

Raziq Seabrook

Raziq Seabrook is a prominent public policy and political expert who has direct experience drafting and negotiating the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act. A graduate of SUNY and Albany Law School with honors, his experience working with New York's cannabis legislation dates back to 2018 where he worked on Labor provisions of the bill in his position as Deputy Chief of Staff at the New York State Department of Labor. After transitioning from agency work, he participated in the negotiations of the bill between the Executive and Legislature while serving as Senior Advisor to the Governor. Post his tenure in government, Raziq worked directly with prominent advocacy organizations like the Drug Policy Alliance to insert and strengthen aspects of the bill that promote equity to those most harmed by the war on drugs. He is a passionate champion of social equity and recently co-founded Back Chamber Consulting, an elite strategy firm that represents clients who reside at the intersection of racial justice and public policy, along with the former Executive Director of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Caucus.

Raziq is also focused on the infrastructure necessary to promote a robust cannabis industry and serves as a Corporate and Community Lead for National Grid. He also works with individuals who are focused on synergies between the cannabis and culinary industries.

Raziq's other qualifications for the Board include: experience as a Vice President of an international crisis communication firm; working in the offices of various New York elected officials; working on both the acquisition and sales teams at an investment bank; and experience on City, State and Federal campaigns.

He has robust experience implementing innovative state and local level initiatives that reimagine the ability of government to work in collaboration with the public and private sectors, and leverage the resources of all vested stakeholders. Raziq brings an innovative, solution-oriented approach to issues and is particularly interested in ensuring that BIPOC communities disproportionately benefit from cannabis policies in an attempt to rectify past injustices.