Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation Cannabis Control Board Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 | Time: 2:00 p.m. Zoom Video Conference: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82394036932

BOARD MEMBERS	POSITION TITLE	SIGNATURE	
Dafne Shimizu	Vice Chairwoman – Director. DRT	ZOOM	
Marie Lizama	Deputy Director, DRT		
Theresa Arriola	Member - Director, GBHW	ZOOM	
Cid Mostales	Member – DPHSS Designee	ZOOM	
Stephen Ignacio	Member - Chief, GPD	ZOOM	

This is to certify that the above information is true and correct:

Board Secretary

09/26/2022

DAFNE MANSAPIT-SHIMIZU, Director Direktot MARIE P. LIZAMA, Deputy Director Sigundo Direktot

September 15, 2022

To:

Cannabis Control Board (CCB)

From:

Director, DRT

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

Subject:

CCB Regular Meeting #41 – September 26, 2022, 2:00 p.m., (Final)

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- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call of Members/Quorum:
- III. Secretary's Report:
 - A) CCB Meeting #40 Minutes July 25, 2022

IV. Old Business:

- A) Seed to Sale System Implementation
- B) Cannabis Banking Related Issues
- C) Sub-Committee Updates

V. New Business:

- A) Cannabis Industry Act Business Regulations Orientation
- B) Cannabis Identification Card Application(s): Responsible Official:

NEW:

1. **DRT-CICA-2022-001**:

CRUZ, David U.

Pacific Roots, LLC Dba: Pacific Cultivation

See attached.

Board	Approved	Denied	Conditional	Table	
Action			Approval		

2. **DRT-CICA-2022-002:**

ROBERTO, Stephen P. See attached.

Guam's Real Deal, LLC Dba: Green Flash Guam

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- VI. Other Discussions:
 - a. Letter to the Cannabis Control Board Re: Bella Wings Aviation, LLC
- VII. Next CC Board Meeting:
- VIII. Open Forum/Public Comment:
 - IX. Meeting Adjourned:

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu Director

Prepared by: Millie I. Lujan

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022

Opening

Vice-Chair Shimizu called the regular meeting of the Cannabis Control Board to order at 2:04 p.m. on September 26, 2022

Location: Zoom

Meeting ID: 698 255 5129 Password: CCBGUAM

Attendees Present:

Dafne Shimizu (DRT), Vice-Chair

Charlene Flores (DOAG)

Theresa Arriola (GBHWC)

Cid Mostales (DPHSS)

Chief Steven Ignacio, (GPD)

Apologies:

Vanessa Williams (Appointee), Chair

Nico Fujikawa (GVB)

Ursula Herrera (Appointee), Secretary

Quorum present? Yes

III. Secretary's Report

A. Meeting Minutes - CCB #40, July 25, 2022

Chief Ignacio made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2022 (CCB #40) meeting. Director Arriola seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Seed to Sale System Implementation

Member Mostales reported that DPHSS has been meeting with DRT and Metrc to learn how to use the system for cultivator manufacturing and dispensary. He advised that once a licensee is ready to launch, Metrc will show them how to use the system and provide training. Craig from DRT confirmed that the fit-gap analysis has been completed and that FAQs are in progress. The Board was advised that the next meeting with Metrc is scheduled for October 4.

Vice-Chair Shimizu provided an overview of the next steps for the seed-to-sale system,

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and license and permit processing.

B. Cannabis Banking Related Issues

Vice-Chair Shimizu advised that DRT received applications for Responsible Official Cannabis Identification Card, and after several months of discussions, the banks confirmed that they would receive money, by cheque or cash only, for licensing applications. Further discussion on other forms of payments for other cannabis related activities are ongoing.

The Board was further advised that orientations on cannabis business license were provided to the various regulating agencies, including DHPSS, Land Management, DPW, Guam Fire Department, and DRT's compliance, licensing and tax branches.

C. Sub-Committee Updates

Vice-Chair Shimizu provided an overview of the four sub-committees that were created in 2019, but none have been active recently. She indicated that they should be revived to provide information about the rules and regulations, hold an annual summit and create educational campaigns about safe consumption, usage, etc.

- 1. Rules and Regulations Committee led by DRT
- 2. Lab Testing Committee led by DPHSS
- 3. Economic Committee led by GVB
- 4. Public Awareness Committee led by GBHWC

The Board agreed to reach out to the previous committee members to reconvene subcommittee meetings.

The Vice-Chair recognized DRT Deputy Director Lizama who joined the meeting.

V. New Business

A. Cannabis Industry Act - Business Regulations Orientation

Vice-Chair Shimizu advised the Board that there has been general orientation on the basics of obtaining a cannabis business license so that agencies are aware of their responsibilities. Director Arriola expressed interest in attending the next session. Vice-Chair agreed to send a notice to the Board for the next orientation.

B. Cannabis Identification Card Application(s) - Responsible Official

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Vice-Chair Shimizu advised that two applications for Responsible Official were received and that DRT completed a review and investigative report, which was circulated to the Board. Vice-Chair Shimizu reported that both applicants were compliant with the rules and regulations for Responsible Officials. DRT recommended that their Cannabis Identification Cards be approved by the Board.

The applications were recirculated to the Board, and the meeting was recessed for five minutes to allow Board members the opportunity to review the applications before continuing discussions.

1. CRT-CICA-2022-001: Cruz, David U. - DBA: Pacific Cultivation

The Board reviewed the application from Mr. David U. Cruz.

2. CRT-CICA-2022-002: Roberto, Stephen P. - DBA: Green Flash Guam

The Board reviewed the application from Mr. Stephen P. Roberto.

Director Arriola made a motion to approve the Cannabis Identification Card applications from Mr. David U. Cruz and Mr. Stephen P. Roberto as submitted to the Cannabis Control Board. Member Mostales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board congratulated the applicants. For next steps, she advised that DRT is required to issue the Cannabis Identification Cards to the approved applicants in-person within five business days of Board approval.

The difference between the authority of the CCB and the medicinal cannabis board was also explained.

VI. Other Discussions

A. Letter to the Cannabis Control Board - Re: Bella Wings Aviation, LLC

The Board invited Mr. Charlie Hermosa of Bella Wings Aviation LLC to provide an overview of his request for review and approval to transport cannabis within a closed end-to-end drone delivery system. Mr. Hermosa explained the benefits of transporting cannabis using their closed end-to-end drone delivery system, including the ability track and change flight patterns, pick-up and drop off times, and security and access. He requested that the Board consider and/or approve recognizing this type of drone delivery system for the cannabis industry.

Mr. Hermosa responded to questions from the Board regarding the network set-up, security of the network and the drop-off area, access, and the number of drone stations that would be needed.

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Vice-Chair Shimizu advised the Board and Mr. Hermosa that because the Board is currently only at the stage of approving the Responsible Official Cannabis Identification Card and has not yet issued a business license for cannabis, the Board cannot entertain a request for a Designated Transporter application. However, Mr. Hermosa's request would be important for the Board to consider when it gets to that stage. The Board thanked Mr. Hermosa for bringing this request to its attention for future consideration and also advised that because only vehicles are currently permitted for transport and at least one Designated Transporter must remain with the product, approval of the request would require a change to legislation.

VII. Next CCB Meeting

The Board agreed to have the Compliance team survey Board members to schedule the date and time of its next meeting, before the holidays.

VIII. Open Forum/Public Comment

Charlene Flores, attending on behalf of Director Muna-Brecht of DOAG, asked whether during the discussion of cannabis banking the issue of safety in doing business in cash was raised. Vice-Chair Shimizu confirmed there were discussions with the AG and the Treasurer on this, and the banks confirmed they are able to received payments by cash or check; however, checks are preferred over cash. Pursuant to law, she advised that if payments exceed a certain amount, such as \$10,000, certain tax forms would need to be completed. Vice-Chair Shimizu also advised that discussions on cannabis banking will continue.

There were no comments raised from the public.

IX. Adjournment

Director Arriola made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Mostales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Cannabis Control Board meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. on September 26, 2022.

Prepared by:

Ursula Herrera

Secretary

Noted by:

Vice-Chairperson

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