

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

In the Matter of

**Schedules of Controlled Substances:
Proposed Rescheduling of Marijuana**

**DEA Docket No. 1362
Hearing Docket No. 26-96**

ORDER FOR TRANSCRIPT CORRECTIONS AND POST-HEARING BRIEFS

The hearing on the merits in the above-captioned matter took place from June 29, 2026, through July 15, 2026. A digital copy of the daily transcript has been provided to the parties, generally following that day's proceedings, on a day-by-day basis via email.

In addition, each Designated Party is entitled to one hard copy of the transcript. Because certain Interested Parties are represented by more than one attorney and more than one firm, those Interested Parties will need to select one representative/attorney/firm to receive the hard copy transcript on their behalf. Interested Parties with multiple representations are **ORDERED** to inform this tribunal of their selection, as well as that person's preferred mailing address, by no later than **July 17, 2026**.¹

I. Transcript Corrections

Agency regulations require that each party be provided an opportunity, generally no longer than thirty days, to propose corrections to the transcript. 21 C.F.R. § 1316.63(b). This is not an opportunity for the parties to correct instances of misspeaking or to materially alter the testimony of witnesses that was given. Instead, this is an opportunity for the parties to identify "errors that may have been made" in the transcription of the proceedings (*i.e.*, a name or word is misspelled, a line of text is attributed to the wrong speaker, etc.). Punctuation and grammar are not essential corrections. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Designated Parties may submit their proposed corrections to the transcript by no later than **August 17, 2026**. This is a nonmandatory submission;

¹ Phillip A. Drum, PharmD, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation have already provided one mailing address in their Prehearing Statements. Unless they seek to have their copy of the transcript sent elsewhere, these two Interested Parties are excluded from this directive.

therefore, a Designated Party will not be penalized for not filing transcript corrections, and the absence of a submission implies that no submission was intended.

Corrections submitted by Designated Parties are only proposed corrections. This tribunal will also review the transcript for possible errors and note where corrections are needed. The list created by the tribunal will be compared to the list(s) submitted by the Designated Parties to create a final corrections list. Following that, this tribunal will issue an order adopting the final list of corrections and will adopt those corrections into the official copy of the transcript. A fully corrected copy of the transcript of these proceedings will be made available to the public on the Agency's website.

II. Post-Hearing Briefs

Agency regulations also permit parties to file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law (post-hearing briefs) following the hearing. 21 C.F.R. § 1316.64. Further, because no time was allotted for closing arguments, this tribunal informed the Designated Parties that there would be an opportunity to submit post-hearing briefs. *See* Preliminary Order at 5. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Designated Parties may submit their post-hearing briefs, to include their closing arguments and argument on any other issue noted by the tribunal during the hearing, by no later than **August 17, 2026**. This is a nonmandatory submission; therefore, a Designated Party will not be penalized for not filing a post-hearing brief, and the absence of a submission implies that no submission was intended.

It is further **ORDERED** that post-hearing briefs submitted in this matter must conform to the following specifications:

- Post-hearing briefs may not exceed fifty (50) pages²;
- Post-hearing briefs must be double-spaced, utilizing 12-point characters and 1-inch margins; and
- Each Designated Party may file only one post-hearing brief.

Dated: July 16, 2026

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DEREK C. JULIUS
Chief Administrative Law Judge

² If a Designated Party seeks leave to file a larger post-hearing brief, they must file a motion supported by good cause detailing the enlargement sought sufficiently before the enumerated deadline.