

Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board

Meeting Minutes March 21, 2024

The Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) held a public meeting at 700 E. Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, Nevada and 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite L235, Reno, Nevada beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2024.

Cannabis Compliance Board Members Present:

Adriana Guzmán Fralick, Chair

Riana Durrett, Vice Chair

Hon. Michael Douglas

Jerrie Merritt

Dr. Vicki Mazzorana

Chair Guzmán Fralick called the meeting to order.

Executive Director James Humm took the roll. Chair Guzmán Fralick was present in Reno, Vice Chair Durrett, Member Douglas, and Member Merritt were present in Las Vegas and Member Mazzorana was present via video conference.

Chair Guzmán Fralick provided instruction regarding public conference limited to three minutes per person.

Instructions to join the meeting the meeting via Zoom for public comment were read aloud.

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment in Las Vegas, Carson City or via telephone.

II. Meeting Minutes

A. Consideration of approval of the January 31, 2024, Cannabis Compliance Board Meeting minutes.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion on the January 31, 2024, Solicitation of Input meeting minutes. Member Merritt made a motion for approval of the minutes. Member Durrett seconded the motion. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of approval of the February 15, 2024, Cannabis Compliance Board Meeting minutes.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion on the February 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Member Mazzorana made a motion for approval of the minutes. Member Merritt seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

III. Consideration of Approval for a Conditional License for a Cannabis Consumption Lounge

A. The Standard Lounge LLC (ACON-A22-00064)

David Staley, Division Chief of Investigations presented an overview of the request for a conditional license for an independent consumption lounge in unincorporated Clark County Nevada. Chief Staley reported that all required information is submitted for this application to move to conditional license status. The Standard Lounge LLC plans to operate as a bar and no areas of concern were identified with the application. Arsalane Qazi, Brice Page were introduced and Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for affirmative presentations or questions. Mr. Qazi stated that

there are no questions and expressed thanks to Investigator Covington for his work and assistance through the process of this application. Harris Khan also expressed appreciation for Inspector Covington's efforts. Brice Page presented an overview of The Standard Lounge and topics included its mission, intended location, size of facility, hours of operation and showed concept art. An overview of intended operations, offerings and compliance standards and protocols was presented. The intended timeline for operations to begin is 10-12 months from obtaining the conditional license.

Member Douglas asked to confirm the location and the nearest major cross streets; Mr. Page stated that the location is near Russell Road. Member Douglas asked if there were any issues regarding air handling with the County. Mr. Qazi stated that there are no known issues at this time and provided additional information regarding the proposed layout of the building.

Member Durrett asked for the intended opening date and the number of anticipated employees; Mr. Khan said the anticipated date is by the end of 2024 but it would adjust according to construction delays and stated there may be 10 employees at opening, but this may be adjusted due to the number of shifts. Mr. Qazi said that there may be a necessary adjustment due to the square footage and that it may be closer to 30 employees at the start. Member Durrett asked for clarification on the concept. Mr. Qazi replied the intended concept is an entertainment focus but could not provide details due to competition. Member Durrett asked about the financing and if recent court decisions will impact the plans. Mr. Qazi responded that there will be no negative impact.

There were no additional questions from Board Members. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion for approval of a conditional license for The Standard Lounge LLC. Member Durrett made a motion for approval conditional license for The Standard Lounge. Member Douglas seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

B. Shanghai Lounge LLC (ACON-A22-00028)

David Staley, Division Chief of Investigations presented an overview of the request for a conditional license for an independent consumption lounge in unincorporated Clark County Nevada. Chief Staley reported that Shanghai Lounge submitted all required information for this application to move to conditional license status and plans to operate as a premier nighttime venue for locals and tourists with an Asian and old school Las Vegas theme. Chief Staley stated Maggie McLetchie, Dr. Joseph Weintraub and Jungyoun Eickmeyer were available for questions. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for affirmative presentations or questions.

Dr. Weintraub identified himself as the owner/proprietor of Shanghai Lounge LLC and presented an overview of this business operations, security, smoke mitigation plans, security and purchasing. Additional presentation points included plans to prioritize social equity and community engagement, partnerships with local artists and support of minority-owned businesses.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if there were questions from Board members.

Member Douglas asked if a specific location was identified. Dr. Weintraub replied that he is currently looking for and attempting to negotiate possible locations and hopes to secure a location around Spring Mountain and Decatur. Member Douglas asked about square footage. Dr. Weintraub stated that the concept is not completely worked out so he wants to keep it at about 2000 square feet, and hopes to open in late fall or early winter 2024.

Member Mazzorana asked if the Arts District would be a possible location; Dr. Weintraub replied that his license is in Clark County and the Arts District is in the City of Las Vegas. There were no additional questions from Board Members. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion for approval of a conditional license for Shanghai Lounge LLC. Member Douglas made a motion for approval conditional license for Shanghai Lounge. Member Merritt seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

IV. Request for Transfer of Interest

Chief David Staley presented the transfers of interest to the Board.

A. High Sierra Holistics LLC (TOI 2300017) (C108, RC108, P069, RP069, RD665)

Chief Staley stated TOI 2300017 was filed requesting approval for the transfer of 3% ownership between existing members. High Sierra Holistics (“HSH”) is a vertically-integrated cannabis licensee with cultivation and production facilities in Reno and a dispensary in Mound House, Nevada. A transfer of interest was approved without written consent of the HSH’s managing members and without prior CCB approval. HSH promptly filed the appropriate TOI application and CCB staff explained the transfer should have been pre-approved. HSH applied for a waiver of NCCR 5.110 pursuant to 5.112. If approved, the requirements for prior Board approval of transfers of less than 5% of High Sierra ownership will be waived. Chief Staley stated that HSH has adequately addressed requirements of NCCR 5.112 to allow for Board approval, and CCB staff suggests that if approved, the Board limit High Sierra’s 5.110 waiver to expire on its next TOI agenda date no areas of concern were identified. Chief Staley introduced Ashlee Ernst, Russell Ernst, Sean Gamble and Judith Adams. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for affirmative presentations or questions.

Mr. Ernst introduced himself as managing member of High Sierra Holistics and explained the reason for the purchase of the 3% interest.

Chair Guzmán Fralick requested additional information regarding the small internal transfer of interest of 3% from one member to another and asked when it occurred. Mr. Ernst replied that it occurred in September 2023, and he made staff aware of this.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if there were questions from Board Members. There were no additional questions from Board Members. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion. Member Douglas made a motion to approve the transfer of interest with a waiver of NCCR 5.110 pursuant to 5.112, noting the transfer was minor and there is a history of compliance. Member Merritt seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

B. C21 Investments Inc. (TOI 2300031) (D002, RD002, D2024, RD204) and Deep Roots Harvest Inc. (RD400)

Chief Staley provided an overview of TOI 2300031 filed by C21 Investments Inc., (“C21”) requesting approval for C21 to purchase dispensary license number RD400 through its subsidiary Silver State Relief LLC (“Silver State”) from Deep Roots Harvest Inc. (“Deep Roots”) Chief Staley advised that C21 is a vertically-integrated cannabis company and the new dispensary in Reno will join existing dispensary operations in Sparks and Fernley Nevada. No areas of concern were identified during the investigation. Chief Staley introduced Daniel Guidici and Aron Swan. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for affirmative presentations or questions.

Mr. Guidici thanked Investigator Dean for her work on the transfer of interest request.

Member Durrett opined that both are great and well-operating companies, and she would like to see them continue to thrive in Nevada.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked to clarify that Silver State is buying one of Deep Roots' dispensaries and asked to confirm the location is in Reno. Mr. Guidici replied in the affirmative. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked, pending approval, if there will be any anticipated change in personnel. Mr. Guidici said that it will be up to C21 to determine if they will reemploy the staff. Mr. Swan stated there is an anticipation of doubling the staff over time, depending on volume and success.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for any additional questions or comments. Lori Rogich on behalf of Deep Roots Harvest and John Marshall, Chief Operating Officer introduced themselves and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if there were questions from Board Members. There were no additional questions from Board Members. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion. Member Durrett made a motion to approve the transfer of interest between C21 Investments and Deep Roots Harvest. Member Douglas seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

V. Consideration of License Agreements

A. TGNV LLC (C025, RC025, P016, RP016) and Truckee Canyon PM, LLC – Lease Agreement

Chief Staley presented an overview of the management service agreements (“MSA”), starting with the lease agreement for TGNV LLC and Truckee Canyon PM LLC and its profit-sharing component. CCB staff reviewed and found the application appropriate. Chief Staley introduced Amanda Connor from Connor and Connor and Zacharay Kozak via Zoom, an owner of TGNV LLC. Chief Staley noted that reorganization from TGNV LLC to TGNV Inc.

Ms. Connor clarified that the license holder, TGNV LLC remains a limited liability company, and the parent company, Tetra Gardens did a statutory conversion to Tetra Gardens Inc. and before the Board today is the lease agreement for TGNV LLC.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for any additional questions or if clarification is needed regarding the lease.

Member Douglas requested confirmation of location and Ms. Connor replied that it is located in unincorporated Washoe County. Member Douglas asked if it is east or south, and Ms. Douglas stated it is in South Reno.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for any questions regarding the transaction. Member Douglas made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Member Merritt seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

B. The Source Holding LLC (P063, RP063, T056) and Green Mountain Holdings LLC – Intellectual Property Agreement

Chief Staley stated the licensing agreement between The Source Holding LLC and Green Mountain Holdings LLC provides for Green Mountain to receive a percentage of revenue from the sale of revenue the products licensed to the source. CCB staff reviewed the agreement and found it appropriate. Chief Staley introduced Jacques Santucci (zoom), Amanda Connor and Levon Voskericyan.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for any questions regarding the transaction.

Member Douglas asked if the ownership is local or out of state. Ms. Connor on behalf of The Source Holding LLC responded that Green Mountain Holdings is primarily out of state looking to work with The Source in Nevada. Member Douglas replied that he wanted to understand if it is a legal entity in a different jurisdiction without any issues. Ms. Connor stated that Jessica Nelson with the Source was in attendance and understood that the products were previously in the Nevada market and the intent is to work with a different licensee with this agreement. Member Douglas responded that he wants to know who they are and where they are from.

Member Durrett asked for the status of The Source's receivership. Ms. Connor replied that the receiver is in the process of receivership and one TOI is submitted to CCB for one of the licenses and the receiver is working through the process. Member Durrett asked how many licenses are included in the receivership action and Ms. Connor said The Source may have 10 different establishments. Member Durrett requested clarification if one of the ten is in the process of being transferred and Ms. Conner affirmatively responded and said the receivership is exploring opportunities for what to do with the licenses. Member Durrett asked if a management company is in place and Ms. Connor said the receiver is overseeing the operations.

Mr. Santucci provided a brief update on the receivership.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion. Member Durrett made a motion to approve the Intellectual Property Agreement. Member Merritt seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

C. The Hempire Company LLC (C184, RC184, P120, RP120) and Qualcan LLC – Management Services Agreement

Chief Staley presented an overview of the management services agreement and stated that The Hempire Company LLC ("Hempire") is currently in receivership and its licenses have been suspended for various regulatory violations. The MSA provides for Qualcan to provide services for all components of Hempire operations with the goal of making Hempire fully compliant and back in operation. Chief Staley that a future TOI is anticipated, allowing Qualcan to purchase Hempire's cultivation and production licenses CCB staff reviewed the agreement and found it appropriate. Chief Staley introduced Jared Kahn, John Savage, Kevin Singer and Michael Cristalli.

Chair Guzmán Fralick noted that this is a complex transaction, the Board reviewed all documents and asked if there is an affirmative presentation.

John Savage, on behalf of Kevin Singer, Hempire's court appointed receiver provided background on the receivership, the summary suspension and non-operational status. Mr. Savage stated that supplemental plans of correction have been submitted, but limitations on company resources exist which precluded the receiver from meeting conditions needed to lift the summary suspension. He noted three main conditions to lift the suspension and explained that the receivership does not have the available funds to undertake these requirements. Mr. Savage continued to explain that the MSA provides the opportunity to resolve the issues and is pending CCB approval, and a court hearing on the asset purchase is set for April 22, 2024. He defined these as separate issues and explained that the MSA will allow the company to be operational again.

Member Douglas mentioned a letter received from David Baker, the prior manager, and asked for comment. Mr. Savage acknowledged that Mr. Baker was the prior manager and stated that

discussions have occurred, but no viable solutions were reached.

Michael Cristalli spoke on behalf of Qualcan regarding the management service agreement and provided a summary of Qualcan's involvement in the transaction. He stated that significant work is needed to bring Hempire into compliance and to prepare the operation to where harvest can be maintained, and they cannot get onto the property without the MSA.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for clarification regarding viability or no viability of plants. Mr. Cristalli replied that Qualcan must get in and destroy plants in the greenhouses and fumigate. The remaining product is in Conex containers secured by the CCB pending investigation and potential release. He continued, stating that additional product is contained in the production facility pending CCB determination.

Member Durrett asked how Mr. Baker manages and if the receiver would replace Mr. Baker. Mr. Savage stated that Mr. Baker is not the manager and has not been involved in operations since the receiver was appointed during the summary suspension. Member Durrett requested additional information regarding the asset purchase agreement and said that it does not appear to include the production license. Mr. Savage said that an addendum was submitted to clarify that the cultivation and production licenses are included.

Chair Guzmán Fralick discussed the bidding process and Mr. Baker's complaint that the deal is circumventing this process, and expressed her understanding that this presents the most viable option to salvage the company. She asked for clarification on how it will affect the bidding process.

Kevin Singer, court appointed receiver responded that there is a secured creditor and many others who are owed money, and there is the matter of compliance with Nevada regulations. He stated that the goal is to take care of creditors. Mr. Cristalli said that the licensee's concern is related to a third-party acquiring the asset, resulting in a potential loss of money. He stated that the argument of an unfair overbid is misplaced because of the cost, and there is no financial windfall for the licensee manager.

Mr. Savage addressed procedures, the pending court hearing, opposition and distribution of proceeds. He reiterated that all of this is subject to court approval.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if there were additional questions from Board members for Mr. Baker or any of the presenters. There were no additional questions from Board Members. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion. Member Douglas made a motion to approve the management service agreement. Member Durrett seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

VI. Consideration of Application for Appointment of a Cannabis Receiver over MJ Holdings, Inc (C202, RC202, P133, RP133) Pursuant to NCCR 5.175(1)

Senior Deputy Attorney General Allison Herr presented the receivership application from Kevin Singer for a cannabis agent registration card for a cannabis receiver over MJ Holdings. Ms. Herr provided an overview of MJ Holdings, of the creditor's motion for appointment of receiver and unsuccessful attempts to collect on the judgment. She provided an overview of the judge's finding and stated that there is a temporary restraining order and appointment of Kevin Singer as temporary receiver, with a pending hearing to consider expanding the scope of receivership and making it permanent. Ms. Herr stated that the licensee was notified of all proceedings, and that CCB Staff advised that Mr. Singer completed all the application requirements for a temporary agent card. Ms. Herr introduced Mr. Singer and Mr. Savage.

Member Douglas asked Ms. Herr if Mr. Singer will be required to return to make another request if a temporary card is approved. Ms. Herr clarified that under NCCR 5.175 Mr. Singer can be appointed as a receiver subject to expansion of duties should the court be inclined to do so.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if there were additional questions and introduced Mr. Savage and Mr. Singer.

Mr. Savage discussed a current court order and limitation of the receiver's authority to take possession of and review books and records and reporting to receivership court. He stated that members of the company have not been able to identify or provide necessary documentation. He stated that it seems likely that the court will extend this to a permanent receivership and said that there is not yet an order authorizing the receiver to take possession of assets. Mr. Savage continued to explain that exigent circumstances exist which allow the Board to consider and approve the receiver's agent card under NCCR 5.175, subject to the court extending to a permanent receivership.

Member Douglas asked if the business was operating, and Mr. Singer replied in the affirmative and explained that additional matters are on the agenda regarding the company, transfer and compliance.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if there were additional questions and agreed that exigent circumstances exist which will allow the Board to grant the agent card under NCCR 5.175(1). There were no additional questions from Board Members. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion. Member Douglas made a motion to approve the temporary receiver status. Member Merrit seconded.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked Ms. Herr if it is sufficient to grant the receivership under exigent circumstances and Ms. Herr concurred.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if there was any discussion from the Board and asked for a vote. Member Douglas made a motion to approve temporary receivership with the understanding that the court may expand. Member Merrit seconded. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for additional discussion; there was none. Chair Guzmán Fralick called for a vote and all Members said aye. Motion carried.

VII. Status Check on Conditional Transfer of Interest for MJ Distributing C202 LLC; MJ Distributing P133 LLC; and MJ Holdings, Inc.

Chief Staley discussed the status check on the conditional transfer of interest between CCB and MJ Holdings, Inc. He provided a recap of a TOI approved in August 2023 and ten areas of concern identified in the investigative report. A conditional approval agreement was reached which included eight conditions with which the company agreed to comply. In March 2024 CCB staff became aware that MJ Holdings violated at least five of the conditions in the conditional agreement and Chief Staley provided detail on the violations. Chief Staley noted that he communicated the concerns to the point of contact, Robert Yang on March 18, 2024 and stated that enforcement staff personally served notice to Timothy Luff, Robert Yang, Benjawan Tran and Gioong Ho that their appearance was required.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for affirmative presentations. Robert Yang, point of contact and Benjawan Tran, staff accountant and secretary spoke on behalf of MJ Holdings.

Member Douglas noted that people were appointed, and they are gone; the compliance person is gone. Member Douglas stated that this was part of the terms allowing operation to continue and he asked to know what is occurring. Mr. Yang provided background on MJ Distributing, nka MJ Holdings and the transfer of interest conditions set in August 2024. Mr. Yang clarified that he is not an employee of MJ Holdings; rather, he is a creditor, and his company is MKC Development Group. He provided details on the funds that were provided to MJ Holdings and explained that he was unaware that MJ Holdings was not licensed when they entered into a management services agreement. Mr. Yang stated that he has worked with MJ Holdings and their operators to keep the company afloat with hopes to avoid court. He explained that he is point of contact only because there is nobody available at MJ Holdings and he works with compliance counsel to answer questions as he can. Mr. Yang stated that he told Chief Staley that Brian Hardy is the compliance counsel and there are attempts to find a replacement but there are conflict checks, and nobody will take their case.

Mr. Yang stated that MJ Holdings is current with the financials field with the SEC and clarified that he does not represent MJ Holdings. He stated his position to keep in compliance and keep the operation going.

Member Durrett commented that she would like to see Brian Hardy appear because it is not appropriate for him to not show for the hearing due to the complexities of this matter.

Mr. Yang stated that Timothy Luff is the CEO, Gioong Ho is the COO and Benjawan Tran is the CFO, meeting the condition that there are at least three board members with those titles. Member Durrett asked if Chief Staley was aware of those officers and directors, and Chief Staley explained that no formal notification of changes to officers was received by the CCB. Chief Staley learned about the changes during verbal communication with Mr. Yang.

Chief Staley continued to explain that the receiver mentioned this concern in a motion that there were no identified officers. CCB was aware of Ms. Tran as CFO, and that was the only formal notification.

Member Durrett would like to see a hearing like an order to show cause hearing, showing why the settlement agreement terms should not be enforced and she would like Brian Hardy to appear.

Member Douglas agreed with Member Durrett and asked for clarification as to where the court stands in regard to the receiver.

John Savage spoke on behalf of Kevin Singer and explained that many of the questions were raised in the court hearing and mentioned the upcoming decision regarding the evidentiary hearing and filing of the receiver's report on March 29, 2024.

Member Douglas expressed concern regarding the violation of the current agreement and the need to review this very closely.

Attorney Mark Hutchins, on behalf of Terry Tierney, offered to provide additional information; Member Douglas deferred to the Chair.

Chair Guzmán Fralick stated that the proper forum for vetting is in District Court during the evidentiary hearing. She expressed gratitude to the parties who attended the meeting to explain

what occurred but will allow Mr. Singer to gather all the documents since he is assigned as receiver. Chair Guzmán Fralick said the Board will wait to see what the court decides at the end of March 2024.

Mr. Yang disagreed with the violations and stated that they had counsel who withdrew and then they did not have representation.

Chair Guzmán Fralick mentioned the agreement with MJ Holdings and the preliminary hearings that must occur before violations are charged and explained that investigative reporting will determine whether there will be charges. Mr. Yang responded that they are complying, and that CCB was notified of persons in charge. He expressed that they seek to divest themselves and do not want to be involved with the SEC. This will remove the burden and allow MJ Distributing to keep jobs and plan for expansion.

Member Douglas suggested continuing for one month to clarify the issues and to ensure proper parties to the court action are before the CCB.

Chair Guzmán Fralick agreed with the suggestion to continue.

Member Durrett commented that the CCB will not be the correct forum for these issues and stated that legal rights between the parties must be determined by the courts. She added that notification to Brian Hardy to appear at the next hearing to properly inform CCB that he is no longer representing the party would be helpful.

Chair Guzmán Fralick agreed with Member Durrett and expressed that she would like another update in one month after the District Court hearing.

Member Douglas asked if Madame Chair was willing to accept a motion. Chair Guzmán Fralick said yes and clarified this will be a motion for possible action.

Member Douglas made a motion to continue the matter for one month as to the status check following the court hearing. Member Durrett seconded. Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for additional discussion; there was none. Chair Guzmán Fralick called for a vote and all Members said aye. Motion carried.

Chair Guzmán Fralick noted that Member Mazzorana called in and may have technical difficulties.

VIII. Approvals and Resolutions

A. Notice of Final Licensure

- 1. International Service and Rebuilding Inc. (C211, P141)**
- 2. Cheyenne Medical Sammy Davis RD263 LLC (CLA002)**
- 3. Wellness Connection of Nevada LLC (RD633)**

Steve Gilbert, Division Chief of Administration presented an overview of items 1 through 3: licenses issued after the February 2024 Board meeting. Chief Gilbert provided summary details for each establishment, the inspection and audit, compliance reports and issuance of statements of no deficiencies and final licenses.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked if Cheyenne is the first fully approved cannabis lounge to open. Chief Gilbert responded in the affirmative and stated that this agenda is to provide final notice to the

Board that the license is issued.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for any questions. There were no additional questions from Board Members.

IX. Petition filed Pursuant to Senate Bill 277 Section 4.5(1)

A. Charles Anthony Irvin

The Board went into closed session for this item. The Board came back on the record following closed session.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked for a motion. Member Durrett made a motion to approve the petition. Member Merritt seconded. All Members said aye. Motion carried.

X. Briefing from the Chair and Executive Director

Executive Director Humm provided updates and reminded everyone that the CAC met on February 23, 2024 to discuss the report prepared by the Subcommittee on Rescheduling and Descheduling and noted that the larger group reviewed and made a change to and ratified the report which was then sent to the legislature. He stated that the report is available on the CCB website and Director Humm thanked the subcommittee for their work and commended the advisory commission for their discussion and vote.

There will be an open workshop on Packaging and Labeling at the CCB offices on Thursday, March 28 and written public comments are being accepted. Director Humm thanked everyone for their feedback and participation.

Director Humm noted that Amber Virkler will leave the CCB at the end of March 2024 and expressed gratitude for her service to the CCB and the State of Nevada. Director Humm thanked her for assistance transitioning him into the role and for her commitment to the state.

Chair Guzmán Fralick thanked Ms. Virkler for everything she's done and expressed her appreciation and wished her good luck in her future endeavors.

Chair Guzmán Fralick asked Director Humm if the Chair of the CAC could attend the CCB meetings so that the bodies could meet and receive input from each other. Director Humm stated he is the Chair of the CAC and would extend the invitation to the chairs of the subcommittees.

Member Durrett congratulated Ms. Virkler. Member Douglas expressed that Ms. Virkler always went above and beyond to help get everything done. Member Merritt thanked Ms. Virkler for everything and said she will be missed. Member Mazzorano said she appreciates the help extended to her.

XI. Next Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2024.

XII. Items for Future Agendas

None were discussed.

XIII. Public Comment

Abad Piza gave his time to Timothy Eli Addo. Mr. Eli Addo spoke on behalf of Kora Lounge, stated that he received an email from CCB regarding an audit and said he complied with the request and stated he believes there is discrimination because he spoke out, but he will not be silenced. He stated that he spoke to the Governor's office and did receive a response from the CCB. He said he made claims to the Governor's office that were ignored, and he was then audited instead of the CCB. Mr. Eli Addo has not received any confirmation or email to indicate receipt of the claims. Mr. Eli Addo played an audio recording to support his stated claims and asked why the claims sent to the Governor's office and filed with the Attorney General's office were ignored. Mr. Addo thought that there was an unfair advantage and asked for transparency and ethical process.

Katree Saunders spoke as a patient advocate, thanked the **Board** for their time and echoed statements made by Timothy Eli Addo, calling for transparency and reform. Ms. Saunders expressed her concern that despite changing leadership business practices remain the same. She believes she was deliberately excluded from regulation changes and believes that it is an intentional attempt to silence her because she speaks out and she continues to face oppression. Ms. Saunders discussed her prior public comment where she voiced her concern regarding the importance of labeling cannabis that has been exposed to radiation. Ms. Saunders said that any lack of transparency is unacceptable and wants to ensure that there is a safe and thriving cannabis industry in Nevada. Ms. Saunders stated her belief that the cannabis lounge bill does not benefit the people who were affected by the war on drugs, but rather, it benefits existing owners.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.