failure to maintain cleaning logs as required under NCCR 10.040(2)(c) and (3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Per NRS 678.085: "Cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to the term "marijuana" in NRS 453.096. NRS 453.096 states that "marijuana means all parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not".

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## VIOLATIONS OF LAW

- 12. CCB incorporates all prior Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 13. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.050(1)(a)(3) & (14) and NCCR 6.080(6)(d)(9), for failing to keep required records and failing to meet the requirements for disposal of cannabis waste. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 7, above, POL failed to maintain proper destruction logs and was unable to provide any destruction logs to CCB agents when requested. This is a Category III violation, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$10,000. NCCR 4.050(2)(a)(1).
- 14. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.050(1)(a)(3) & (12) and 6.080(7), by failing to comply with seed-to-sale tracking requirements because it could not reconcile physical inventory with seed-to-sale tracking information it had entered into METRC. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 8, above, POL listed 12 cannabis plants in a virtual room in METRC that could not be located in the POL facility on the date of the aforementioned inspection/audit. This is a second Category III violation, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$30,000 and/or a suspension of not more than 10 days. NCCR 4.050(2)(a)(2).
- 15. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.040(1)(a)(3), 10.040(2)(c) and (3), for failing to keep required records. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 11(c), above, POL failed to keep required records regarding cleaning by failing to maintain cleaning logs and provide them to the CCB Agents on request. This is a third Category III violation, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$90,000 and/or a suspension of not more than 20 days. NCCR 4.050(2)(a)(3).
- 16. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.050(1)(a)(3) & (14) and NCCR 6.080(6)(d)(8), for failing to keep required records Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 7, above, POL failed to maintain required harvest logs and could not provide such logs when CCB agents requested them. This is a fourth Category III violation, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$90,000 and a suspension of not more than 60 days. NCCR 4.050(2)(a)(4).

- 17. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.055(1)(a)(9), 9.085, 10.055(2)(e)(10), and 10.060, for failing to properly wash and sanitize product contact surfaces. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 9, above, there was dirt and debris on every part of the floor and stairs that could be easily tracked into all rooms and the CCB agents observed visibly soiled utensils in the packaging room. This is a Category IV violation, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$5,000. NCCR 4.055(2)(a)(1).
- 18. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.055(1)(a)(8), 10.035(2), and 10.055(2)(a), for failing to properly store cannabis. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 10, above, POL improperly stored cannabis in mislabeled containers in the break room freezer allowing for potential contamination. This is a second Category IV violation, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 and/or a suspension for not more than 7 days. NCCR 4.055(2)(a)(2).
- 19. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.060(1)(a)(6) and 10.055(2)(a), for failing to ensure it followed processes designed to prevent contamination. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 11(a), above, the CCB agents observed multiple containers of pesticide and fertilizers all open at the same time within the POL Facility, allowing for the potential of contamination of cannabis and/or cannabis products. This is a Category V violation, which carries with it a formal warning. NCCR 4.060(2)(a)(1).
- 20. As to licenses C073 and RC073, Respondent POL violated NCCR 4.060(1)(a)(6), 10.035(3), and 10.055(2)(c) for failing to ensure that all items are stored at least six inches from the floor. Specifically, as set forth in Paragraph 11(b), above, the CCB agents observed that certain items were stored less than six inches above the floor of the facility. This is a second Category V violation, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$2,500. NCCR 4.060(2)(a)(2).

## **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. Suspend the cultivation licenses of POL;
- 2. Impose a civil penalty of not more than \$90,000 for each separate violation of NRS Title 56 and the NCCR on the cultivation licenses of POL; and
  - 3. 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, counsel for the CCB respectfully requests the CCB impose the penalty of a 97-day suspension, civil penalties against POL in the amount of \$237,500, and a written warning regarding POL's first Category V violation, for C073 and RC073.

## 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 his or her right. NRS 678A.520(2)(e).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, you, as the Respondent, must answer this Complaint within 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 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 his or her 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 10 days before the hearing. The hearing must be held within 45 days after receiving the 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 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 East Warm Springs Road, Ste. 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 tklimas@ccb.nv.gov

If served by email, Respondent must ensure that it receives an acknowledgement of receipt email from CCB as proof of service.

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.

1 You have the right to request that the CCB issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to 2 testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making this request, you may be 3 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 4 herein, within 30 days of the service of this Complaint, Respondent may pay the civil 5 penalties set forth above in the total amount of \$237,500, and discontinue its operations for 6 7 97 days during which its license is suspended, on notice to: Tyler Klimas, Executive Director 8 Cannabis Compliance Board 700 East Warm Springs Road, Ste. 100 9 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 10 11 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to immediately cease the activity described above 12 which is a violation of Nevada law. 13 DATED: August , 2022. 14 15 16 Bv: 17 Tyler Klimas, Executive Director Cannabis Compliance Board 18 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 19 20 21 AARON D. FORD 22 Attorney General 23 24 L. Kristopher Rath (Bar No. 5749) Senior Deputy Attorney General 25 Senior Deputy Attorney General 26 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 27 (702) 486-9287 28

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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. 3. Pursuant to NRS 678A.520 and NCCR 4.075, I have served the Respondent herein with 7 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 13 2.050 at Respondent's address on file with the Board as follows: Name of point of contact served: Clayton Hurst 14 Address on file with CCB: 15 Date of Service: August 12, 2022 16 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 17 18 Executed on August 12, 2022 (date) 19 (signature) 20 21cc: Clayton Hurst, via First Class Mail 22 23 24252627

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