Cannabis Control Commission

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Date: **Friday, April 17, 2026**

Time: **2:00 p.m.**

Place: **Public Utilities Commission**
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02886

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OPEN MEETING AGENDA

A. **Call to Order and introductory remarks from the Commission.**

B. **Motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on March 13, 2026.**

C. **Motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on April 14, 2026.**

D. Public Comment (in person only)

a. If you wish to speak, please sign up on the sign-in sheet so the Chairperson will know to call your name. The Chairperson will explain public comment procedures during the meeting and may limit the amount of time for each person to speak. If you have additional information that you wish to share with the Commission, please email it to CCCInquiry@ccc.ri.gov.

E. Presentation by Chief of Legal Services, Mariana Ormonde, Esq., to include an overview of the travel and status of pending litigation in *John Kenney v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 24-00252, *Justyna Jensen v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 24-00191, and *Justin Palmore v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 25-00622.

F. Review, discussion and potential vote on a petition for rulemaking, pursuant to 560-RICR-10-05-1.31(C), requesting that 560-RICR-10-20-1.5(A)(2) of the Commission's Hemp regulations be amended to permit 1 mg total THC per container instead of per serving, as set forth in the definition of "Acceptable Hemp THC level."

G. Review, discussion and potential vote to adopt, modify or reject the decision of the presiding officer In the Matter of RTG Industries, Inc. d.b.a Hank's Herbs, No.: CCC 2025-002, cultivation license No. MMP CV 0037, concerning whether the licensee's billboard advertising violated 560-RICR-10-10-2.8(B)(4)(c) of the Commission's regulations.

H. Review, discussion and potential vote on the pending variance request of hybrid cannabis retailer Ocean State Controlled Botanicals, d.b.a Newport Cannabis Co. (MMP CC 002), to move its retail premises and operations from 1637 West Main Road in Portsmouth to 29 JT Connell Highway in Newport.

I. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:

a. Vote to approve minutes of the Executive Session held on April 14, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).

b. Update and discussion on pending litigation in *John Kenney v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 24-00252, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).

c. Update and discussion on pending litigation in *Justyna Jensen v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 24-00191, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).

d. Update and discussion on pending litigation in *Justin Palmore v. Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, et al.*, 25-00622, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).

J. Motion to return to Open Session.

K. Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session on April 17, 2026.

L. Report on actions and votes taken in Executive Session.

M. Next Meeting Date: To be determined.

N. Adjournment

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(b), additional items may be added to the agenda by a majority vote of the members and shall be for "informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official." Any additional item so added may be considered in Executive Session provided that it complies with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-46-4(a) & -5(a).

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