August 20, 2026 Specialized Products Authority Licensing Board Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Mark Fitu, Desiree Hennessy, and Veronica Goedhart

1. **Commissioner Kelly Pehrson- Welcome and Introductions**
   - **a.** Commissioner Pehrson welcomed the attendees to the meeting which started at 11:00 am and read the public comment guidelines.
2. **Board director introductions**
   - **a.** Director Goedhart, Director Fitu, and Director Hennessy introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their backgrounds.
3. **Election of Board Chair**
   - **a.** Director Hennessy motioned to elect Director Fitu as the board chair.
   - **b.** Director Goedhart seconded the motion.
   - **c.** The roll call vote was unanimous and Director Fitu was elected as the chair of the board.
4. **Discussion and Consideration of Tier 1 Processors License Renewal- Pure UT Processing, LLC**
   - **a.** Paul Henderson with Pure UT Processing, LLC provided a high-level overview of the establishment's operations over the past year. Some topics included new product development and being in all medical cannabis pharmacies across the state.
   - **b.** Cody James, Deputy Director of the Specialized Products Division with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, provided input from the division regarding the establishment over the past year. He provided a high-level overview of the establishment including extraction methods and being in good compliance with state and local regulations. There were some quality assurance issues in the past year including one for solvents and one for microbials which were remediated.
   - **c.** Director Fitu asked Mr. Henderson how the establishment would address the quality issues moving forward.
   - **d.** Mr. Henderson responded that the establishment is adding extra quality control measures such as testing measures.
   - **e.** Mr. Fitu asked Mr. James if there were any major compliance issues over the past year that warrants a license revocation.
   - **f.** Mr. James responded that there were no such compliance issues.
   - **g.** There was no public comment.
   - **h.** Director Goedhart motioned to approve the license renewal
   - **i.** Director Hennessy seconded the motion.
   - **j.** The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the renewal license.
5. **Discussion and Consideration of Tier 1 Processors License Renewal- True North of Utah, LLC**
   - **a.** Brandon Alouzo with True North of Utah, LLC proved a high-level overview of the establishment's operations over the past year. This included automation and becoming more efficient.
   - **b.** Mr. James with UDAF provided a regulatory overview of the establishment over the past year. They are compliant with local government standards and weights and measures. There were sixteen quality assurance issues over the past year with microbials and foreign matter. Two were remediated and the other 14 were destroyed. The one concern from UDAF is the microbial failures.
   - **c.** Director Fitu asked Mr. Alouzo how the establishment will address the microbial issues.
   - **d.** Mr. Alouzo provided a background on how the microbial issues started. The establishment plans on addressing the issue by better separating the biomass packing and conducting more air sampling testing.
   - **e.** Director Fitu asked a follow up question to Mr. James regarding those improvement steps.
   - **f.** Mr. James said that there has been a decrease in quality assurance failures.

g. Director. Hennessy asked a follow up question regarding historical failures for the establishment.

h. Mr. Alouzo responded that before these failures in the past year there were only two failures.

i. Director Hennessy asked if the establishment's products are sold in every medical cannabis pharmacy; they are.

j. Director Fitu asked Mr. James if there were any compliance failures that would warrant a license revocation or a reason for non-renewal. Mr. James said there were not.

k. There was no public comment.

l. Director Hennessy motioned to approve the license renewal.

m. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.

n. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the license renewal.

6. Discussion and Consideration of Tier 2 Processor License Renewal - The Beehive Joint Venture, LLC

a. Bijan Sakaki with The Beehive Joint Venture, LLC represented the establishment. Mr. Sataki provided a high-level overview of the establishments operational changes over the past year.

b. Mr. James provided a high-level compliance overview of the establishment. They are compliant with the local government and have a bond. There were no state violations.

c. Director Hennessy asked Mr. Sakakii if their products are sold in every medical cannabis pharmacy.

d. Mr. Sakakii said that they are not but are working with retailers on it.

e. Director Fitu asked Mr. Sakakii if the establishment would ever want to move to a tier one license.

f. Mr. Sataki responded by saying they are not planning on that anytime soon.

g. There were not any comments from Mr. James and UDAF.

h. There was no public comment.

i. Director Goedhart motioned to approve the license renewal.

j. Director Hennessy seconded the motion.

k. The roll call vote was unanimous and the license renewal was approved.

7. Discussion and Consideration of Urban Pharmacy License Renewal - Wholesome Therapy, LLC

a. Deana Gordon with Wholesome Therapy, LLC provided a high-level overview to the board of their operations over the past year.

b. Mr. James did not have any compliance related comments to the board regarding the establishment.

c. Director Hennessy asked a question regarding the establishment's delivery model and patient access.

d. Ms. Gordon responded that yes their products are sold in every medical cannabis pharmacy.

e. There was no public comment.

f. Director Hennessy motioned to approve the license renewal.

g. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.

h. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the license renewal.

8. Discussion and Consideration of Courier Renewal - Wholesome Direct, LLC

a. Deana Gordon with Wholesome Direct, LLC provided a high-level overview to the board of their operations over the past year. This included zone and patient access.

b. Mr. James did not have any input from UDAF.

c. Director Fitu asked if the establishment saw an increase in product demand in Southern Utah.

d. Ms. Gordon said that the demand ebbs and flows. They are also improving their outreach efforts to patients.

e. There was no public comment.

f. Director Hennessy motioned to approve the license renewal.

g. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.

h. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the license renewal.

9. Discussion and Consideration of Urban Pharmacy Renewal- Curaleaf- Provo

a. Alan Roth with Curaleaf-Provo provided a high-level overview of the establishment's operations over the past year. This included no compliance issues and positive product development.

b. There was no input from Mr. James and UDAF.

c. Director Hennessy asked a question regarding product dosage types.

d. Mr. Roth responded that they carry a wide array of first and third party product types.

e. Director Fitu asked Mr. James if there are any major compliance failures that would warrant license revocation or non-renewal.

f. Mr. James said there were not.

g. There was no public comment.

h. Director Hennesy motioned to approve the license renewal.

i. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.

j. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the license renewal.

10. Discussion and Consideration of Urban Pharmacy Renewal- Curaleaf UT- Lehi

a. Alan Roth with Curaleaf-Lehi provided a high-level overview of the establishment's operations over the past year. The same arrangement was similar to the Provo location. They are planning on submitting an operations plan adjustment soon.

b. Mr. James with UDAF provided no comment from the department.

c. There was no input from the board.

d. There was no public comment.

e. Director Hennessy motioned to approve the license renewal.

f. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.

g. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the license renewal.

11. Discussion and Consideration of Cannabis Testing Laboratory Renewal - Aromatic Plant Research Center, LLC

a. Aaron Sorenson from Aromatic Plant Research Center, LLC represented the establishment and provided a high-level overview of the establishment's operations over the past year.

b. Mr. James from UDAF reported to the board that the establishment did not have any major compliance issues.

c. Director Fitu asked Mr. Sorenson about the establishment's future plans in 2026-2027 for the Lehi location.

d. Mr. Sorenson responded that they plan on operating both of their locations in parallel.

e. Director Goedhart asked a question regarding odor mitigation.

f. Mr. Sorenson responded that they have been working with the local community and the city of Lehi to address the issue. Steps they are taking include carbon filtration scrubbers and meeting with their neighbors and city on mitigation efforts and being compliant with any city ordinances; there has not been any complaints since May.

g. Director Goedhart asked a follow up question regarding whether the establishment worked with any odor mitigation specialists or engineers.

h. Mr. Sorenson responded that the establishment did consult with other industry entities and the state on how to resolve the issue.

i. There was no public comment.

j. Director Hennesy motioned to approve the license renewal.

k. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.

l. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the license renewal.

12. Discussion and Consideration of Change Request for Tier 1 Processor Curaleaf- Change of Location

a. Alan Roth with Curaleaf provided a high-level overview of the establishment's plan to move locations from North Salt Lake to Tooele.

b. Mr. James from UDAF provided clarification that if the establishment moves its license to Tooele that it would have to adhere to those city ordinances and regulations.

c. Director Fitu asked Mr. Roth if their establishment is going through the process of getting local approval.

d. Mr. Roth responded that they have not. But they are registered with the DEA.

e. There was no public comment.

f. Director Goedhart motioned to approve the change of location request.

g. Director Hennessy seconded the motion.

h. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the change of location request.

13. Discussion and Consideration of NEW Tier 1 Processors License- Simply Solventless, LLC

a. Corey Hall with simply Solventless, LLC provided a high-level overview of the new company and their operating plan.

b. Mr. James from UDAF commented that this would be the 18th possible processor licensor. The application from the establishment was compliant and just needs to pass the final inspection before beginning production, meet local government requirements, and maintain a bond.

c. Director Hennessy asked a question to Mr. Hall about how soon the business can begin operation.

d. Mr. Hall responded that they already have the facility under lease, equipment, and construction application submitted.

e. Director Hennessy followed up with a question regarding the establishment's goals with starting this type of business in Utah.

f. Mr. Hall provided his background in the industry and current role. He is passionate about the program and patients.

g. Director Hennessy asked if there was a specific product that the company is excited about.

h. Mr. Hall responded that they are excited about a product that is dissolvable.

i. Mr. Fitu asked a question about expertise regarding the business.

j. Mr. Hall responded that the business has individuals with experience in the industry and oversight.

k. Mr. Fitu asked if there were any other individuals that could assist with the oversight.

l. Mr. Hall responded that he has oversight experience.

m. Director Goedhart asked a question about the dissolvable product the establishment has planned and whether they have done research of similar products in other states and if it will meet the product requirements in Utah.

n. Mr. Hall responded that they did research. It is similar to convection caramels or taffies.

o. Director Goedhart asked a follow up question regarding which other states have similar products.

p. According to Mr. Hall, Montana, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington allow similar products.

q. Director Fitu had a follow up question regarding the product type.

r. Mr. Hall responded that he is aware of the concerns regarding the type of product they are eager to develop.

s. There was no public comment.

t. Director Hennessy motioned to approve the new processor license.

u. Director Goedhart seconded the motion with the condition that products meet regulatory compliance before being sold.

v. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the new processor license with the proposed condition.

14. Discussion and Consideration of NEW Cannabis Testing Laboratory- Mammoth Analytical, LLC

a. Kevan Brombat with Mammoth Analytical, LLC provided a high-level overview of the plans for the independent testing laboratory.

b. Mr. James from UDAF reiterated that with approval, the establishment has one year to be compliant with regulations before they can begin operations. Mr. James provided information regarding the laboratory testing requirements necessary for the establishment to provide to UDAF before beginning operation. ISO certification is also required.

c. Director Hennessy asked a follow up question regarding how the testing will be done by the establishment in conjunction with testing by the state.

d. Dr. Forsythe, UDAF, explained that the department does quality assurance testing for all products throughout Utah. Independent labs will take over the quality assurance testing . UDAF will still be part of checking the labs as well as investigations and spot sampling.

e. Director Hennessy asked a follow up question regarding product verification.

f. Dr. Forsyth responded that UDAF testing will occur after independent lab testing of the same product at a pharmacy.

g. Director Fitu asked the applicant if they are close to receiving ISO certification soon.

h. Mr. Brombat responded that this should occur within six months to a year.

i. Director Fitu asked a follow up question regarding if the laboratory will do other types of testing besides cannabis.

j. Mr. Bromat explained that the laboratory is planning on doing cannabis first, and may do nutraceutical testing in the future.

k. There was no public comment.

l. Director Goedhart motioned to approve the new laboratory testing license.

m. Director Hennessy seconded the motion.

n. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the new laboratory testing license.

15. Discussion and Consideration of Variance Request - Boojum Moab

a. Dashiel Kulander with Boojum Moab presented to the board a high-level overview of their 20% variance request. They have support from the city of Moab to reduce the proximity requirement to 480 feet.

b. Mr. James from UDAF reiterated the statute requirement, 4-41a-1001(2)(c)(i) of a medical cannabis pharmacy not being within 200 feet of a community location in or within 600 feet of a district that the relevant municipality or county has zoned as primarily residential. Mr. James gave a recounting of Boojum's application process over the past year. The department did visit the pharmacy to double check the zoning requirements which are dependent on the door the pharmacy is using. Mr. James provided a picture of the proposed door to the board.

c. Mr. Kulander pointed out which door the pharmacy would use to meet the requirement. He also discussed being proactive with the city on this issue and read a letter of support from the city of Moab.

d. Director Fitu clarified with Mr. Kulander that the city and the pharmacy are in conjunction on the proximity requirements.

e. Director Fitu asked Mr. Kulander which measuring tool they used to measure the the proximity requirements.

f. Mr. Kulander said that they used Google Maps; the city used a push measure.

g. There was no public comment.

h. Director Hennessy made a motion to approve the variance request.

i. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.

j. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the proximity variance request of 20%.

16. Adjourn

a. Director Hennessy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

b. Director Goedhart seconded the motion.