COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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

August 20, 2025
1:00 p.m.

House Room C-206, 2nd Floor
General Assembly Building
Richmond, VA
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AGENDA

1. Call to order & opening remarks
2. Presentation: Marijuana Taxation and Distributions
   Andrea Jimenez, Policy Specialist, Fiscal Affairs Program, National Conference of State Legislatures
3. Presentation: Retail Cannabis Legalization: Revenue Considerations and Equity Analysis
   Rodrigo Soto, Legislative and Campaigns Director, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
   Megan Davis, Senior Policy Analyst, Tax & Budget, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
4. Presentation: Use of Revenue: How We Legalize It Right
   Chelsea Higgs Wise, Executive Director, Marijuana Justice
5. Presentation: Empowering Virginia Small Businesses in the Cannabis Industry
   Barbara Biddle, Co-Founder, Cannabis Small Business Association; CEO and Founder, District Hemp Botanicals
   Eric Spanbauer, Co-founder, Cannabis Small Business Association; Founder, East Coast Collective
   Graham Redfern, Co-founder, Cannabis Small Business Association; Owner and Farmer, Redfern Hemp
   LaTonya Warren, President, Cannabis Small Business Association
6. Discussion and public comment
   Public comment will be limited to 20 minutes total
7. Closing remarks and adjournment

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