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Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board

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Timeline of Nevada's Cannabis Program

*Established through **Assembly Bill 533 (AB533)**, the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) consists of five board members appointed by the governor. AB533 also created the 12-person Cannabis Advisory Commission to study cannabis-related topics and make recommendations to the CCB.*

2000: Nevadans voted to legalize medical use.

2015: The first medical marijuana establishment opened.

2016: Voters approved Ballot Question 2, legalizing adult use (a.k.a. recreational use).

2017: Recreational sales began in Nevada; the state's cannabis program transitioned from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to the Department of Taxation (DoT).

2019: Governor Sisolak signed AB533, creating the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB), modeled after the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

2020: The state's cannabis program transitioned from DoT to the CCB.



Agency Mission and Guiding Principles

Mission Statement: *The Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board governs Nevada's cannabis industry through strict regulation of all areas of its licensing and operations, protecting the public health and safety of our citizens and visitors while holding cannabis licensees to the highest ethical standards.*

Guiding Principles

- The Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board will govern Nevada's cannabis industry through strict regulation of all persons, locations, practices, associations, testing and related activities.
- We will protect public health and safety, by enforcing laws and regulations to ensure that only product meeting the highest industry standards is available for adult and medicinal consumption by those legally allowed such activities.
- Through our investigative and equitable licensing practices, we will hold cannabis licensees to high ethical standards and ensure that only suitable licensees can participate.
- We will maintain the industry's economic benefit to the state by generating appropriate taxes and fees.
- All communities within the state will have the opportunity to participate in the industry and prosper from its economic benefit.
- We will operate with the highest levels of integrity and avoid any personal or professional conflicts that may erode public confidence and trust. Our strength lies in our commitment to be the very best at what we do—what we expect from our licensees is what we expect from ourselves.
- We will continue to stay focused on emerging industry technology and best practices, knowing that innovation and growth is a cornerstone to our success.



CCB Board Members

The CCB consists of five board members, appointed by the governor.

- **Hon. Michael Douglas, Chair**, former Nevada State Supreme Court Chief Justice
- **Dennis Neilander**, former Nevada Gaming Control Board Chair
- **Jerrie Merritt**, Las Vegas banking executive
- **Riana Durrett**, former Nevada Dispensary Association Executive Director
- **Dr. Bryan Young**, Reno internal medicine physician

Cannabis Advisory Commission (CAC)

The CAC is tasked with studying issues related to the cannabis industry and making policy and regulatory recommendations to the CCB.

- 12-member commission chaired by the CCB Executive Director.
- Includes 8 representatives appointed by the Governor with expertise related to the cannabis industry, in addition to the Nevada Attorney General, Director of the Department of Public Safety, and the Executive Director of the Department of Taxation.
- Four subcommittees: (1) Public Health, (2) Public Safety, (3) Social Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, (4) Market Stability.



CCB Divisions

Licensing

Inspection
& Audit

Investigations

Enforcement



Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations (NCCR)

- The CCB's core set of regulations to guide Nevada's cannabis industry.
- Adopted by the Board, July 21, 2020.
- 14 regulations; 130+ pages.
- Regulations can be added, amended or repealed, upon Board approval.
- Any member of the public may petition the Board to request changes to the NCCR.



Summary of Agency Operations & Regulatory Responsibilities

- License and regulate Nevada's 745 medical and adult-use operational licensees.
- Adhere to statutes and regulations set forth in NRS 678A-D and the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations (NCCR 1-14).
- Audit and inspect all licensed cannabis facilities.
- Partner with local and state law enforcement on cannabis-related matters.
- Conduct investigations and impose disciplinary action on cannabis establishments and licensees.
- Facilitate all license requests, agent registration cards, transfers of interest and other industry functions.
- Receive and track complaints and incident reports for agency review.
- Collect industry fees and fines.
- Promulgate regulations and update NCCR as necessary.
- Facilitate meetings of the 5-member Cannabis Compliance Board.
- Facilitate meetings of the 12-person Cannabis Advisory Commission and CAC subcommittees.
- Compile and maintain data from licensees for regulatory functions and statewide reports.
- Communicate with the industry and the public to relay guidance, public health, and safety warnings, etc.



Types of Facilities

Cultivation

Licensed to grow, harvest, and package cannabis; and to sell cannabis to cannabis establishments, but not to consumers.

Production

Licensed to purchase cannabis; manufacture, process, and package cannabis/cannabis products; and to sell to other cannabis establishments, but not to consumers.

Retail/Dispensary

Licensed to purchase cannabis/cannabis products from other cannabis establishments; can sell to consumers.

Testing Labs

Licensed to test cannabis/cannabis products.

Distribution

Licensed to transport cannabis from one cannabis establishment to another.



CCB Statistics

Total Medical and Recreational Operational Licenses Statewide: 745

Licensed Medical Cannabis Establishments

- **156** Cultivation Facilities
- **110** Production Facilities
- **10** Independent Testing Labs
- **67** Medical Cannabis Dispensaries

Licensed Recreational Cannabis Establishments

- **150** Cultivation Facilities
- **108** Production Facilities
- **10** Independent Testing Labs
- **84** Retail Cannabis Stores
- **50** Distributors

**as of September 2021*





Collaboration with Local Jurisdictions

Facilitate monthly calls with local jurisdictions in Southern and Northern Nevada.

Participate in quarterly meetings with local law enforcement, testing labs for law enforcement & Board of Pharmacy.

Work closely with local jurisdictions during administration and licensing of establishments.



Cannabis Consumption Lounges

Assembly Bill 341 passed in the 81st session of the Nevada State Legislature (2021) authorizes the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) to license and regulate cannabis consumption lounges.

July 2021

CAC subcommittees created to study relevant topics.

Fall – Winter 2021

CCB may begin drafting regulations authorizing consumption lounges.

Spring – Summer 2022

CCB may consider approval & issuance of licenses.

Summer – Winter 2021

CCB & CAC to hold series of public workshops.

Winter – Spring 2022

CCB may consider accepting applications.

Spring – Summer 2022

Licensed consumption lounges may begin to operate