


**Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation**  
**Cannabis Control Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 | Time: 2:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Video Conference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83089111990>**

BOARD MEMBERS	POSITION TITLE	SIGNATURE
Dafne Shimizu	Vice Chairwoman - Director, DRT	ZOOM
Vanessa Williams	Chairwoman	ZOOM
Ursula Herrera	Member – DOAG	ZOOM
Roy Gamboa	Deputy Director, DOAG	ZOOM

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



**Board Secretary**

**03/20/2023**

Cannabis Control Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2023

**Opening**

Chairperson Williams called the regular meeting of the Cannabis Control Board to order at 2:06 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

Location : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83089111990>

**Attendees Present:**

Vanessa Williams (Appointee), Chair  
Dafne Shimizu (DRT), Vice-Chair  
Ursula Herrera (Appointee), Secretary  
Roy Gamboa (DOAG), Deputy Director  
Compliance Team, DRT  
Officer Alice Cruz, DRT

**Apologies:**

William Parkinson (Appointee)  
Theresa Arriola (GBHWC)  
Nico Fujikawa (GVB)  
Cid Mostales (DPHSS)  
Stephen Ignacio (GPD)

**Quorum present?** Yes

**III. Secretary's Report**

**A. Meeting Minutes**

*Director Gamboa made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 (CCB #43), January 23, 2023 (CCB #44), and February 20, 2023 (CCB #45) meetings. Vice-Chair Shimizu seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Annual Cannabis Summit**

This item was tabled as Director Arriola was not present at the meeting. Chairperson Williams noted that several committee meetings were held to discuss the Annual Cannabis Summit.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Cannabis Establishment License Application(s) – NEW: DBA: Greenland Farms, Inc.**

Vice-Chair Shimizu acknowledged that the applicant, Mr. Stephen Biscoe, was present at the meeting and provided a brief overview of the first application received for a Cannabis Establishment License. She advised that not all clearances have been obtained by the applicant, noting that DPW issued a conditional clearance and that GWA and Guam Fire Department clearances were pending. As a result, no recommendation is being made to the Board with respect to this application.

The Board invited Mr. Biscoe to provide some remarks. Mr. Biscoe noted that because the industry is new, most agencies and departments were not aware of the clearance requirements and were working to determine the requirements, which caused the delay and incomplete application.

Vice-Chair Shimizu added that orientation sessions and copies of the presentation were provided to agencies. Further, a meeting was held last week with DPW, GFD, GWA and Land Management to discuss the matter. She advised that DRT will continue to work with agencies to work through the application process.

## **VI. Other Discussion**

### **A. 3 GAR Business Regulations CH 9 - Cannabis Control Board**

It was shared that because applicants have asked questions about obtaining more than one type of license for a single retail cannabis store and having more than one retail or cultivation facility, the Compliance team of DRT recommended that this item be brought forward to a Board meeting for situational awareness. Pursuant to § 9208(b) of the GAR, Vice-Chair Shimizu confirmed that this was not permissible and that an individual may only

hold one license at a time. For example, it was noted that those who own a cannabis testing facility may not have any other type of cannabis business activity.

Chairperson Williams suggested that this be discussed at the Annual Cannabis Summit and that the Board may wish to consider discussing this rule.

The Board reviewed the section language to determine whether the language is clear and agreed with the Compliance team's interpretation.

The Compliance team confirmed that there were no further applications in the pipeline. The Board was advised that Responsible Officials received their packets, but many were waiting for the laboratory to establish timelines for submission.

## **VII. Next CCB Meeting**

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting on April 10, 2023.

## **VIII. Open Forum/Public Comment**

Chairperson Williams advised that a company called Thrive contacted her about facilitating public awareness on responsible cannabis use, storage, education and outreach.

### **Mr. Stephen Biscoe**

Mr. Biscoe requested for an update on cannabis banking.

Chairperson Williams responded that it was not aware of any financial institution in Guam who will provide banking services for cannabis services. There have been discussions, questions and interest from banks about the Rules and Regulations, the seed-to-sale system and bank access to information. She advised that the Board has no authority to require banks to provide cannabis banking services; however, the Board has provided banks with information to facilitate this service.

Vice-Chair Shimizu added that on the government's side to accept fees and eventually taxes, there has been progress:

- Payments for fees may be received by the Bank of Guam by cash or check only. Debit or credit cards will not be accepted.
- All agencies involved must ensure that payments received from these activities are deposited into a separate account and easily identified.

Vice-Chair Shimizu advised that no further updates were available but committed to following up with the banks for updates.

Regarding business banking and financial transactions from a cannabis business, she referred Mr. Biscoe to his respective financial institution.

### **IX. Adjournment**

*Vice-Chair Shimizu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Cannabis Control Board meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

Prepared by:

  
Ursula Herrera  
Secretary

Noted by:

  
for Vanessa Williams  
Chairperson



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March 10, 2023

To: Cannabis Control Board (CCB)  
From: Director, DRT  
Subject: CCB Regular Meeting #46 – March 20, 2023 (Final)

I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call of Members/Quorum:

III. Secretary's Report:

- A) CCB Meeting #43 Minutes – December 12, 2022 (Pending Approval)
- B) CCB Meeting #44 Minutes – January 23, 2023 (Pending Approval)
- C) CCB Meeting #45 Minutes – February 20, 2023 (Pending Approval)

IV. Old Business:

- A) Annual Cannabis Summit

V. New Business:

- A) Cannabis Establishment License Application(s): CEL:

**NEW:**

**1. DRT-CEL-2023-001:**

Greenland Farms, Inc.  
See attached.

Db: Greenland Farms, Inc.

Board Action	Approved	Denied	Conditional Approval	Table
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VI. Other Discussion:

A) 3 GAR Business Regulations CH 9 – Cannabis Control Board

- § 9208. Requirements for a Cannabis Establishment License (b).

VII. Next CC Board Meeting:

VIII. Open Forum/Public Comment:

IX. Meeting Adjourned:

  
for Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu

Director

Prepared by: Millie I. Lujan

