

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

April 17, 2025

10:00 AM

In-Person with Remote Access via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- [Meeting Packet](#)
- DRAFT Commission Goals 2025-2026

In Attendance:

- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair (AC) recognized a quorum, called the meeting to order and noted that Commissioner Concepcion would be joining the meeting at a later point remotely.
 - The AC gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
 - The AC gave an overview of the agenda.
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:01:42
 - Commissioners thanked staff for prepping the days meeting.
- III. Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:03:25
 1. Executive Director Goals for CY 2025
 - Executive Director (ED) Travis Ahern provided a high-level overview of his goals for CY 2025. He stated that he would include the Governance Charter as a discussion item at a future Public Meeting and noted that goals six through eleven could be impacted by budget constraints. Commissioner Roy requested an edit to goal number three to indicate that the ED would continue holding meetings of the Cannabis Advisory Board (CAB) after the first full meeting was scheduled. She requested



further edits to replace “guidelines” with “protocols, guidance documents and regulations” in goal number four and to add “adhere to statutory, regulatory and internal deadlines” after “Commission’s goals” in goal number twelve.

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the amended ED goals for CY 2025 and allow for any grammatical or non-substantive Changes.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 00:39:34.)

2. Administrative Order Requiring Licensees to Upload Certificates of Analysis in METRC

- Commissioner Roy stated that this discussion topic was brought to the board in the interest of public health, transparency and standardization. Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Nomxolisi Jones (Chief Jones) explained that the changes since the last time the Administrative Order had been presented incorporated stakeholder feedback. Interim Director of Testing Timothy Barwise (Interim Director Barwise) explained the changes: an edit to No. 3 to prevent Independent Testing Laboratory’s (ITL’s) agents names from being public; references to “kill-steps” had been stricken from No. 5, which now used the words “sanitization treatment” with a reworked definition; an edit to clarify ITL’s client’s responsibility to disclose sanitization treatment; and edits to No. 6 to match the language of No. 5. Chief Jones confirmed that Licensees would be put on notice by email as well as by notification through Metrc.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Administrative Order Requiring Licensees to Upload Certificates of Analysis in METRC and direct the ED and Chief of Investigations and Enforcement to take all necessary steps to effectuate its implementation.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

3. Delivery to Consumers in Restricted Municipalities Opt-In Template Form

- Commissioner Camargo stated that the intent of the form was to provide more business opportunities for delivery operators. Director of Government Affairs and Policy Matt Giancola (Director Giancola) explained the regulatory restriction on delivery operators to deliver solely in the municipality which they are located, any municipality which voted yes on Question 4 and any municipality which opted into



delivery after initially voting no on Question 4. He said that a letter to municipalities notifying them of the option would be presented to Commissioners for their review at a future meeting and that, in order to opt-in, municipalities would need to update their by-laws. Commissioner Camargo asked how to best get this information to municipalities and the ED explained that besides direct communication, the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) could help as well as town counsel. Commissioner Concepcion suggested using this as an educational opportunity to inform municipalities of the benefits of opting-in as well as the fact that medical-use deliveries are already allowed across the state. Commissioner Roy suggested explaining that the vehicles used for delivery are highly secure, the number of communities which allowed delivery, that there had been no security incidents and how delivery could reduce the illicit market.

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Delivery to Consumers in Restricted Municipalities Opt-In Template and direct the ED and Department of Government Affairs and Policy to provide a formal communication and copy of the template to those identified restricted communities and develop other communication strategies as needed.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:29:09.)

4. Discussion and Review of Draft Regulations

- Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (DGC Baker) began review of the draft regulations beginning with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(2)(e). Commissioner Roy requested an edit to indicate that accessories could be stored in addition to Marijuana and Commissioner Concepcion asked if other states had similar requirements for allowing storage of Marijuana not purchased from the Social Consumption Establishment (SCE). Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin (EC Goodin) noted that this would present liabilities for the Licensee who would have to securely store the Marijuana. Commissioners discussed the security concerns of Licensees being responsible for products which they had not sold and the AC suggested that they circle back on the topic after public comment.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 03:18:45.)
- The AC resumed discussion of 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(2)(e), read aloud an amended version and discussed the amendment with staff. Commissioners agreed to incorporate the edit as a new (e) to read: “Procedures to ensure that only Marijuana or Marijuana Products purchased at the SCE are consumed on the Premises.” and a new (f) to read: “Procedures that ensure only Marijuana Accessories provided or sold by



the Social Consumption Establishment are utilized on the Premises.” Commissioners agreed to include the sentence indicated that SCEs may store Consumer’s product which had not been sold by the SCE in the draft regulations for the purpose of seeking public comment. Paralegal Ivannia Coralís Solís (Paralegal Coralís Solís) continued reading the redline amendments and there were no requested edits until 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(2)(g) where Commissioner Roy asked if SCEs would be responsible for disposal of product which they had stored but not sold. Associate General Counsel Philip Schreffler (AGC Schreffler) suggested an edit to read: “Procedures for the storage of Marijuana or Marijuana Products including, but not limited to, disposal procedures for unconsumed or abandoned Marijuana or Marijuana Products.” Commissioners discussed how Licensees would deal with unfinished products which were left behind by Consumers and Chief Jones suggested discussing the topic with Metrc. They agreed to incorporate AGC Schreffler’s proposed edit. Commissioners discussed (g) and whether Licensees should be required to establish a business relationship with a taxi, car service or rideshare service as well as what would constitute a “reasonable effort” to obtain transportation for a person who had overconsumed. The AC suggested circling back to the topic after he revised this section and there were no objections.

- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 05:07:04.)
- The AC suggested that the Social Consumption working group revise 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(2)(i) and Paralegal Coralís Solís resumed reading the redline amendments beginning with (j) where AGC Schreffler suggested an edit for the section to read: “Emergency response procedures where the Social Consumption Establishment shall contact emergency responders if a Consumer demonstrates signs of unresponsiveness, significant impairment, or medical distress; provided that the procedures shall require Agent(s) to remain with the Consumer until emergency responders arrive.” Regarding 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(2)(l)1.- 4., DGC Baker said that he would carry over edits from earlier meetings regarding impermeable barriers and PPE and Commissioner Roy noted that “eliminate” in 4. should be changed to “mitigate” to mirror other edits. Pursuant to discussion in earlier meetings, the AC explained that 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(2)(m) would be stricken and Paralegal Coralís Solís continued reading the amendments at (n). Commissioner Roy agreed to work offline with DGC Baker on this section to see if another citation was needed; she further suggested striking “qualifications and” in (r) and there were no objections. DGC Baker gave background on discussions he had with the Department of Public Health (DPH) who had suggested striking “as it is defined in the 2013 Retail Food Code” in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(3)(b). He and AGC Schreffler summarized some of the conflicts that the working group had run into when discussing how to provide infused edibles relating to controlling dosage when mixing ingredients. EC Goodin noted that the citation to 105 Code Mass. Regs. 590.001(A) may not be correct, and DGC Baker stated he would work offline to confirm. Commissioners agreed to circle back to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(3)(c) and the next requested edit was in (e) where the AC requested



including “non-infused” after “shall sell”, AGC Schreffler suggested switching the first “shall” to “may” and Commissioner Roy suggested striking “other than Edibles”. The Commissioners agreed to circle back to this section after having a policy discussion on whether other Licensees should be allowed to sell non-infused shelf-stable products. Commissioners discussed (f), agreed to strike the first sentence and suggested that EC Goodin and DGC Baker work on the second sentence offline. Commissioner Roy stated that when they revisited this section, she would suggest including hemp products.

IV. Adjournment – 06:33:51

- Commissioner Camargo moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.

