

# Medical Psilocybin Propagation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** February 11, 2026

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

**Minute Taker:** Adrian Estrada, DOH

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## Agenda items

### 1. Opening Statements

- DOH staff (Dominick Zurlo) opened the meeting and reminded participants that the session was recorded and publicly posted. Cameras were kept off to avoid inappropriate backgrounds and reduce bandwidth issues statewide.
- Chair Chris Peskuski led a brief moment of silence and welcomed members.

### 2. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves, affiliations, and interests in the program. Members represented research, mycology, laboratory science, veterans' organizations, and industry stakeholders.

### 3. Review of Agenda

Agenda displayed and accepted without modification.

### 4. Sunset Clause Discussion

Legal review determined residency limitations cannot be imposed due to Interstate Commerce Clause considerations. The committee discussed using disclosure language instead of residency requirements, including:

- Years business established in New Mexico
- State and county of residence of primary investors

Concern raised about economic impacts to local growers. Discussions to continue.

### 5. Testing Authority

Committee discussed whether testing should be run by the state or third party.

Consensus:

- Testing performed by Department approved laboratories
- Multiple accreditation pathways allowed:
  - Existing cannabis laboratories submitting SOPs and validation
  - ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratories
  - NELAC/TNI accredited laboratories
  - State lab oversight when applicable

Annual proficiency and verification testing required.

A secondary third-party accreditation model was supported.

## 6. Required Testing Panels

Testing occurs after homogenization of batch.

Retesting required if products exceed defined age threshold (discussion between six months and one year; further refinement needed).

Department may require additional testing in response to complaints or concerns.

Random testing is limited to no more than four times per year per facility unless violations occur.

### Potency Testing

Core analytes identified:

- Psilocybin
- Psilocin
- Baeocystin
- Norbaeocystin
- Aeruginascin

### Contaminant Testing

- Microbial contamination including E. coli and Salmonella
- Heavy metals (example thresholds discussed for Lead, Cadmium, Arsenic, Mercury)
- Pesticides and fungicides
- Residual solvents

Discussion included potential future synthetic tryptamine screening if needed by the Department.

## 7. Laboratory Capacity and Cost Considerations

Members emphasized:

- Need for multiple labs to avoid bottlenecks
- Balancing safety requirements with affordability
- Avoiding barriers like high-cost treatment models seen in other states

Equipment and testing costs were reviewed at a high level to understand economic impact.

## 8. Traceability (Tracking)

Program will require:

- End to end batch tracking from cultivation through sale
- Online tracking system required by the Department
- Record retention minimum of five years

Labeling concepts discussed including:

- Species identification
- Potency metrics
- Product identifiers
- Safety disclosures

## 9. Labeling Concepts (Draft Discussion)

Example label elements reviewed:

- Total psilocybin equivalent metrics
- Full alkaloid profile reporting
- Cultivar and species identification

Required disclaimer language to include FDA non approval statement and risk warnings.

## 10. Public Comment Submission Process

Written public comment instructions provided:

- Submit to [medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov](mailto:medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov)
- Include committee name in subject line
- Provide accessible hyperlinks instead of attachments
- Limit submissions to three pages minimum 10-point font
- Include full legal name and affiliations
- Submit by 5:00 PM the day after the meeting

## 11. Additional Discussion

Members discussed:

- Local zoning and planning considerations handled at municipal level
- Clarification that cultivation prior to licensure is not permitted
- Need to align with food safety handling expectations
- Importance of minimizing regulatory burden while ensuring safety

Recommendation made to defer certain scientific standard setting to Research and Dosage Committee.

## 12. Next Meetings

February 18, 2026 – Virtual

March 11, 2026 – Hybrid Albuquerque

March 18, 2026 – Hybrid Santa Fe

Next session will focus on food preparation, handling, and labeling requirements.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.

### **Attendance**

#### **Medical Psilocybin Propagation Committee**

**February 11, 2026**

#### **Chair**

Chris Peskuski

#### **DOH Staff**

Adrian Estrada, DOH

Jonathan Mouchet, DOH

Jorge Gonzales, DOH

Dominick Zurlo, DOH

Ismail Zoutat, DOH

Robert Truckner, DOH  
Celina Montoya, DOH

**Participants and Public Attendees**

Shane McDaniel  
James Blackford  
Marcus Ryals  
James Brown  
Angela George  
Gregory Evans  
Manuel Griego  
Debbie Traynor  
Eric Barlow  
Mateo Frazier  
Cheves Fleming  
Ash Shelton  
Dan Huson  
Vincent Espinoza  
Jon Eslick  
Estevan Hernandez  
Denali Wilson  
Matthew Armstrong

**Propagation Committee Chat**

1. Opening statements
2. Introductions
3. Review agenda
4. Sunset Clause
5. Testing Authority
6. Propagation Outline
7. Proposals
8. Other business & discussion
9. Next meetings

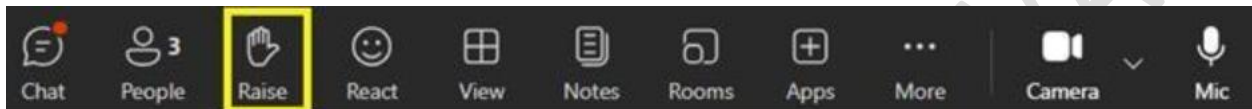
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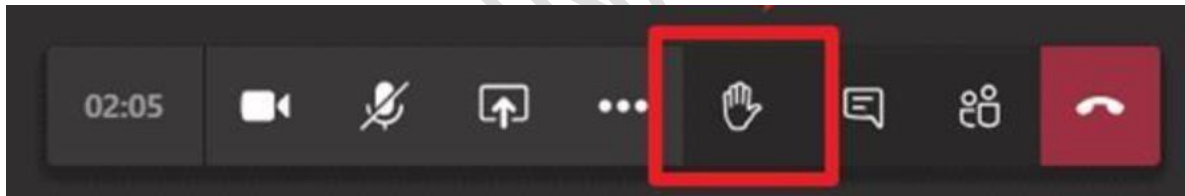
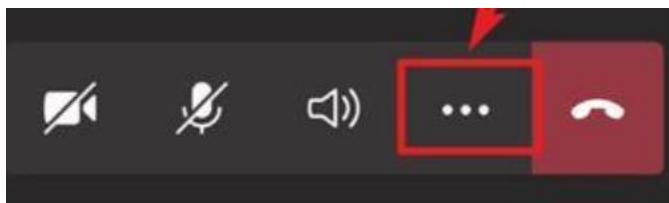
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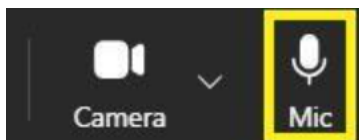
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**Gregory Evans**

Thank you Chris and DOH team for supporting this space.

I am an Independent researcher and mycologist with no affiliations Santa Fe resident My intention is to support the program's development through committee recommendations aligned with emerging research and best practices. off mic for the first 30 min today.

I'm Eric Barlow. I'm in Las Cruces and have no affiliations.

- A statement regarding the number of years the business has been established in New Mexico and a statement declaring the state and country of residency, including length of time, of their primary investors;

Good afternoon everyone, this is Estevan Hernandez (NM Resident , NM Mycology Guild President, NM Fungi Owner)

Question

Is there an ISO certifying company located in New Mexico? Or are they sourced from outside NM?

**Appendix: ILAC MRA Signatory Accreditation Bodies**

Capacity Assessment

*This appendix is provided as market intelligence to support informed decision-making. The recommendation does not name or endorse any specific accreditation body. Labs choose from any ILAC MRA signatory.*

<b>Body</b>	<b>Psilocybin / Natural Medicine on Scope</b>	<b>Cannabis Lab Experience</b>	<b>State MOU History</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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<b>A2LA</b> (American Association for Laboratory Accreditation)	<b>Yes</b> — Natural Medicine Testing program covers psilocybin, psilocin, MDMA, ketamine, DMT, mescaline, LSD, ibogaine	Extensive — market leader in cannabis lab accreditation	Yes — offers state-specific requirements via MOU	Currently the most developed option for psilocybin scope. Nonprofit.
<b>ANAB</b> (ANSI National Accreditation Board)	Not confirmed — likely capable of scoping	Yes — accredits cannabis testing labs	Yes	Nonprofit. Subsidiary of ANSI.
<b>PJLA</b> (Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation)	Not confirmed	Yes	Unknown	Private. Broad ISO 17025 portfolio.
<b>IAS</b> (International Accreditation Service)	Not confirmed	Yes	Unknown	Subsidiary of ICC.
<b>NVLAP</b> (NIST National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program)	Not confirmed	Unknown	Federal program	Government-run. May not offer cannabis/psilocybin scope.
<b>NAC</b> (National Accreditation Center)	Not confirmed	Unknown	Unknown	Newest ILAC MRA signatory (May 2024). Limited track record.
<b>AIHA LAP</b> (American Industrial Hygiene Association)	Not confirmed	Unknown	Unknown	Primarily industrial hygiene scope. Unlikely fit.

this is the list that I was able to find.

- **A. Testing Authority**

- Testing is performed by Department approved laboratories.
- Requirements for laboratories to be approved
  - ♣ Existing cannabis testing laboratories (submit SOP/IDCs and process for extraction) and similar pathway for those who are not a cannabis testing laboratory; or,
  - ♣ ISO/IEC 17025 or NELAC/TNI (<https://nelac-institute.org/index.php>) accredited labs[G-1] ; or,
  - ♣ Labs approved or overseen by the Department ie, State Lab Division
- Ensure proficiency and verification testing annually

The NELAC Institute (TNI)

Thank you guys

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  - ♣ Cannabis testing laboratories which have been approved (submit SOP/IDCs and process for extraction) and similar pathway for those who are not a cannabis testing laboratory; or,
  - ♣ ISO/IEC 17025 or NELAC/TNI (<https://nelac-institute.org/index.php>) accredited labs[G-1] ; or,
  - ♣ Labs approved or overseen by the Department ie, State Lab Division
- Ensure proficiency and verification testing annually
- The Department can require samples to be conducted by additional labs for validation purposes.

[G-1]NELAC? More stringent scientifically based equipment validation.

The NELAC Institute (TNI)

More options better

### **Required Testing Panels**

- Testing occurs once the batch is homogenized and end products[G-1]
- If the product is older than 6 months, it needs to be re-tested

- The Department can require additional tests if there are complaints, concerns, or at random;
- No cultivation or processing facility will be asked to test more than 4 times a year with regard to the random testing; except if there are contaminants or false statements made by the organization/facility or on the labels.
- Potency Testing
  - Psilocin
  - Psilocybin
    - ♣ Baeocystin, norbaeocystin and aeruginascin[G-2] ?
- Contaminant Testing
  - Microbial contamination
    - ♣ E. coli
    - ♣ Salmonella[G-3] [ZD4]
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  - Heavy metals (this is an example)
    - ♣ The limits for heavy metal testing are:
      - (a) Lead (Pb) above .5 µg/g.
      - (b) Cadmium (Cd) above .2 µg/g.
      - (c) Arsenic (As) above .2 µg/g.
      - (d) Mercury (Hg) above .1 µg/g.
  - Pesticides/fungicides
  - Residual solvents
  - 4-AcO-DMT

[G-1]End products only?

[G-2]Are we collecting data to accompany this? Is there more than anecdotal evidence on these?

[G-3]Do we need E. coli testing done if grown in manure?

[ZD4]It should be tested for, regardless as E. Coli can come from many sources (including not washing hands)

Added text: The department can stagger the implementation of testing as laboratories are permitted and are able to provide validation of testing.

**Core potency analytes (5):**

- Psilocybin
- Psilocin
- Baeocystin
- Norbaeocystin
- Aeruginascin

are we going to require Homogeneity testing requirements

recommended Language:

Random testing shall not exceed 4 times per year per facility — unless the Department has documented evidence of contamination or false statements by the facility or on product labels.

or something

I will drop and come back.

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switch 4-aco-dmt to "synthetic tryptamine screening"

this will future proof the language to cover unknown or new chemicals.

the sops would cover the specifics.

What's the reasoning behind the synthetic tryptamine screening? Seems unnecessarily costly Do we test cannabis for synthetic cannabinoids?

**Brett Phelps (Unverified)**

Do we test cannabis for synthetic cannabinoids?

I'd have to go back and look for cannabis itself, but I do know off the top of my head that hemp must be tested for synthetic and semi-synthetic.

Nevermind

Potency needs to be for every batch

<https://www.rosecitylabs.com/internal-psilocybin-studies>

Internal Psilocybin Studies — Rose City Laboratories

we narrowed it down last time that a batch is everything harvested from one substrate, so its better than where it started

That cost is for larger cultivators.

i'm back will go after dan

Is there enough demand for more labs in CO and OR or is that all the program allows?

How many Cannabis testing labs are currently operating the state of New Mexico?

**Manuel Griego (External)**

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6 - and one has two locations.

- Potency Testing
  - o Psilocin
  - o Psilocybin
    - ♣ Baeocystin, norbaeocystin and aeruginascin[G-1] ?

for medical we should absolutely include these

What is the cost difference to the cultivator?

No Cost difference

unnecessary for dried mushrooms

with our market i think the risk is low. If we were selling in gas stations, there is a much higher risk.

do we trust the market or defend against it? is there a way to protect the program without including language?

- Only batches that pass all required testing may be released for use.

Maybe the staggering of testing should have a time frame.

from test date

## **VIII. Labeling, Packaging, and Traceability (tracking)**

### **A. Packaging**

- Sealed
- Labeled

### **B. Required Label Elements**

- The label must be printed or affixed on the product package and must include:
  - - Contain all required information in a legible font at least eight points.
    - Be in English, though it may also be provided in other languages.
    - Be unobstructed and clearly visible.
  - The producer's business name and permit number.
  - The type of product (ie, homogenized fungi)
  - The species name of the fungi
  - The net quantity of contents using the metric system of measurement
  - The potency of psilocybin analytes contained in the product, expressed in milligrams, and calculated using laboratory test results.
  - A unique identification number of the product lot.
  - The expiration date; and,
  - The statement: "The risks, benefits, drug interactions, and effects of psilocybin are not fully understood. Individual results may vary."
  - The statement "Keep out of the reach of children."

- The statement “Do not drive a motor vehicle or operate machinery while under the use of psilocybin.”

### **C. Product Information Document**

- A product information document must be available that lists the following information in English on a printed or electronic document in 12-point font or larger:
- All of the requirements for the product label;
- A statement regarding the number of years the business has been established in New Mexico and a statement declaring the state and country of residency, including length of time, of their primary investors;
- Results of all laboratory tests conducted on the homogenized batch;
- Date of homogenization;
- The type and composition of the growth medium used, including type of grain, soil, compost, and other inputs;
- Date of manufacture or processing of the final product;
- List of all active and inactive ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight or volume;
- Growth medium used;
- List of potential major food allergens which might be contained in the product or in the growth medium;
- Identify the intended use and directions for use; and,
- A description of how the product should be stored;
- The following statement: “This product is not approved by the FDA to treat, cure, or prevent any disease. FDA has not evaluated this product for safety, effectiveness, and quality. There may be long term adverse health effects from consumption of psilocybin, including additional risks for women who are or may become pregnant or are breastfeeding.”
- The New Mexico poison and drug information center phone number;

### **D. Traceability (tracking)**

- Utilize online tracking system as required by the Department
- End-to-end batch tracking from cultivation through final product

- o Steps for grow, harvest, processing, testing, transport/sale.
- Records retained for a defined regulatory period (5 years)

if the product can be retested every year, would we have an expiration date, and if so i assume it would just be another label on all products for that batch?

I feel really strongly that potency needs to be " Total Equivalent Psilocybin"

State V Pratt only covers trafficking with intent to distribute; possession is not implicitly covered by that precedent

no one can begin until they are permitted.

Criminal defense attorney here. Contact me offline to discuss if you want [brett@brettphelpslaw.com](mailto:brett@brettphelpslaw.com)

I agree 100%

- A statement regarding the number of years the business has been established in New Mexico and a statement declaring the state and country of residency, including length of time, of their primary investors;

I think the reality is that there is very little money to be made, so....

Without protections, I cannot in good faith recommend program participation to any on my peers. This really needs to be revisited if the DOH truly cares about local growers

How to submit written public comment•Please send written public comment to the program email at: [medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov](mailto:medical.psilocybin@doh.nm.gov) and include the committee's name in the subject line.

- If referencing documents from other sources/websites:
  - Do not include the document, only a working - accessible hyperlink;
  - Documents must be sent with context provided (i.e. do not simply send a research article);
  - The comment must relate to the topics discussed in the meeting.
- Documents are limited to no more than 3 pages (letter size) in length and must be no less than 10-point font.
- Please remember to include your full, legal name and any organizational affiliations you may be representing (if any) on the documents.
- It will then be included in the meeting record.
- To be included, please send your comment by 5:00 PM the day after the meeting.

what would be the specific category/type of business/license LLC etc required to qualify for a permit, for example i have a small business doing appliance appliance repair, and I assume I couldn't apply under that, etc, sorry for vague terminology, im not familiar with some of the legal terms etc

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Business license and types may be different in different localities - you would need to check with your local municipality/county for exactly what type of license would be needed for that aspect.

**PCN (mg/g): 5.12**

**PBCE (mg/g): 7.12**

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**Psilocin : Psilocybin 1 : 38.2**

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**Full Alkaloid Profile (mg/g biomass):**

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Psilocin	0.180 mg/g
Psilocybin	6.875 mg/g
Baeocystin	0.300 mg/g
Norbaeocystin	0.045 mg/g
Aeruginascin	0.013 mg/g
Norpsilocin	0.007 mg/g

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**Cultivar: Golden Teacher**

**Genus: *Psilocybe* Species: *cubensis***

this is a mock label I have sketched up

covers both sides and ratio with minors.

Thanks

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