

# Medical Psilocybin Propagation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** February 4, 2026

**Time:** 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Minute Taker:** Adrian Estrada, DOH

*\*This meeting was recorded. For specific details pertaining to the meeting, please refer to the recording located on the Medical Psilocybin Advisory Board Website: [Psilocybin Advisory Board](#)*

## Agenda items

### 1. Call to Order and Opening Statements

- DOH staff (Dominick Zurlo) introduced Chair Chris Peskuski.
- DOH staff (Dominick Zurlo) reminded participants of the meeting being recorded and that joining constituted consent.
- DOH staff (Dominick Zurlo) requested respectful language and camera discretion due to connectivity issues and public posting.
- Meeting opened with 30 seconds of silence acknowledging global events.
- Chair outlined that only New Mexico residents should participate in voting.

### 2. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves verbally or in chat and shared background, location, and affiliations. Introductions included New Mexico residents, cultivators, mycologists, researchers, clinicians, veterans, farmers, laboratory professionals, and public participants. Several participants stated no organizational affiliation.

### 3. Propagation Outline, Batch Definition, and Sunset Clause Framework

- DOH displayed a draft Propagation Outline on screen.
- Chair experienced technical issues with screen visibility; DOH posted materials in chat.

#### Batch Definition Discussion

- Draft language proposed that a “batch” consist of psilocybin containing mushrooms resulting from a single inoculation of the same substrate.

- James Brown recommended removing “flush” language and anchoring the definition to a single inoculation and substrate.
- DOH revised language accordingly.

#### Homogenization and Sampling

- Dan Huson noted that defining a batch becomes complicated if material must be fully homogenized.
- Discussion covered oxidation differences between top and bottom layers in large, homogenized quantities.
- Participants discussed variability between first and second flushes, with mixed views on potency differences.
- Estimated substrate production window ranged from roughly two to four weeks, depending on strain and conditions.

#### Weight Limit for a Batch

- Chair raised whether a one-kilogram cap for a batch was appropriate.
- Participants discussed operational differences between small and large growers, and cost implications of testing.
- Dan Huson recommended smaller batch sizes are easier to manage, sample, and package especially for microdose products.
- Several participants supported retaining a 1 kg maximum, with flexibility for smaller batches.
- General consensus emerged to keep 1 kg as the upper limit.

#### Harvest Timeline

- Discussion was held on whether to set a defined harvest window.
- Multiple participants suggested a four-week outer window, noting variability across strains.
- No objections to using approximately a four-week reference period for batching.

### 4. Testing, Accreditation, and Laboratories

#### Accreditation Framework

- Chair raised whether laboratories should be ISO or NEELAC accredited.
- Dan recommended third party accreditation for laboratories performing psilocybin testing.
- Discussion covered challenges of laboratory startup costs and sustainability.

- Participants noted cannabis labs are regulated through the Cannabis Control Division and may not currently hold ISO accreditation.
- General agreement that DOH should allow more than one accreditation pathway rather than restrict to a single standard.

#### Quality Assurance and Proficiency

- Discussion included calibration requirements, proficiency testing, and recall procedures.
- Dan Huson explained Oregon requires proficiency testing twice per year; Colorado requires once per year.
- Chair suggested considering NEELAC rather than ISO for practicality in New Mexico.
- DOH indicated further internal review would occur before making recommendations.

#### Cross-Border Testing

- Questions raised about Border Patrol implications if samples travel out of state.
- DOH clarified that permit review, demonstration of testing capability, and documentation would be required regardless of location.

#### 5. Sunset Clause Discussion

- Estevan Varela presented a draft sunset clause concept intended to prioritize New Mexico residents and limit multi-state corporate dominance.
- Proposal suggested a 36-month residency based sunset period.
- James Brown supported extending to 36 months due to rural community considerations.
- No opposition to a 36-month sunset clause; Chair called for a vote in favor, which passed without dissent.
- DOH indicated the language would be refined with legal counsel for rulemaking.

#### 6. Public Comment Process

Participants were reminded:

- Submit written comments to [medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov](mailto:medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov)
- Include full legal name and any organizational affiliations.

- Provide hyperlinks only when referencing external documents, with brief context.
- Deadline for inclusion in this meeting record: February 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

#### 7. Next Meetings

- February 11, 2026, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Future scheduling subject to legislative session timeline; hybrid/in-person options may be considered after February 19, 2026.

#### 8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:58 pm.

### **Attendance**

#### **Medical Psilocybin Propagation Committee February 4, 2026**

#### **Chair**

Chris Peskuski

#### **DOH Staff**

Adrian Estrada, DOH  
Jonathan Mouchet, DOH  
Dominick Zurlo, DOH  
Ismail Zoutat, DOH  
Jorge Gonzales, DOH  
Robert Truckner, DOH  
Celina Montoya, DOH

#### **Participants and Public Attendees**

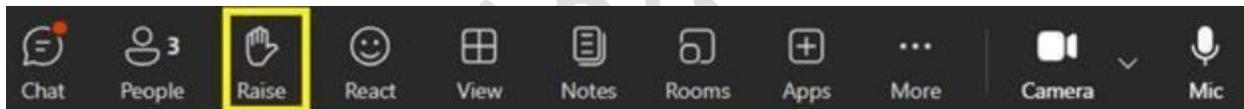
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Don Moser  
Hana Rose  
Jon Eslick  
Mateo Frazier  
Asher Singer  
James Brown  
Estevan Hernandez  
Eric Barlow  
Ben Edwards  
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James Blackboard  
Dan Huson  
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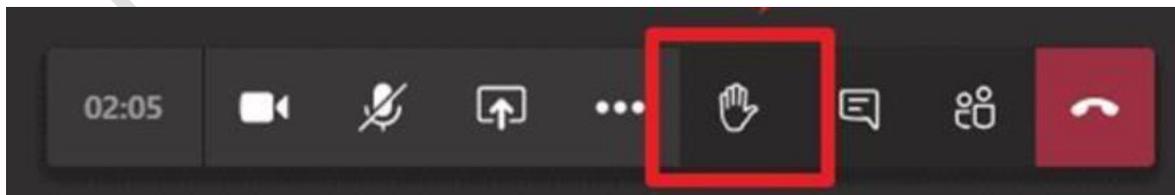
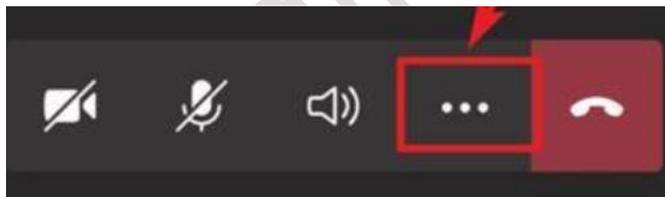
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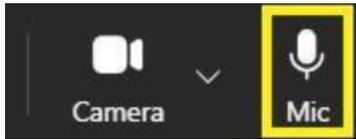
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I'm Eric Barlow. I live in Las Cruces. I have no affiliations.

Hi everybody. I'm Ben Edwards. I've lived in NM for 50 years. I'm a soil mycologist working on land restoration and reforestation professionally. I'm also an amateur mycologist and have engaged in indigenous ceremonies for over thirty years.

Don Moser. Las Vegas, NM. Novice.

I believe, I forgot to mention that I am located in Albuquerque.

also forgot to mention , im out of clovis nm

we can see it

In view of

I'm Cheves Fleming. Located in Questa. Introductions skipped me, probably because I was late. I teach Psilocybin classes through Native Roots School, I have over 30 years experience growing magic mycelium, I gained a dr's recommendation for my cluster headache condition several years ago in NM.

### **A. Batch Definition**

- A “batch” defined as a single harvest lot processed under uniform conditions (no regulated size requirement).what would be standard language to define this regarding harvesting and size of the “lot”.
  - Batches must be fully homogenized prior to testing.
  - Colorado?
    - Potency testing should be conducted for all batches of psilocybin using best practices for the testing of psilocybin and psilocin.
1. Potency testing should include testing for psilocybin and psilocin.
  2. A batch shall be considered all psilocybin-containing mushrooms that result from a single inoculation and in any single flush, where a new flush is defined as mushrooms that grow from the same inoculation after the first flush has been harvested from the same substrate.
  3. For batches up to 1 kilogram in total weight after drying, cultivators must submit a sample of that batch that represents the heterogeneity of the batch, including caps and stems and different sizes of mushrooms and weighs 2.5 grams. Larger batches require additional samples in 2.5-gram increments, such that for every additional kilogram in a batch, an additional 2.5-gram sample representing the variety of the batch must be submitted.
  4. Any new flushes from a single inoculation should be considered a new batch. The same weight to sample requirements apply to each additional flush[G-1].

[G-1]This is Colorado's recommendation can we modify to meet our needs.

my name is Erik Baca im a New Mexico resident and i have no conflicts of interest my mic is not working today hello everyone!

1. A batch shall be considered all psilocybin-containing mushrooms that result from a single inoculation same substrate.

I have tested first and second flushes. There is no difference in potency between the two flushes

yes because its a mix and average of all flushes from a batch really good point

i dont think a timeline is necesary, if you try and get multiple batches the mushrooms will naturally stop growing, and too long risks trich from forming

Augeri, Cathy, DOH left the chat.

### **Evans, Gregory, DPS**

call dropped. in the waiting room.

Hi greg! You're not showing in our waitroom right now, you may need to either restart teams (if on your Microsoft account) or whatever browser you're on (if neither of those work, I'd just try restarting your computer and rejoining)

harvesting from a substrate has maybe a two week lifespan before they stop producing and chances increase for contam

Two weeks should be enough to get two flushes

Does it matter if the batch contains fruit bodies with different genetics if the batch is homogenized?

### **Adrian - Druids Choice (External)**

Two weeks should be enough to get two flushes

this is not always true

**Evans, Gregory, DPS**

this is not always true

True. It can take more time with slower strains. Some strains are faster Can we get rid of flushes and add batch defined by substrate. I do t think there should be any restrictions on quantity. My current strains are 3 weeks between flushes

I missed the last 10 min. Network error.

i'm here on phone and chat.

we should not set weight limit on batch ....

small producer mixing by hand will have a very different capacity for batch size than someone with large farm equipment. we also struck the language from co about how much is allowed to be harvested

if a batch is set by uniform substrate with single genetic inoculation that would be enough of a definition.

is that 1kilo wet or dry?

dry

so thats a big big harvest at 80-90% reduced weight after drying

If i have an xls bag that yields 2oz dry per yield that would be ~17 bags which is half of a rack.

1kg of dried mushrooms would be about 175 lbs of harvested mushrooms, woughly

roughly

the issue here is that growers have different methods and approaches some grow larger harvest batches in larger monotub or even tents and others grow in small grow bags as small as 3 lbs of fruiting substrate in a perpetual harvest grow model where they harvest daily so time frames and weights are all subjective

subjective\*

A larger limit would certainly benefit the growers from a cost reduction standpoint, and 1kg is certainly doable in a large spawn to bulk run.

yes 1kg is great for smaller growers, i dont think any of us will get 175lbs hrvest from a batch of mushrooms pre dried

2.5 grams is the amount needed for the test sample

fyi. i'm unable to use audio currently

1 test per batch ( mushrooms grown from one substrate ) as long as that batch is less than one kg ( which it will be for all non commercial growers

Where are you getting 175? I tend to end up around 10% of beginning weight.

what?

its whatever is needed by the labs to get enough to take the readingsd

mushrooms lose 70-90% of theri weight when its dried, so if you harvest 1kg of mushrooms ( wet ) they will weight 70-90% less when dried

sorry for my spelling new keyboard

read the chat

A kilo is 2.2 pounds

that 175 is not correct

What about a maximum batch size? To not exclude smaller growers?

The issue with attempting to lower the batch size is that it will increase the end user cost.

so every 2.2 lbs needs testing?

to translate one batch would be 35 oz

Do we need to increase the 7 days timeline? I would be in agreement for increasing this timeline

In Oregon 3 years later we only have one person that has hit that limit. Most batches submitted are in the 1/2 pound or so range.

Time limit may be best to ask the growers.

**Brown, James (Unverified)**

Do we need to increase the 7 days timeline? I would be in agreement for increasing this timeline

I would second this.

my mic isnt working

so testing will be evry 2.2 grams thats crazy

2.2lbs

4 weeks

4 weeks

at least 4 weeks

there is a massive variance in flush cadence

There need to be a time limit.

4 weeks

there is already a cost burden on growers having to get testing for every 2.2lbs

for example. subtropicallis will flush 9-10 times over 4 months.

2.2lbs isnt really much tbh

4 weeks seems a little long.

that is an edge case, but ...

its 6 months in colorado

mutant cubes grow really slowly, more time between flushes

Evans, Gregory, DPS left the chat.

Oregon regulations use a 7 day window for batches

Colorado says a harvest has to be retested 9 months after the initial test What about 6 weeks to take into consideration the various species. Even a special request pathway for others

we have been typing in the chat noone is reading lol

If stored properly there will be very little to no potency degradation after 9 months.

### **State Residency “Sunset Clause” Proposal**

*Drafted by Estevan Hernandez, New Mexico Mycology Guild / NM Fungi*

*Presented to the Propagation Committee on February 4th, 2026*

#### **Overview**

A Sunset Clause (or Sunset Provision) is a measure within a statute, regulation or other law that provides for the law to cease to be effective after a specified date, unless further action is taken to extend it. A measure of this nature can be used to protect local participation while avoiding constitutional risk, within the context of licensing through the Medical Psilocybin Program.

By limiting program participation, manufacturers, testing facilities and service providers with long term residency in New Mexico will be given an equitable opportunity to establish their role within the Medical Psilocybin Program.

With high profile programs such as this, national attention is often developed to attract venture capital and multi-state organizations who have the capability of monopolizing a local economy. Results of this can be detrimental to State residents; Local participants often lack the levels of capital and regulatory experience held by non-resident commercial operators. Additionally, early licenses can create long-term structural advantages, whereas the spirit of the law is to serve all New Mexico residents.

#### **Precedent**

Under Oregon Psilocybin Services statute (including but not limited to ORS 475A.290 and ORS475A.305), precedent is established through the following clause:

*“(c) Must, until January 1, 2025:*

*(A) If the direct owner of the business operating or to be operated under the license is a legal entity, provide proof that more than 50 percent of the shares, membership interests, partnership interests, or other ownership interests of the legal entity are held, directly or indirectly, by one or more individuals who have been residents of this state for two or more years;*

*(B) If the direct owner of the business operating or to be operated under the license is a partnership that is not a legal entity, provide proof that more than 50 percent of the partnership interests of the partnership are held, directly or indirectly, by one or more individuals who have been residents of this state for two or more years; and*

*(C) If the direct owner of the business operating or to be operated under the license is an individual, provide proof that the individual has been a resident of this state for two or more years; and”*

## **Proposed Measure**

### **1. Applicability**

This measure applies to applicants and holders of the following licenses issued under the New Mexico Department of Health Medical Psilocybin Program: Manufacturer, Testing Facility, Therapy Facilitator.

### **1. Temporary Requirement**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and until January 1st, 2029, an applicant for a license subject to this measure must demonstrate compliance with the residency and ownership requirements set forth in this measure.

### **1. Individual Applicants**

If the applicant is an individual, the applicant must provide proof that the individual has been a resident of the State of New Mexico for a minimum of 24 months immediately preceding the date of application.

### **1. Entity Applicants**

If the applicant is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, trust, or other legal or commercial entity:

### 1. **Ownership Requirements**

More than 51% of the ownership interest in the applicant must be held by one or more individuals who have been residents of the State of New Mexico for a minimum of 24 months immediately preceding the date of the application; and

### 1. **Control Requirements**

The individuals described in Subsection (a) must possess actual authority to direct the management, policies, and operations of the applicant, whether through voting rights, management authority, contractual rights, or other indicia of control, as determined by the New Mexico Department of Health

### 1. **Anti-Circumvention**

New Mexico Department of Health may deny an application, refuse renewal, or take disciplinary action if it determines that an ownership, management, financial, or contractual arrangement has been established for the purpose of evading or circumventing the requirements of this measure, including but not limited to nominee arrangements, management agreements, profit-sharing agreements, debt instruments, or options conveying control.

### 1. **Measure Duration**

This measure is set to expire effective January 1st, 2029. On or after this date, no residency, ownership, or local participation requirements shall apply to licensure under the Medical Psilocybin Program, unless expressly reauthorized by New Mexico Department of Health.

Eric Barlow what I was saying about the 1kg cap on dried product, harvested ( wet ) mushrooms lose roughly 90% of the water weight, transforming **1 pound (16 oz) of fresh mushrooms into approximately 1 to 1.5 ounces of dried mushrooms**. so at 2lbs of mushrooms, that would only be roughly 3 ounces of dried product, so 32 ounces of dried mushrooms would be around 20lbs of harvest ( wet ) mushrooms, my math was way off earlier, sorry about that, 20 is a lot less than 175. So non commercial growers dont have to worry about getting 20lbs of mushrooms from one substrate

It's all good, just wanted to check.



I support the sunset clause. Agree with 36 months

- **A. Testing Authority**

- Testing is performed by Department approved laboratories.
- Requirements for laboratories to be approved
  - ♣ Existing cannabis testing laboratories (submit SOPs and process for extraction)
  - ♣ ISO/IEC 17025 accredited labs[G-1]
  - ♣ Labs approved or overseen by the Department

<https://nelac-institute.org/index.php>

NELAC/ TNI

It is an expense that I do not like to pay but it helps .

It costs about 8k to get accredited.

and 4k a year

Is Border Patrol a concern if product needs to go north for testing?

That should not affect current cannabis labs from getting psilocybin-only accreditation, other than the basic paperwork storage/ generic operations. They would not look at anything Cannabis.

That makes sense

Yes, current cannabis labs are the easiest, quickest way.

Round robins are difficult if it has to cross boarder

i think most of us dont know

who arent in lab testing

Sorry, forgot to put it down Needs to be as open as possible. There's not a lot of money in testing.

I keep missing introduction. Is that ok by chat or should I raise my hand at the end of this meeting or start of next meeting?

Des, you can introduce yourself thru chat

Please read <https://www.rosecitylabs.com/s/TPEvsTPP.pdf>

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- Please remember to include your full, legal name and any organizational affiliations you may be representing (if any) on the documents.
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- To be included, please send your comment by Thursday, February 5th at 5:00 PM.

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Hi, my name is Des Garcia. I'm a New Mexico resident and a licensed recreational cannabis operator. My background includes cultivation and growing in regulated environments, along with experience in mycology, and I've seen the therapeutic benefits that psilocybin treatment can offer in a medical, structured setting. I'm here independently, with no current affiliation to any psilocybin program or provider. I'm interested in learning more about New Mexico's medical psilocybin program and how my experience in regulated production, compliance, and quality control may responsibly translate into this emerging framework.

Chris repeat that part about in person. Which meeting date are you talking about?

Thank you

Thanks to the MPP team for facilitating, and all participants in today's discussions!

Thank you

Thank you all

Eric Barlow (External) left the chat.

Thank you all so much! Have an awesome day