



CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD (CCB) – MEETING (#63) AGENDA

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 10:00am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84621972544>

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members/Quorum
- III. Secretary's Report
 - A. CCB Mtg #61 – May 27, 2026 (Pending)
 - B. CCB Mtg #62 – June 24, 2026 (Pending)
- IV. Old Business
 - A. DRT-CEL-2023-001: Greenland Farms, Inc. (Tabled)
 - B. DRT-CEL-2023-002: Bue Wave, Inc. (Tabled)
 - C. Annual Cannabis Summit
 - D. Board Secretary Vacancy
- V. New Business
 - Cannabis Establishment License Application
 - A. DRT-CEL-2026-005: ECPZ Corp
- VI. Cannabis Application & Licensee Status
- VII. Other Discussion
- VIII. Next CC Board Meeting
- IX. Open Forum / Public Comment
- X. Meeting Adjourned



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ATTENDANCE OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Vanessa Williams Cruz – Williams Law Firm, Attorney / Chair
Denise M. Mendiola – Department of Revenue and Taxation, Acting Deputy Director / Appointed Vice Chair
Catherine Angcao – Department of Public Health & Social Services, Representative
Jathan Muna-Barnes – Department of Agriculture, Representative
Athena Marie Duenas – Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Representative
Jenei Aguon – Guam Business Community, Representative
Edward G. Santos – General Public Medical Cannabis Card, Representative

ATTENDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT:

Meiko Cepeda – Compliance Branch, Compliance Inspector II
Edward Anthony N. Cruz – Compliance Branch, Compliance Inspector II

ATTENDANCE FROM GENERAL PUBLIC:

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| 1. Brooke Metrc | 3. Cassidy Lopez | 5. Read.Ai Meeting |
| 2. Bert | 4. Stephen Roberto | 6. Jenelyn Abinales (Homegrown Collective) |

- I. Call to Order** – Acting Vice Chair and Acting Deputy Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) Denise Mendiola facilitated the meeting. The meeting was called to order approximately 10:00am.
- II. Roll Call of Members/Quorum** – In attendance were General Public Medical Cannabis Card Representative Edward Santos; Guam Business Community Representative Jenei Aguon; and Department of Public Health & Social Services Representative Catherine Angcao. Quorum requirement was met and meeting continued.
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Compliance Inspector Meiko Cepeda reported that the meeting minutes remain pending. Acting Vice Chair Mendiola explained that the minutes are pending due to the Board currently not having a designated Board Secretary. She asked whether any Board member would be willing to volunteer to assume the Secretary role; however, no member volunteered.

In the interim, Acting Vice Chair Mendiola requested that the Compliance Branch continue preparing the meeting minutes to ensure they remain current and up to date. Compliance Inspector Cepeda acknowledged the request.

IV. Old Business

- A. DRT-CEL-2023-001: Greenland Farms, Inc. (Tabled)** – Compliance Inspector Cepeda reported that multiple attempts had been made to contact the applicant by email and phone; however, the attempts were unsuccessful.

Member Edward Santos expressed concern regarding the Compliance Branch's inability to contact the applicant for about three (3) years. Compliance Inspector Cepeda advised that the Board can take action by issuing a cancellation letter to the applicant. The applicant will have ten (10) days from the date of the letter to appeal the proposed cancellation. If no response or appeal is received within the ten-day period, the application will be cancelled.

Member Santos made a motion to proceed with the cancellation letter process. Member Jenei Aguon seconded the motion. All members were in favor, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- B. DRT-CEL-2023-002: Blue Wave, Inc. (Tabled)** – Compliance Inspector Cepeda reported that she has been in communication with the applicant, who is currently working to obtain the required clearances for a Laboratory, which differ from those required for a Cultivator. The applicant is current with his Responsible Official (RO) card and has maintained open communication with Compliance Inspector Cepeda throughout the application process. Compliance Inspector Cepeda recommended that the Board table the application, noting that the applicant has been proactive and continues to work toward satisfying the outstanding requirements.

Member Edward made a motion to table the application. Member Aguon seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

- C. Annual Cannabis Summit** – Member Catherine Angcao reported that DPHSS currently does not have sufficient manpower to oversee the Annual Cannabis Summit. She requested that responsibility for leading the Summit be rotated between the Department of

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Revenue and Taxation (DRT) and the Department of Agriculture (DOAG), noting that DPHSS led the Summit held on January 29, 2026.

→ Chair Vanessa Williams Cruz joined the meeting via Zoom and assumed taking over the meeting. A discussion ensued between DOAG Member Jathan Muna-Barnes and Member Santos regarding the importance of interdepartmental collaboration and shared responsibilities in the organization, planning, and hosting of the Summit to ensure that the event does not place an undue burden on any one agency.

Member Aguon suggested reaching out to the nonprofit organization Homegrown Collective, which hosted a similar event at Hotel Nikko sometime last year, to explore potential collaboration or assistance.

The Board agreed that the respective departments should first meet internally to establish a unified goal and direction for the Summit. Once a collective direction has been established, Chair Cruz expressed support for reaching out to private stakeholders for additional collaboration.

Chair Cruz stated that, as the Summit is an annual event, she anticipated that it would be held sometime in January 2027, or around that timeframe. Chair Cruz suggested that Board members consult with their respective departments regarding the Summit and return to the Board with their input in the next meeting. She further recommended that the Board establish committees to assist with the planning and coordination of the Summit, with the formation of committees to be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

D. Board Secretary Vacancy – Agenda item was skipped.

V. New Business

Cannabis Permit to Operate Application(s):

A. DRT-PTO-2026-005: ECPZ Corp – Compliance Inspector Cepeda reported on the application submitted by ECPZ Corp. DBA: ECPZ Farms. The applicant had obtained all required clearances except the Department of Land Management (DLM) zoning clearance, which remained pending due to the unavailability of the appropriate DLM personnel. During Compliance Branch’s physical assessment, the location appeared to be within a drug-free school zone; however, only DLM could issue the required zoning clearance.

Compliance Inspector Cepeda recommended a conditional-approval pending receipt of the DLM zoning clearance. Member Santos moved to grant conditional-approval subject to DLM clearance, with Member Aguon seconding. All were in favor, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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- VI. Cannabis Application & Licensee Status** – Chair Cruz requested clarification from Compliance Inspector Cepeda regarding the two Cannabis Establishment License (CEL) applications, specifically whether they consisted of one approved license and one conditionally approved license. Compliance Inspector Cepeda clarified that the two applications referenced were the applications tabled earlier in the meeting.
- Chair Cruz further inquired whether the proposed cannabis licensee types were based on the number of approved Responsible Officials (ROs), to which Compliance Inspector Cepeda confirmed. Chair Cruz requested that the reports distinguish between approved CELs and conditionally approved CELs. Compliance Inspector Cepeda agreed to include a separate line item for current approved Permit to Operate (PTO) licenses for the next CCB meeting.
- VII. Other Discussion** – No matters were raised or discussed.
- VIII. Next CC Board Meeting** – Chair Cruz scheduled the next CCB meeting for the next 4th Wednesday of the month which is August 26, 2026.
- IX. Open Forum / Public Comment** – Jenalynn of Homegrown Collective expressed the organization's interest in collaborating with the CCB on the upcoming Annual Cannabis Summit, citing its experience in organizing events, particularly within the cannabis industry.

Stephen Roberto expressed concern regarding the selection of a host for the upcoming Annual Cannabis Summit. He urged the Board to select an independent organization committed to regulatory compliance and aligned with the goals of Guam's regulated Cannabis Program. He cautioned that partnering with organizations perceived to have ties to the unregulated "black market" could create confusion and undermine public confidence in the regulated industry.

Jenelynn of Homegrown Collective responded to Mr. Roberto's comments, stating that the organization is committed to complying with CCB regulations and applicable laws. She emphasized that Homegrown Collective's focus is on public education regarding cannabis, including its agricultural, environmental, social, and economic benefits, and supporting the community in understanding the licensing and regulatory process.

Mr. Roberto reiterated that public education regarding the Cannabis Program is the government's responsibility and emphasized that participation in the regulated industry requires compliance with all applicable clearances, licensing, and fees. He expressed concern that allowing non-compliant entities to participate could be unfair to licensed applicants who have fulfilled or are in the process of fulfilling all regulatory requirements that have worked so long and so hard to get licensed.



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Chair Cruz clarified that the Board is responsible for the Annual Cannabis Summit and is not seeking to outsource its oversight or educational responsibilities to private organizations. She emphasized the importance of community and stakeholder participation in promoting legal participation, regulatory compliance, and education regarding the path to licensure. Chair Cruz further noted the need to strengthen enforcement while encouraging individuals to enter the regulated market and supporting the growth of Guam's cannabis industry. Chair Cruz thanked the public for their comments and perspective.

- X. **Meeting Adjourned** – Member Santos moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Angcao. All were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:47am.

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