

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

**June 4, 2020  
10:00AM**

**Remote Participation via [Microsoft Teams Live](#)\***

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

**Documents:**

- Meeting minutes for May 7, 2020 public meeting.
- Job Description for Data Manager
- Application materials for the following applications:
  - 1Connection Corporation
  - Berkshire Roots, Inc.
  - Bountiful Farms, Inc.
  - LDE Holdings, LLC
  - Phytotherapy, Inc.
  - Sira Naturals, Inc
  - Bountiful Farms, Inc.
  - GreenCare Therapeutics, Inc.
  - Mission MA, Inc. (#MCR139876)
  - Mission MA, Inc. (#MPR243519)
  - Mission MA, Inc. (#MRR205581)
  - Commcan, Inc. (#MRR205584)
  - Sira Naturals, Inc (#MCR139878)
  - INSA, Inc. (#MRR205583)
  - Theory Wellness Inc. (#MRR205590)
  - Cresco HHH, LLC (#MRR205585)
  - Cresco HHH, LLC (#MCR139877)
  - Cresco HHH, LLC (#MPR243520)
  - 4 Bros, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
  - The Botanist, Inc. (#RMD905)
  - Alternative Therapies Group, Inc. (#RMD065)
  - Alternative Therapies Group, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
  - Garden Remedies, Inc. (#RMD202)



- In Good Health, Inc. (#RMD105)
- Sira Naturals, Inc (#RMD245)
- Sira Naturals, Inc (#RMD325)
- Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- Pharmacannis Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD805)
- Temescal Wellness of MA Inc. (#RMD965)
- Temescal Wellness of MA Inc. (#RMD705)
- Temescal Wellness of MA Inc. (#RMD985)
- 27 Broom Street, LLC (#MC281723), Cultivation, Tier 10 / Outdoor
- Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MC281476), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MP281630), Product Manufacturer
- Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MR281471), Retail
- Berkshire Roots, Inc. (#MR281845), Retail
- Resinate, Inc. (#MR281249), Retail
- Sanctuary Medicinals, LLC (#MR281950), Retail
- Wiseacre Farms, Inc. (#MCN281406), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Outdoor
- 4 Bros, Inc. (#RMD1325), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#RMD1506), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- ACK Natural, LLC (#MCN281850), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- ACK Natural, LLC (#MPN281557), Product Manufacturer
- ACK Natural, LLC (#MRN282038), Retail
- Analytics Lab, LLC (#ILN281280), Independent Testing Laboratory
- Aries Laboratories, LLC (#ILN281325), Independent Testing Laboratory
- Ascend Mass, LLC (#MRN282837), Retail
- Bare Naked Greens LLC (#MCN282404), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Bare Naked Greens LLC (#MPN281761), Product Manufacturer
- Blue Collar Botany Corp. (#MCN281751), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Blue Collar Botany Corp. (#MPN281520), Product Manufacturer
- BOSTICA, LLC (#MCN282139), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor
- BOSTICA, LLC (#MPN281664), Product Manufacturer
- Bud's Goods & Provisions Corp. (#MRN282410), Retail
- Buudda Brothers, LLC (#MCN281939), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Buudda Brothers, LLC (#MPN281585), Product Manufacturer
- Buudda Brothers, LLC (#MRN282225), Retail
- CCE CAT, LLC (#MPN281673), Product Manufacturer
- Clean Technique, LLC (#MPN281479), Product Manufacturer
- Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc. (#MCN281922), Cultivation, Tier 11 / Indoor
- Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc. (#MPN281571), Product Manufacturer
- Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRN282974), Retail
- DM Distribution, LLC (#MXN281355), Transporter with Other ME License
- Elevated Roots, LLC (#MRN283092), Retail



- Emerald Grove, Inc. (#MRN282808), Retail
- Frozen 4 Corporation (#MPN281749), Product Manufacturer
- Frozen 4 Corporation (#MRN282881), Retail
- Frozen 4 Corporation (#MXN281357), Transporter with Other ME License
- Glacier Rock Farm, Inc. (#MCN282137), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Glacier Rock Farm, Inc. (#MPN281710), Product Manufacturer
- Green Gold Group, Inc. (#MCN281649), Cultivation, Tier 7 / Indoor
- Green Gold Group, Inc. (#MPN281456), Product Manufacturer
- Green Gold Group, Inc. (#MRN281791), Retail
- Green River Cannabis Company, Inc. (#MRN282175), Retail
- Hennep Cultivation, LLC (#MCN282282), Cultivation, Tier 6 / Indoor
- Hennep Cultivation, LLC (#MPN281766), Product Manufacturer
- Holistic Health Group, Inc (#MCN282431), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Holistic Health Group, Inc (#MCN282488), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Outdoor
- Iron Express, Inc. (#MRN282424), Retail
- J-B.A.M., Inc. (#MCN282510), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Life Essence, Inc. (#MCN281999), Cultivation, Tier 9 / Indoor
- Life Essence, Inc. (#MPN281624), Product Manufacturer
- Life Essence, Inc. (#MRN282981), Retail
- Major Bloom, LLC (#MRN281759), Retail
- Massbiolytics Corp. (#ILN281290), Independent Testing Laboratory
- Mayflower Medicinals, Inc. (#MRN282155), Retail
- Metro Harvest, Inc. (#MRN282659), Retail
- Metro Harvest, Inc. (#MRN282743), Retail
- PHA Industries, Inc. (#MPN281383), Product Manufacturer
- Pure Botanicals, LLC (#MCN281770), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Pure Botanicals, LLC (#MRN281951), Retail
- QPS Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. (#MCN281517), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor
- QPS Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. (#MPN281696), Product Manufacturer
- Resinate, Inc. (#MRN282399), Retail
- Stafford Green, Inc. (#MCN281964), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Outdoor
- The Haven Center, Inc. (#MRN282581), Retail
- Wellman Farm, Inc. (#MCN282513), Cultivation, Tier 10 / Outdoor
- Witch City Gardens, LLC (#MCN281615), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Witch City Gardens, LLC (#MRN281663), Retail
- Updated Equity Guidance
  - Minimum Age Requirement for Persons in Vehicles during Curbside Delivery
- Research Report: Public Awareness Campaign
- Executive Director's Report PowerPoint Presentation.

**In Attendance:**

- Chairman Steven Hoffman



- Commissioner Jennifer Flanagan
- Commissioner Britte McBride
- Commissioner Shaleen Title

## **Minutes:**

### 1) Call to Order

- The Chairman recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.

### 2) Chairman's Comments and Updates

- The Chairman wished health and safety of everyone and their families.
- The Chairman expressed his thanks to Chief of Staff Erika Scibelli and staff for their work organizing the meeting and its materials.
- The Chairman gave an overview of the agenda and noted that there was an agenda item that was not contemplated when the agenda was set, which will be done in executive session and the Commission will adjourn from executive session.

### 3) Minutes for Approval

- The Chairman noted that there were minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting and asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting.

### 4) Executive Director's Report

#### a. Highlights from Licensing Data\*\*

- The Executive Director gave highlights of the traditional data report.
  - 26 applications awaiting first review, which is down from last month and shows the Commission's progress working through that queue.
  - 58 applications awaiting Commission review, which is a record for the Commission to consider at a single meeting.
  - 89 applications awaiting 3<sup>rd</sup> party responses.
  - The Chairman asked if this puts the Commission in compliance with the goal of completing initial review within 6 months.
  - The Executive Director said he would be pleased if that were the case but does not want to declare this goal complete quite yet, given new application types will be entering the queue soon, which may impact this progress.

#### b. Update: Product Catalogue



- The Executive Director gave an overview of the Product catalog project, which is currently voluntary, but may become mandatory whereby licensees can fill out the listing of their products in Metrc.
- The Executive Director said this type of information would have been helpful in the past when going through the vape quarantine. This information would not have replaced the need for testing but would have been a helpful tool and would have reduced the volume of testing.
- Commissioner McBride said that it is anticipated that this would become a regulatory requirement in the future. Commissioner McBride said that she is impressed by the work of staff putting this work together to get this feature up and running. Namely Alisa Stack, David McKenna, Chantelle Porter, Katherine Binkoski, Phil Beabout, and Yaw Gyebi. This will likely be rolled out in phases. There is a lot that will be included in the catalog that will be useful to many different audiences, including researchers, healthcare providers. Commissioner McBride also expressed her excitement that this would be coming online.

c. Update: Pediatric Applications

- At the last meeting, the Executive Director noted the new patient portal, including the pediatric patient application. The patient portal has been instrumental in reducing backlogs. The patient support team, led by Kathy Oliver-Jones, is making a monumental effort to respond to all patients. The pediatric patient application should be ready on or about the week of June 15.

d. Update: Return to the Office

- The Executive Director said that this topic is an ongoing conversation. The Commission does not have a date to return or formal plan to facilitate the transition back. The steps being taken to build a plan include reconfiguring office spaces if and where necessary. The most important consideration is that work is not the only priority of employees. So being aware of childcare coverage and the safety of field workers is paramount to this process.
  - The Executive Director stated that this is a thoughtful, cautious process that shouldn't be rushed, namely because the Commission is completely functional in this time, including hiring and onboarding some staff.
  - The Chairman echoed his support for cautious planning.
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- The Executive Director gave an overview of updated cease and desist orders to allow curbside pickup and all of the adult use licensees have submitted Standard Operating Procedures for curbside. The licensees are required to submit these SOPs to the



Commission and the municipality in which they are located. It seems that there was a relatively smooth reopening of the industry.

- The Chairman asked if there is any sense of volume and how that compares to sales before the governor's order.
  - The Executive Director said the previous average weekly sales was \$13.2 million. Last week was approximately \$12.1 million. The caveat here is averaging of weeks may not show the ebb and flow of sales.
- The Chairman asked whether all adult retail stores have actually commenced operations.
  - The Executive Director said that all 45 licensed adult use retailers are open and running.

e. Job Description: Data Manager

- The Executive Director presented the job description for Data Manager position. Given how important data is to the Commission's mission and operations, this position will enable the Commission to do that even better. This position will manage data to support research, licensing, and enforcement operations.
- Commissioner Title asked, to the extent that the Commission mentions specific uses of data, there is a large amount of information through the Social Equity Programs and Positive Impact plan and that may be appropriate for that position as well.
  - The Executive Director agreed.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the job description to post and hire.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the job description.
- The Chairman asked for the timeline with respect to posting and hiring for the position.
  - The Executive Director said that Commission is working through several formerly posted jobs and would like to get this packaged and posted relatively quickly.

5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership

a. 1Connection Corporation

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

b. Berkshire Roots, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.



- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

c. Bountiful Farms, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

d. LDE Holdings, LLC

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

e. Phytotherapy, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

f. Sira Naturals, Inc

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

6) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Location

a. Bountiful Farms, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Location.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Change of Location.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Location.

b. GreenCare Therapeutics, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Change of Location.



- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Change of Location.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Location.

7) Staff Recommendations on Renewals

- The Chairman noted that the Commission considers Renewals as a roster, unless specifically requested for individual consideration by a Commissioner. There will be four rosters: (1) Mission MA, Inc.; (2) all other adult-use
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Renewal.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the roster of Renewals.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Location.

a. Mission MA, Inc. (#MCR139876)

b. Mission MA, Inc. (#MPR243519)

c. Mission MA, Inc. (#MRR205581)

- Commissioner Flanagan requested two conditions applying to all three Mission MA, Inc. Renewals.
  - Proposed conditions: (1) that within 90 days of the removal of the State of Emergency declaration all adult use licensees must notify the Cannabis Control Commission of updated actions taken on the Plans to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People; and (2) Commissioner Flanagan moves that within 90 days of the removal of the State of Emergency declaration all adult use licensees must notify the Cannabis Control Commission of updated actions taken on the Diversity Plans.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the roster of Renewals, subject to the conditions requested by commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission voted to approve the roster of renewal by a vote of 3 in favor (Flanagan McBride, Hoffman) and one recusal (Title), subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

d. Commcan, Inc. (#MRR205584)

e. Sira Naturals, Inc (#MCR139878)

f. INSA, Inc. (#MRR205583)





g. Theory Wellness Inc. (#MRR205590)

h. Cresco HHH, LLC (#MRR205585)

i. Cresco HHH, LLC (#MCR139877)

j. Cresco HHH, LLC (#MPR243520)

- Commissioner Flanagan requested two universal conditions:
  - Proposed conditions: (1) within 90 days of the removal of the State of Emergency declaration all adult use licensees must notify the Cannabis Control Commission of updated actions taken on the Plans to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People; and (2) within 90 days of the removal of the State of Emergency declaration all adult use licensees must notify the Cannabis Control Commission of updated actions taken on the Diversity Plans.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the roster of Renewals, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Renewals, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

k. 4 Bros, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

l. The Botanist, Inc. (#RMD905)

m. Alternative Therapies Group, Inc. (#RMD065)

n. Alternative Therapies Group, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

o. Garden Remedies, Inc. (#RMD202)

p. In Good Health, Inc. (#RMD105)

q. Sira Naturals, Inc (#RMD245)

r. Sira Naturals, Inc (#RMD325)

s. Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

t. Pharmacannis Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD805)

- Commissioner Title read the existing condition into the record for these licensees
  - Within 60 days, the licensee shall submit their program to provide reduced cost or free marijuana to patients with documented verified financial hardship as required under 501.050(1)(h). The submission shall include a progress update on implementing the plan, if applicable, and the website where the plan is posted, if applicable.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.



- Commissioner Title moved to approve the roster of Renewals.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Renewals.

u. Temescal Wellness of MA Inc. (#RMD965)

v. Temescal Wellness of MA Inc. (#RMD705)

w. Temescal Wellness of MA Inc. (#RMD985)

- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the roster of Renewals.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission voted to approve the roster of renewal by a vote of 3 in favor (Flanagan McBride, Hoffman) and one recusal (Title).

#### 8) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses

- The Chairman noted that the Commission considers final licenses as a roster, unless specifically requested for individual consideration by a Commissioner. These will be treated as a single roster.

a. 27 Broom Street, LLC (#MC281723), Cultivation, Tier 10 / Outdoor

b. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MC281476), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor

c. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MP281630), Product Manufacturer

d. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MR281471), Retail

e. Berkshire Roots, Inc. (#MR281845), Retail

f. Resinate, Inc. (#MR281249), Retail

g. Sanctuary Medicinals, LLC (#MR281950), Retail

h. Wiseacre Farms, Inc. (#MCN281406), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Outdoor

i. 4 Bros, Inc. (#RMD1325), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

j. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#RMD1506), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the roster of final licenses.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of final licenses.

#### 9) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses

- The Chairman noted that there were 55 total applications. The discussions will be per applicant, subject to separate votes.



- a. ACK Natural, LLC (#MCN281850), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- b. ACK Natural, LLC (#MPN281557), Product Manufacturer
- c. ACK Natural, LLC (#MRN282038), Retail
  - The Chairman requested, in agreement with the applicant, that these applications will be tabled until a later date. The Chairman asked for objection.
- d. Analytics Lab, LLC (#ILN281280), Independent Testing Laboratory
  - The Chairman noted that this was an expedited applicant based on license type.
  - Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for provisional license.
  - Commissioner McBride requested a condition, noting that Section 1 of 94G requires independence of a laboratory testing; therefore, the line of credit plan raises some concerns with respect to this proscription.
    - Prior to final licensure the applicant shall provide additional information regarding it's the provision in its Diversity Plan to provide lines of credit to Marijuana Establishment's for testing services. Additional information shall include the terms of the lines of credit and the applicant's plan to ensure no conflict of interest exists between it and ME's potentially receiving the line of credit. The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner McBride.
  - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license subject to the condition requested by Commissioner McBride.
- e. Aries Laboratories, LLC (#ILN281325), Independent Testing Laboratory
  - The Chairman noted that this was an expedited applicant based on license type.
  - Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for provisional license.
  - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- f. Ascend Mass, LLC (#MRN282837), Retail
  - Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for provisional license.
  - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
  - The Commission approved the provisional license by a vote of 3 in favor (McBride, Title, Hoffman) and one abstention (Flanagan).



g. Bare Naked Greens LLC (#MCN282404), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for both provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- Commissioner Title commented on the Positive Impact Plan, which was one of several applicants that listed clean up events as the entirety of the positive impact plan, which may technically satisfy the requirements, but Commissioner Title noted she would expect that documentation would show that these were significant events.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

h. Bare Naked Greens LLC (#MPN281761), Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

i. Blue Collar Botany Corp. (#MCN281751), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Blue Collar Botany Corp, subject to separate votes.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

j. Blue Collar Botany Corp. (#MPN281520), Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

k. BOSTICA, LLC (#MCN282139), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both BOSTICA, LLC applications, subject to separate votes.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.



- l. BOSTICA, LLC (#MPN281664), Product Manufacturer
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- m. Bud's Goods & Provisions Corp. (#MRN282410), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
  - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- n. Buudda Brothers, LLC (#MCN281939), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- The Chairman noted that these three applications were expedited based on their Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) status.
  - Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for all three Buudda Brothers, LLC applications, subject to separate votes.
  - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- o. Buudda Brothers, LLC (#MPN281585), Product Manufacturer
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- p. Buudda Brothers, LLC (#MRN282225), Retail
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- q. CCE CAT, LLC (#MPN281673), Product Manufacturer
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
  - Commissioner Title requested a condition:
    - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to employ "20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions" to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following questions:
      - What is meant by "retail" positions for a product manufacturing license?



- Where the plan refers generically to job fairs and media that reach “women and veterans,” can the applicant demonstrate that the applicant has researched such resources and planned for participation in them?
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

r. Clean Technique, LLC (#MPN281479), Product Manufacturer

- The Chairman noted that this is an expedited applicant due to its DBE status.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to make best efforts to hire at least 15% employees that are “women and/or minorities” to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

s. Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc. (#MCN281922), Cultivation, Tier 11 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Commonwealth Farm 1751, Inc. applications, subject to separate votes.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to make best efforts to hire at least 15% employees that are “women and/or minorities” to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

t. Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc. (#MPN281571), Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner Title requested a condition.



- Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to make best efforts to hire at least 15% employees that are “women and/or minorities” to be objectively reasonable.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

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- The Chairman asked for a motion to recess until 11:30a.
  - Commissioner Flanagan moved to recess for 15 minutes.
  - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously voted to recess for 15 minutes.
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u. Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRN282974), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

v. DM Distribution, LLC (#MXN281355), Transporter with Other ME License

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

w. Elevated Roots, LLC (#MRN283092), Retail

- The Chairman noted that this is an expedited application based on DBE status.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition, noting that she supports the organization listed, but the Commission needs to understand how a donation to that organization fulfills the purpose of the positive impact.



- Proposed condition: clarify how a donation to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation will directly benefit the identified targeted areas.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

x. Emerald Grove, Inc. (#MRN282808), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to ensure at least 15% of staff will be women to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

y. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MPN281749), Product Manufacturer

- The Chairman noted that this was a priority application due to applicant's status as an Economic Empowerment Priority Application.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for the first two Frozen 4 Corporation provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- Commissioner Title thanked the staff for including the percentage of ownership is for the applicant.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

z. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MRN282881), Retail

- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

aa. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MXN281357), Transporter with Other ME License





- The Chairman noted that this was a priority application given the applicant's Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant status.
  - Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
  - The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- bb. Glacier Rock Farm, Inc. (#MCN282137), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Glacier Rock Farm, Inc. provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
  - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- cc. Glacier Rock Farm, Inc. (#MPN281710), Product Manufacturer
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- dd. Green Gold Group, Inc. (#MCN281649), Cultivation, Tier 7 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for the first two Green Gold Group, Inc. provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
  - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- ee. Green Gold Group, Inc. (#MPN281456), Product Manufacturer
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- ff. Green Gold Group, Inc. (#MRN281791), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
  - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
  - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
  - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.



- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

gg. Green River Cannabis Company, Inc. (#MRN282175), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following question:
    - What is the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in the Hampshire Gazette are a way to target women and veterans?
- The Chairman asked for additional questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

hh. Hennep Cultivation, LLC (#MCN282282), Cultivation, Tier 6 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Hennep Cultivation, LLC provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition, noting that it is alright for applicants to rely on Diversity Plans from other applicants to develop their plan, but when copy and paste is used to result in sentences and reasoning that do not make sense, it demonstrates that there may have not been sufficient thought put into a plan that will have measurable results.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following questions:
    - What is meant by “retail” positions for a cultivation and product manufacturing license?
    - What is the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in the Milford Daily News and The Franklin Wicked Local are a way to target women and veterans?
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.



ii. Hennep Cultivation, LLC (#MPN281766), Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner Title requested a condition, noting that it is alright for applicants to rely on Diversity Plans from other applicants to develop their plan, but when copy and paste is used to result in sentences and reasoning that do not make sense, it demonstrates that there may have not been sufficient thought put into a plan that will have measurable results.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following questions:
    - What is meant by “retail” positions for a cultivation and product manufacturing license?
    - What is the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in the Milford Daily News and The Franklin Wicked Local are a way to target women and veterans?
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

jj. Holistic Health Group, Inc (#MCN282431), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor

- The Chairman noted that these applications were priority applications as MTC Priority applicants.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Holistic Health Group, Inc. provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed Condition: Revise diversity plan goal to hire at least 10% of employees who are Massachusetts residents and are minorities, persons with disabilities or women to be objectively reasonable.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: resubmit PIP to include more than a hiring plan.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.

kk. Holistic Health Group, Inc (#MCN282488), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Outdoor



- The Chairman noted that this application received expedited review due to license type.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed Condition: Revise diversity plan goal to hire at least 10% of employees who are Massachusetts residents and are minorities, persons with disabilities or women to be objectively reasonable.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: resubmit PIP to include more than a hiring plan.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.

ll. Iron Express, Inc. (#MRN282424), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

mm. J-B.A.M., Inc. (#MCN282510), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested conditions.
  - Proposed condition 1: redesign the educational seminars with respect to the following:
    - The topics presented to be discussed are topics that are appropriate for the Community Outreach Meeting which is required before licensure.
      - As stated from the Positive Impact Plan “will inform the community on the facts surrounding the company’s activities, cannabis use, and the industry at large, and will address misconceptions or fears that many may have concerning the Company’s community presence.”
  - Proposed condition 2: Provide more specifics on how many educational seminars will be held.
    - The Positive Impact Plan says that it “hopes” to hold seminars. Submit more concrete numbers of how many seminars will be held.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.



- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

nn. Life Essence, Inc. (#MCN281999), Cultivation, Tier 9 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for the first two Life Essence, Inc. provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

oo. Life Essence, Inc. (#MPN281624), Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

pp. Life Essence, Inc. (#MRN282981), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

qq. Major Bloom, LLC (#MRN281759), Retail

- The Chairman noted that this was a priority application due to the applicant's Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant status.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

rr. Massbiolytics Corp. (#ILN281290), Independent Testing Laboratory

- The Chairman noted that this was an expedited applicant based on license type.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: provide clarity on how internship would work with a vocational school, to ensure that it does not include anyone under the age of 21.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.



- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

ss. Mayflower Medicinals, Inc. (#MRN282155), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity goal plan to “make best efforts to hire at least 15% employees that are women and/or minorities” to be objectively reasonable.
- Commissioner Title also raised a concern with respect to an open labor complaint against this licensee for discussion with the Commission. Commissioner Title highlighted that under the Commission’s regulations, a person is not eligible for a marijuana license if they have an outstanding or unresolved criminal warrant. The reason Commissioner Title says this relevant is because there is an open complaint in an other agency in unlawful interference in union organization. Commissioner Title said that while there is merely an allegation, it may be valuable for the Commission to discuss whether labor complaints should have any effect on applicants with respect to suitability review. Commissioner Title proposed three options for how to proceed.
- Commissioner Flanagan commented that she thought this was a larger policy discussion for the Commission and perhaps should not have be discussed in the context of a single licensee. Commissioner Flanagan shared her concern that the Commission would be going beyond its bounds by considering an ongoing union grievance.
- Commissioner McBride said that complaints by employees should be taken seriously, but that the Commission should not be making any decisions on such a matter before the complaint is resolved under the administrative agency that is currently reviewing it. Commissioner McBride asked whether Commissioner Title is seeking a condition or more than that.
- Commissioner Title clarified that she is not pushing for any particular outcome but thinks this is an issue to be addressed. Commissioner Title also said that she would be inclined to add a condition that would require the applicant to provide the Commission with an update upon resolution of the grievance.
- The Chairman said he believes this is a policy discussion and he will ensure it ends up on an agenda in the future and asked Commissioner Title to make a motion.
- Commissioner Title moved to recess for 10 minutes
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously voted to recess for 10 minutes.



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- Commissioner McBride expressed her feeling of not having sufficient information in order to right size the level of concern or risk and asked whether anyone at the Commission read the complaint.
  - Director Potvin said he had not.
  - The Executive Director said that the enforcement department would be who would have seen it, but at this time, he was not in a position to confirm who might have read the complaint.
  - Commissioner McBride said that when it comes to suitability, it is hard to analogize with other disqualifying criteria, and therefore does not feel in a position to make a position due to lack of information.
  - The Chairman asked that this license be considered narrowly individually and consider the larger policy question second.
  - Commissioner Title shared Commissioner McBride's concerns with respect to a lack of information and the difficulty of analogy, which is what prompted Commissioner Title to raise the issue for discussion.
  - Commissioner Title amended her motion and moved to add the additional condition that:
    - Upon the Department of Labor Relations rendering a decision on the complaint at issue regarding its attempt to block unionization efforts, the entity must disclose that decision. If the entity is found in violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or is asked to comply with the terms of the decision, that it demonstrate to the Commission a plan to comply with any conditions, sanctions, or terms of the decision.
  - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
  - The Chairman asked for discussion.
  - Commissioner Flanagan asked for the publication information of the news story regarding the complaint and whether the issue was raised to licensing before the meeting.
  - Commissioner Title cited Worcester Magazine and confirmed she had raised it before the meeting.
  - Commissioner McBride offered an amendment to specify the complaint filed by local 1445 of UFCW.
  - Commissioner Title accepted Commissioner McBride's amendment and moved to add the additional condition that:
    - Upon the Department of Labor Relations rendering a decision on the complaint filed by the local 1445 branch of the UFCW regarding its attempt to block unionization efforts, the entity must disclose that decision. If the entity is found in violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or is asked to comply with the terms of



the decision, that it demonstrate to the Commission a plan to comply with any conditions, sanctions, or terms of the decision.

- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission voted in favor of the motion by a vote of three in favor (McBride, Hoffman, Title) and one against (Flanagan).
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

tt. Metro Harvest, Inc. (#MRN282659), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition
  - Proposed condition: resubmit the Positive Impact Plan to include more than just a hiring plan.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to hire 20% women to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.

uu. Metro Harvest, Inc. (#MRN282743), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition
  - Proposed condition: resubmit the Positive Impact Plan to include more than just a hiring plan.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to hire 20% women to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.





vv. PHA Industries, Inc. (#MPN281383), Product Manufacturer

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Clarify how many people will benefit from the programs stated.
    - In the Positive Impact Plan there are three goals and each goal states it will benefit 4 people. Will 12 people total benefit, or is each program benefitting the same 4 people?
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

ww. Pure Botanicals, LLC (#MCN281770), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Pure Botanicals, LLC provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following questions:
    - What is meant by “retail” positions for a cultivation license?
    - What is the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in the Athol Daily News and The Greenfield Recorder are a way to target women and veterans?
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

xx. Pure Botanicals, LLC (#MRN281951), Retail

- Commissioner Title requested two conditions.
  - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following question:



- What is the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in the Athol Daily News and The Greenfield Recorder are a way to target women and veterans?
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

yy. QPS Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. (#MCN281517), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both QPS Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal for 20% of its workforce to be comprised of women and minorities to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

zz. QPS Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. (#MPN281696), Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal for 20% of its workforce to be comprised of women and minorities to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

aaa. Resinate, Inc. (#MRN282399), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.



- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

bbb. Stafford Green, Inc. (#MCN281964), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Outdoor

- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following questions:
    - What is meant by “retail” positions for a cultivation license?
    - What is the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in the Berkshire Eagle and Hampshire Gazette are a way to target women and veterans?
- The Chairman asked for additional questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.

ccc. The Haven Center, Inc. (#MRN282581), Retail

- The Chairman noted that this application received priority review due to its MTC Priority Applicant status.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

ddd. Wellman Farm, Inc. (#MCN282513), Cultivation, Tier 10 / Outdoor

- The Chairman noted that this was an expedited application due to its DBE status and license type.
- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for provisional license.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

eee. Witch City Gardens, LLC (#MCN281615), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor



- Director Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Witch City Gardens, LLC provisional licenses, subject to separate votes.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

fff. Witch City Gardens, LLC (#MRN281663), Retail

- Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

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- Commissioner McBride moved to take a 30 minute recess
  - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
  - The Commission unanimously voted to recess for 30 minutes.
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## 10) Commission Discussion and Votes

### a. Updated Equity Guidance

- Commissioner Title noted that this new Equity Guidance doesn't add any new requirements. Rather it gives a big picture view of all Commission programs. It includes additional information for the Social Equity Program, and provides distinctions between DBE businesses, Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants, and Social Equity Program, and the benefits and requirements of each program. It also links to data published by the Commission's Research Department.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the updated Equity Guidance.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the updated Equity Guidance.

### b. Minimum Age Requirement for Persons in Vehicles during Curbside Delivery

- Commissioner Title noted that this is a situation where there may be no perfect answer, but wanted to have the discussion, as that may be helpful in and of itself and to ensure that the Commission is making an intentional decision.
- Commissioner Title wanted to raise the topic of curbside adult-use pickup and the requirement that every person in the car be 21 years old or older.



- Commissioner Title noted that it may be difficult for parents to have childcare in the current climate and that children in a car may be buckled in the back seat if they under the age at which they cannot be at home alone.
- Commissioner Flanagan said she appreciates Commissioner Title's comments and while Commissioner Flanagan understands the difficulty some parents may find themselves in, she does not feel that any person under the age of 21 should be in the car. Commissioner Flanagan said that this is not an essential product, like food. Commissioner Flanagan further noted that equity of access does not exist generally, given the limits on transportation and locations of stores. Commissioner Flanagan also highlighted that the Phase 2 of the Governor's plan to reopen starts this weekend, and this discussion may be moot come Saturday.
- Commissioner McBride noted that the 21 age restriction is clear in M.G.L c. 94G, § 4(a½) and the Commission's regulations, so Commissioner McBride believes it begins and ends with that restriction. Commissioner McBride also expressed her sympathy for those without strong childcare support, but the law is finite with regard to age restrictions.
- The Chairman echoed Commissioner McBride's comments with respect to the restrictions on age and access.
- Commissioner Title said that it was important to have the discussion in all of these unprecedented circumstances and the Commission needs to use its deliberative process to have these discussions and exercise its judgement, whatever the outcome. She noted that being able to openly discuss access for parents who use cannabis was progress.
- The Chairman agreed it is productive and important to have these conversations.

#### 11) Research Report: Public Awareness Campaign

- Samantha M. Doonan and Dr. Julie Johnson presented the report on effectiveness on the More About Marijuana public awareness campaign.
- Commissioner Flanagan thanked the research and communications staff, namely Dr. Johnson, Samantha Doonan, Cedric Sinclair, and Maryalice Curley, for the work that has been done on this campaign. Commissioner Flanagan noted that the campaign is working and the neutral tone of the campaign that invites people in to get more information and this report shows that the money invested in the study was well spent and that this should be kept in mind from the outset.
- Commissioner Title said that she loved the report and felt it was very readable by a lay person. Commissioner Title said she admired the team and the way they went about it, identifying what people needed to know and not being judgmental and systematically recording what went into the report. Commissioner Title asked Director of Communications the next steps regarding youth education and home manufacturing.
  - Director Sinclair said that youth prevention and responsible use campaigns are currently live through out Massachusetts. In addition, a campaign is ongoing with respect to safe home manufacturing, continuing with the nonjudgmental tone that



provides crucial information while recognizing people's right to grow and manufacture at home, but to do so safely and warn about uneven distribution of cannabis oils in homemade edibles. The Commission also took the opportunity to ensure the information is timely and relevant and is building out elements of the campaign to cover the potential contaminants in non-regulated vapes as well as a responsible consumption and retail practices in the time of COVID-19 element to the campaign. One challenge has been relative to censorship issues on google, Google Ads, and YouTube with respect to advertisements placed by the Commission to distribute home manufacturing safety content. Therefore, the public should go to the Commission's [moreaboutmj.com](http://moreaboutmj.com) website or on the Commissions YouTube channel and view the content for its safety information.

- Commissioner McBride said the awareness campaign was thoughtful and successful, and it is something she talks about a lot and it gets a positive response.
- The Chairman also thanked the staff team that put this together and expressed his pride in the project.

#### 12) Next Meeting Dates

- June 19, 2020, the Chairman gave an overview of the purpose of the policy meeting.
- June 25, 2020, the Chairman noted that this meeting was tentatively scheduled unless
- July 9, 2020, the Chairman noted that this would be a regularly scheduled meeting.

#### 13) New Business that the Chairman did not anticipate at time of posting

- The Chairman moved under the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(4) and (7) and the Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, and the exemptions set forth in G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(d), (f), and (n), that the Commission enter into executive session to discuss investigations into licensed entities which have been recently vandalized, including security issues.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Chairman noted that the meeting will adjourn from executive session
- The Commission unanimously voted to enter executive session and each Commissioner represented that they were alone, and no unauthorized person would be able to hear the discussion of executive session.

#### 14) The Commission adjourned from Executive Session.









