

# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



## Joint Commission to Oversee the Transition of the Commonwealth into a Cannabis Retail Market

**October 6, 2025**

**2:00 p.m.**

**House Room A-008, Lower Level  
General Assembly Building  
Richmond, VA**

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks
2. **Presentation: Virginia Medical Cannabis Program Overview & Opportunities**  
*JM Pedini, Executive Director, Virginia NORML*
3. **Presentation: The National Landscape on Transitioning from Medical Cannabis to Adult-Use**  
*Ngiste Abebe, Founder, KND Group*
4. **Presentation: Preventing Market Capture in Virginia: An Evidence-Based Risk Analysis**  
*Max Jackson, Founder, Cannabis Wise Guys*
5. **Presentation: Building a Fair and Competitive Cannabis Market for Virginia**  
*Damian Fagon, Director, Bronx Cannabis Hub*
6. **Presentation: Enforcement of Illicit Products and Overview of the Differences in Potency Across Cannabis Products**  
*Dr. Michelle Peace, Forensic Toxicologist, Professor of Forensic Science, Virginia Commonwealth University; Board Member, Virginia Cannabis Control Authority*
7. **Discussion and Public Comment**  
*Public comment will be limited to 20 minutes total*
8. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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Senator Christie New Craig  
Senator Lashrecse D. Aird, *Vice Chair*  
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