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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