

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

December 17, 2024 11:00 AM

In-Person with Remote Access via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Application Materials associated with:
 - Staff Recommendations on License Renewals
 - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
- <u>Meeting Packet</u>

In Attendance:

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

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

- The Acting Chair (AC) recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- The AC gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- The AC gave an overview of the agenda.
- 2) Commissioners' Comments & Updates 0:01:32
 - Commissioner Roy stated that she had participated in a round table hosted by the Cannabis Business Association and Safetiva Labs regarding testing.
- 3) Open Meeting Law Complaint 00:04:21
 - General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (GC Chattopadhyay) explained that the Commission had received an Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint on December 5, 2024, alleging that the Executive Director (ED) search had been discussed improperly during Executive Sessions of the Commission. He noted the requirement for the Commission to meet and discuss the complaint and suggested that Commissioners direct the Legal department to respond to the complaint. Commissioner Roy requested that they enter Executive Session to discuss the complaint.



- 4) Executive Session 00:08:02
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) to discuss a complaint brought against the Cannabis Control Commission, a public body.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - AC Stebbins Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
 - Returned at 00:29:08.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to direct Legal to respond to the complaint in compliance with OML.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - AC Stebbins Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- 5) Staff Recommendations on License Renewals -00:30:15
 - Licensing Analyst Jamie Wakefield (Analyst Wakefield) presented staff recommendations on License renewals and Final Licenses.
 - 1. Cypress Tree Management, Inc. (#MRR206847)
 - 2. Jushi MA, Inc. (#MRR206808)
 - 3. Nova Farms LLC (#MRR20698)
 - 4. M3 Ventures, Inc. (#RMD465)
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the License renewal roster from one through four as indicated on the agenda.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - AC Stebbins Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the License renewal roster from one through four as indicated on the agenda.
- 6) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses 00:31:42
 - 1. Berkshire Kind, LLC (#MP282222), Product Manufacturer

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- 2. Blue Fox Brands, Inc. (#MP281870), Product Manufacturer
- 3. PharmaCannais Massachusetts, Inc. (#MTC1688) Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Final License roster from one through three as indicated on the agenda.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - AC Stebbins Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Final License roster from one through three as indicated on the agenda.
- 7) Commission Discussion and Votes 00:34:42
 - 1. Draft Regulations: Social Consumption License Types
 - The AC explained that today they would be doing a high-level review of the new Social Consumption regulations which would kick off an informal public comment period. Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (DGC Baker) began discussing the sections of the regulations which had been amended and Commissioner Roy requested an amendment to the definition of "Beverage" to state "non-alcoholic." DGC Baker continued an overview of the sections of the regulations which had been amended. Commissioner Roy asked if the proposed control limits conflicted with the new Event Organizer License class and the AC clarified that an event organizer would be allowed to host multiple Temporary Consumption Events and would renew their License annually. Commissioners discussed the Event Organizer License class and whether it would be profitable.
 - DGC Baker began a review of the redline regulations. Commissioner Roy requested an amendment to the definition of "Consumption Area" to specify where products were purchased. DGC Baker continued his review while Commissioners explained the rationale behind amendments. Commissioner Roy asked if Metrc would be equipped to support these new License classes and Commissioner Camargo confirmed that the working group had been in contact with them throughout the process to ensure that they would be. Commissioner Roy stated that she had heard from stakeholders and suggested including an amendment to allow for Certificates of Analysis to be available upon request. After DGC Baker completed his review of the redline amendments, Commissioner Camargo encouraged the public to submit feedback via email. Commissioners discussed potentially holding an informal public listening session and Commissioner Camargo volunteered to work offline with Chief of Staff Andrew Carter (COS Carter).
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve release of the redline regulations and accompanying summary sheet for informal public comment with a deadline of January 23, 2025, with the possibility of holding a public listening session.

- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - AC Stebbins Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- 8) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting -01:47:35
 - The AC stated that there was no new business which had not been anticipated at the time of posting.
- 9) Next Meeting Date 01:47:45
 - The AC stated that the next meeting was scheduled for December 18, 2024.
- 10) Adjournment 01:48:18
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - AC Stebbins Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.