

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

July 14, 2022
10:00 AM

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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

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 - Hennep Cultivation LLC (#MPR243778)
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 - High Five Inc. (#MPR243789)
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 - Liberty Compassion, Inc (#MPR243763)
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 - Life Essence, Inc. (#MRR206068)



- Life Essence, Inc. (#MPR243781)
- Major Bloom, LLC (#DOR5182946)
- Major Bloom, LLC (#MRR206055)
- New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRR206119)
- New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRR206141)
- New England Regional Dispensary LLC (#MCR140198)
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- Releaf Cultivation L.L.C (#MCR140265)
- Riverside Cannabis LLC (#MCR140229)
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- Salisbury Cultivation and Production Manufacturing, LLC (#MCR140253)
- Standard Naturals, LLC (#MRR206089)
- Sunhouse Mass, LLC (#MCR140236)
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- Ten-Ten LLC (#MRR206094)
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- Ten-Ten LLC (#MCR140256)
- Ten-Ten LLC (#MCR140247)
- The Botanist, Inc. (#MPR243776)
- The Botanist, Inc. (#MRR206063)
- The Botanist, Inc. (#MRR206062)
- The Haven Center, Inc. (#MRR206085)
- The Holistic Concepts, Inc (#MRR205989)
- Tigertown LLC (#MRR206124)
- Toy Town Project, LLC (#MRR206079)
- Trifecta Farms Corp (#MPR243801)
- Trifecta Farms Corp (#MCR140252)
- True East Leaf LLC (#MRR206132)
- Wing Well LLC (#MPR243785)
- Wing Well LLC (#MCR140225)
- BeWell Organic Medicine Inc. (#RMD1245)
- Bountiful Farms, Inc. (#RMD1485)
- Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD385)
- Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#RMD1733)
- FFD Enterprises MA, Inc. d/b/a Fine Fettle (#RMD1306)
- Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. d/b/a Zen Leaf (#RMD1691)
- Good Chemistry of Massachusetts (#RMD725)
- Heka Incorporated (#RMD1385)
- Wellness Connection of MA d/b/a Hightail Cannabis (#RMD1694)
- HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#MTC-PL)



- I.N.S.A., Inc. (#RMD845)
- Liberty Compassion, Inc. (#RMD1586)
- Mayflower Medicinals (#RMD425)
- Middlesex Integrative Medicine (#RMD1740)
- Natural Selections (#RMD1425)
- Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (#RMD745)
- NS AJO Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Ethos Cannabis (#RMD1546)
- Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. (#RMD1346)
- Rise Holdings, Inc. (#RMD645)
- Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#RMD1127)
- Sira Naturals, Inc. (#RMD325)
- Sira Naturals, Inc. (#RMD245)
- Sira Naturals, Inc. (#RMD625)
- Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#RMD705)
- [Meeting Packet](#)
- Memorandums re: Executive Director Goals Update
- Memorandum re: July 2022 Government Affairs Update

In Attendance:

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

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

- The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- The Chair gave an overview of the agenda.

2) Chair's Comments and Updates – 00:02:15

- Commissioner Roy thanked the Commission staff for their work related to helping to ensure a safe, secure, and equitable cannabis industry in the Commonwealth. She also specifically thanked Project Coordinator, Investigations & Enforcement, Rebecca Kwakye, and Laboratory and Testing Manager Geneive Hall for coordinating site visits and Executive Assistant Grace O'Day and Executive Assistant Kate Flanagan for their work related to helping her prepare for the Commission's July Public Meeting. She also noted that she was celebrating her one-year anniversary since joining the Commission and thanked her fellow Commissioners and staff. She also thanked the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) for meeting with her and Commissioner Stebbins to discuss safe storage of cannabis, parenting messaging,



and prevention of accidental poisoning and ingestion of cannabis by children. She encouraged folks to visit the Commission's [Moreaboutmj.org](https://www.moreaboutmj.org) website to learn about safe storage, health effects, and tips for parents who consume. Lastly, she noted that it was National Hemp Month and gave a shout-out to the hemp farmers in the Commonwealth.

- Commissioner Concepcion thanked Project Coordinator, Investigations & Enforcement, Rebecca Kwakye, and Laboratory and Testing Manager Geneive Hall for coordinating site visits. She specifically noted her visit to Kaycha Labs – Massachusetts with Commissioner Roy; she thanked their staff for walking them through the testing process for consumer use. She also thanked Eric Esteves from the Lenny Zakim Fund for hosting, and organizing the Bridge Builders Breakfast around Philanthropy, Cannabis, and Social Equity, and noted that she and Commissioner Camargo had the opportunity to speak at the forum. She also noted that the 6th Annual Meeting for the Research Society on Marijuana (RSMj) would be hosted at Boston University on July 22 and 24, 2022. She noted that she and Chair Sarah Kim would be speaking at the event.
- Commissioner Stebbins thanked the Licensing team, Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin, the Communications team, and Commission staff for helping him prepare for the Commission's July public meeting. He also thanked Director of Government Affairs and Policy, Matt Giancola, Manager of Government Affairs and Policy, Ernesto Reyes Hernandez, and Chief Communications Officer, Cedric Sinclair for their work related to outreach to the Statehouse on the Cannabis Omnibus Bill.
- Commissioner Camargo congratulated Commissioner Roy on her one-year anniversary. She also thanked the Government Affairs staff for their work and leadership related to the Cannabis Omnibus Bill as well as the members of the Massachusetts Statehouse for addressing the Commission's most significant concerns and noted her optimism for the passage of the Bill. She also thanked Project Coordinator, Investigations & Enforcement, Rebecca Kwakye, Project Coordinator, Equity Programming & Community Outreach, Akilah Armstrong, Project Coordinator, Equity Programming & Community Outreach, Steven Carosello, and Director of Equity Programming and Community Outreach, Silea Williams for joining her at a discussion hosted by The Block at the Fitchburg Public Library. She again thanked Project Coordinator, Investigations & Enforcement, Rebecca Kwakye, for coordinating a site visit to Paper Crane Cannabis, thanked their staff, and noted the importance of site visits to learn from folks on the ground. Lastly, she thanked Legal Assistant, Sabiel Rodriguez for his work and leadership in the minute-taking process.
- The Chair noted that she had the opportunity to sit in on a live class of cohort three of the Social Equity Program (SEP Program) and stated that she was impressed with the quality of the presentation and thanked Project Coordinator, Equity Programming & Community Outreach, Akilah Armstrong, Project Coordinator, Equity Programming & Community Outreach, Steven Carosello, and Director of Equity Programming and Community Outreach, Silea Williams for their work and leadership on the project. She echoed Commissioner Concepcion's comments about the 6th Annual Meeting for



the Research Society on Marijuana. She noted that she is looking forward to highlighting the importance of research and data as a marijuana policy maker.

3) Minutes for Approval – 00:12:23

- June 9, 2022
 - The Chair asked if the Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes and whether there were questions or edits.
 - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the minutes for June 9, 2022, Commission public meeting.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the June 9, 2022, Commission public meeting.

4) Executive Director’s Report – 00:13:27

- The Executive Director gave an overview of licensing data, starting on page 138 of the [Meeting Packet](#).
 - Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the Pre-Certification process.
 - The Executive Director compared it to a mortgage preapproval and noted the Pre-Certification process notes that an entity has a propensity for licensing and clarified that it’s currently free to get pre-certified and that the process is currently only available for delivery licenses.
 - The Chair asked a clarifying question regarding the licensing applications slide on page 145 of the Meeting Packet.
 - The Executive Director noted that the pluses and minuses represented changes from last month’s presentation and indicated that it would be helpful information when accounting for trends.
 - Commissioner Stebbins asked a clarifying question regarding the movement through the licensing process and asked if lack of capital is the biggest hurdle for licenses to advance through the process.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that lack of capital is the biggest hurdle for advancing through the licensing process and noted that infusing capital early on is both critical and valuable when moving from the provisional approved phase to the final license.
 - Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding Economic Empowerment Applicant (EEA) status and noted that the Commission had previously discussed possibly revisiting the topic.



5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 00:48:13

- Commissioner Roy noted her reasoning behind adding a blanket condition to apply to all Changes of Ownership applications.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to all Changes of Ownership applications.
 - Proposed condition: To help ensure compliance with 500.104(5), 501.104(5), it is required that an update be provided to the Commission within 5 days of any changes, modifications, or implementation issues by new ownership of prior ownerships' Commission approved Diversity Plan and/or Positive Impact Plan, including but not limited to goals, programs, measurements, and accountability.

1. Coastal Infusions, LLC

- Licensing Manager Anne DiMare (Licensing Manager DiMare) presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Change of Ownership, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

2. Not Grampa's Tobacco, Inc.

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.



3. Top Shelf Cannaseurs LLC

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Change of Ownership, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

Commissioner Stebbins moved to take a ten-minute recess.

- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a ten-minute recess, returning at 11:05 AM (01:05:00)

6) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses

- Commissioner Stebbins noted that he was impressed with the roster of provisional licenses up for Commission consideration and vote, which included an Economic Empowerment Applicant (EEA), a Marijuana Delivery Operator, and a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). He noted the benefits of seeking certification from the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) for businesses owned by women, minorities, veterans, LGBT residents, and those with disabilities. He noted that some applicants had self-identified their business as diverse but lacked the SDO's certification. He further states that the SDO's certificate is free and encourages all applicants to seek SDO certification as they build their business. He noted that Silver Therapeutics of Palmer proposed to base their Diversity Plan around statewide demographics. He noted that he had previously seen that approach in other applications and did not appreciate seeing templated language used in applicants' plans. He also explained that the approach neglects to account for the demographics



of the host community and region around their proposed site. He encouraged Silver Therapeutics of Palmer to review and possibly update its plan.

- Commissioner Concepcion also noted that she was impressed with the roster of provisional licenses up for Commission consideration and vote. She noted that when she helped create the Commission’s legislative outreach strategy, she hoped to create a more effective channel of communication between the Commission and lawmakers in the State Legislature to ensure that the Commission’s biggest concerns were taken up by the Legislature such as increased oversight over the Host Community Agreements, a technical fix to allow for social consumption and the creation of a social equity fund. She noted her appreciation for both bodies of the State House for tackling the Commission’s concerns. She also said that the Senate bill includes language related to helping individuals with CORIs find pathways to participate in the regulated cannabis industry. She noted her support for the language in the Senate version of the Cannabis Omnibus Bill that removes barriers to employment for those individuals with CORI records. She commended Fairway Botanicals, Inc., Farma Gardens, LLC, Pure Oasis, LLC, ReLeaf Alternative Natick, Inc., Silver Therapeutics of Palmer, Inc. Valkyrie Cannabis, Inc., and Xhale New England Dispensary, LLC for including a provision related to encouraging participation in the industry by individuals with previous criminal records in their Positive Impact Plans.
- Commissioner Roy echoed Commissioner Stebbins and Concepcion's comments. She also noted her reasoning behind adding 10 conditions related to Consumer Education. She stressed that licenses could not cherry-pick subsections of the regulatory Consumer Educations requirements under 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j). She noted that all sections must be incorporated into their consumer education, including the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.

1. Fairway Botanicals, Inc. (#MRN281755), Retail

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional Licenses.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted the applicant’s investment in refurbishing a previously vacant or underutilized building and noted he wished them luck in their new location.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes



- Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
2. Farma Gardens, LLC (#MBN282389), Microbusiness
- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional Licenses.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review diversity hiring goals within submitted Diversity Plan under 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and projected number of employees and provide any updates to CCC Licensing Division.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by commissioner Stebbins.
3. Green Flash Delivery, LLC (#MDA1298), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional Licenses.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
4. Greener World, Inc. (#MCN283521), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor



- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for both Greener World, Inc Provisional Licenses.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to only apply to the Cultivation license.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your “Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12)(i), and as expressly enumerated in 935 CMR 500.120(14).
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

5. Greener World, Inc. (#MRN284254), Retail

- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to only apply to the Retail license.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

6. Indica, LLC (#MRN284431), Retail



- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked a question regarding whether a need for a condition around the name of the licensee existed.
 - Commissioner Roy noted that she previously asked Licensing Director Kyle Potvin and he confirmed that the licensee’s name is in compliance with the Commission’s regulations.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

7. Leaf Joy, LLC (#MRN284606), Retail

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes



- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
8. OBCC, LLC (#MCN283643), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Indoor
- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your “Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12)(i), and as expressly enumerated in 935 CMR 500.120(14).
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
9. Pure Oasis, LLC (#MRN284576), Retail
- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional Licenses.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to application for Final Licensure, review, align and confirm diversity goals within submitted Diversity Plan under 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and provide any updates to CCC Licensing Division.



- Commissioner Stebbins noted his reasoning for the proposed condition.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.

10. Pure Oasis, LLC (#MRN284645), Retail

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional Licenses.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Roy recognized and commended Pure Oasis, LLC for being the first Economic Empowerment Applicant in Massachusetts and the first in Boston.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to application for Final Licensure, review, align and confirm diversity goals within submitted Diversity Plan under 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and provide any updates to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted his reasoning for the proposed condition.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Stebbins.



11. ReLeaf Alternative Natick, Inc. (#MRN284537), Retail
 - Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

12. Silver Therapeutics of Palmer, Inc. (#MRN284328), Retail
 - Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

13. TSC Operations, LLC (#MPN282173), Product Manufacturer
 - Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your “Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and as expressly enumerated in 935 CMR 500.130 (9).
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes



- Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
- Commissioner Roy – Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
- Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

14. Uma Flowers Lunenburg, LLC (#MRN284518), Retail

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

15. Upper Echelon Cultivation, LLC (#MBN282384), Microbusiness

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review diversity hiring goals within submitted Diversity Plan under 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and projected number of employees and provide any updates to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes



- Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
- Commissioner Roy – Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
- Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.

16. Valkyrie Cannabis, Inc. (#MRN284530), Retail

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

17. Xhale New England Dispensary, LLC (#MRN284479), Retail

- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Roy noted her hope that dispensing plans are in compliance with all sections of 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j) and thus negate the need to request so many conditions around consumer education.



- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

7) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 01:50:14

- The Chair noted that Final Licenses would be considered in one roster (1) all Adult-Use Licenses.
- Adult-Use Roster
 - The Chair noted that the adult-use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 1 through 8, as identified on the agenda
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Adult-Use roster of Final Licenses.

1. 6 Bricks, LLC (#MR283098), Retail
2. Apothca, Inc. (#MR284429), Retail
3. Atlantic Farms, LLC (#MC281975), Cultivation, Tier 7 / Outdoor
4. Berkshire Welco Cultivation, LLC (#MC283155), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Outdoor
5. Four Score Holdings, LLC d/b/a Terps (#MR282757), Retail
6. Regenerative, LLC (#MP281966), Product Manufacturer
7. Solar Retail Norton, LLC (#MR283896), Retail
8. UC Cultivation, LLC (#MC283608), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Outdoor

8) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 1:52:00

- Commissioner Camargo noted that she had reviewed renewals for the past 14 months and stated that she looks for outcomes of the licenses' positive impact and Diversity



- Plans. She clarified that licensees should not wait to flag any concerns they may have, especially concerning letters of partnership or donations. She also noted that out of the renewals up for Commission vote and consideration that have commenced operations have donated an estimated one-hundred-fifty thousand dollars to communities disproportionately impacted by the cannabis prohibition. She noted that Multi-State Operators (MSOs) impact seems to be at a national level. She explained that if an MSO has a license in Massachusetts, their impact needs to be concentrated in the Commonwealth. Thus, donations to national organizations need to be explained by the MSO to ensure that it directly effectuates the Commission's equity mandate and local outcomes. She also acknowledged CCC Wellfleet NV LLC, CommCan, Inc, and Tigertown LLC for their work in their Diversity and Positive Impact Plans.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted that he was impressed with the roster of Renewal applications up for Commission consideration and vote. He commended Analytics Labs, LLC and Tigertown LLC for their Diversity and Positive Impact Plans. He noted that he has previously raised an issue related to the requests from licensees to host communities for the municipal cost associated with an operation of a marijuana establishment and noted that by in large roster of Renewal applications did a good job of giving host communities adequate time to respond before their renewal applications. He noted that Life Essence, Inc only adequately sought confirmation that the Host Community received payment and had no outstanding obligation to the community. He noted that the approach does not live up to the regulatory requirement under 935 CMR 500.103(4)(f). He also noted that INSA, Inc.'s Diversity Plan in their renewal application was moving away from setting hiring goals within the industry and replacing it with a strategy of providing grants to organizations. He voiced his concern that the change in direction might conflict with the intent of the Commission's regulations and asked the Executive Director to set up a meeting with the licensee to review their plans. He voiced his concern over Green Meadows Farm, LLC's new advertising strategy. He asked the Executive Director if the news story created any concerns for the Commission concerning compliance with CMR 500.
 - The Executive Director noted that the Commission became aware of Green Meadows Farm, LLC's advertising activity by the news story and noted that the Commission would be looking into it and speaking with the licensee to understand their level of compliance with the regulations as it related to advertising activity and audience composition data.
 - Commissioner Roy also noted her concern related to Green Meadows Farm, LLC's advertising activity and noted her concern to read that a licensee found a loophole in the advertising regulations and noted that she would be interested in seeing the audience composition data around Polar Park and how it was accumulated to make sure that they fall into compliance with the Commission's regulations. She also acknowledged Green Meadows Farm, LLC, Aries Laboratories LLC, Salisbury Cultivation and Production Manufacturing, LLC, and TigerTown LLC for their Diversity and Positive Impact Plans.



- The Chair noted that Renewals would be considered as one or more rosters; There are two rosters: (1) all Adult-use applications, including those subjects to a Commissioner’s individually requested conditions (2) all Medical-use applications.

- Adult-Use
 - The Chair noted that the adult-use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 1 through 73, as identified on the agenda.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the roster of adult-use Renewals, subject to Commissioners Camargo and Stebbins’s individually requested conditions.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of adult-use Renewals, subject to subject to Commissioners Camargo and Stebbins’s individually requested conditions

- Medical-Use
 - The Chair noted that the medical-use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 74 through 97, as identified on the agenda.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the roster of medical-use Renewals.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of medical-use Renewals.

1. Advesa MA, Inc. (#MRR206136)
2. Advesa MA, Inc. (#MRR206126)
3. Analytics Labs, LLC. (#ILR267906)
4. Aries Laboratories LLC (#ILR267905)
5. ATLANTIC FARMS, LLC (#MCR140258)
6. Berkshire Welco Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140222)



7. Berkshire Welco Lab & Manufacturing, LLC (#MPR243816)
8. Calyx & Pistils Inc. (#MCR140239)
9. Cannabro, LLC (#MRR206108)
10. Cannatech Medicinals Inc. (#MPR243810)
11. CCC Wellfleet NV LLC (#MRR206148)
12. Comm Ave Canna, Inc. (#MRR206102)
13. CommCan, Inc (#MRR206075)
14. Commcan, Inc. (#MRR206128)
15. Cypress Tree Management Fenway, Inc. (#MRR206098)
16. Diem Orange LLC (#MPR243807)
17. Diem Orange LLC (#MCR140249)
18. Eskar Arlington LLC (#MRR206100)
19. Eskar Northbridge, LLC (#MRR206096)
20. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MXR126661)
21. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MCR140278)
22. Fuego Farms Inc. (#MPR243800)
23. Fuego Farms Inc. (#MCR140250)
24. Green Gold Group Inc (#MCR140246)
25. Green Meadows Farm, LLC (#MPR243792)
26. Green Meadows Farm, LLC (#MCR140245)
27. Green Valley Analytics LLC (#ILR267907)
28. Hennep Cultivation LLC (#MPR243778)
29. Hennep Cultivation LLC (#MCR140219)
30. High Five Inc. (#MPR243789)
31. Holistic Industries, Inc. (#MRR206081)
32. I.N.S.A., Inc. (#MRR206114)
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Requested conditions: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, provide documentation of most recent 2022 employee diversity plan metrics and request to Host Community for the records of any cost to a city reasonably related to the operation of the establishment in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b) and (4)(f).
33. Ironstone Express Inc. (#MRR206053)
34. JDM Sales, Inc. (#MRR206073)
35. JimBuddys Rec Shop, Inc. (#MRR206097)
36. KG Collective LLC (#MRR206103)
37. Liberty Compassion, Inc (#MPR243763)
38. Liberty Compassion, Inc (#MCR140206)
39. Life Essence, Inc. (#MCR140227)
40. Life Essence, Inc. (#MRR206068)
41. Life Essence, Inc. (#MPR243781)
 - Commissioner Camargo requested two conditions to apply to all three Life Essence, Inc. licenses.



- Requested conditions:
 - Licensee to clarify, how the donation to the Center for Blackequity – a National Organization “promotes and encourages full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 in Massachusetts as an MSO.
 - Licensee to clarify, how the donation to the National Branch of the NAACP “promotes and encourages full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 in Massachusetts as an MSO.

42. Major Bloom, LLC (#DOR5182946)
43. Major Bloom, LLC (#MRR206055)
44. New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRR206119)
45. New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRR206141)
46. New England Regional Dispensary LLC (#MCR140198)
47. Northampton Labs (#ILR267904)
48. Not Grampa's Tobacco, Inc. (#MRR206139)
49. Pleasantrees, Inc. (#MRR206066)
50. RAIN CITY FARMING, L.L.C. (#MCR140264)
51. Releaf Cultivation L.L.C (#MCR140265)
52. Riverside Cannabis LLC (#MCR140229)
53. Salisbury Cultivation and Production Manufacturing, LLC (#MPR243825)
54. Salisbury Cultivation and Production Manufacturing, LLC (#MCR140253)
55. Standard Naturals, LLC (#MRR206089)
56. Sunhouse Mass, LLC (#MCR140236)
57. Supercritical Mass Laboratories Inc. (#MPR243791)
58. Ten-Ten LLC (#MRR206094)
59. Ten-Ten LLC (#MPR243797)
60. Ten-Ten LLC (#MCR140256)
61. Ten-Ten LLC (#MCR140247)
62. The Botanist, Inc. (#MPR243776)
63. The Botanist, Inc. (#MRR206063)
64. The Botanist, Inc. (#MRR206062)
65. The Haven Center, Inc. (#MRR206085)
66. The Holistic Concepts, Inc (#MRR205989)
67. Tigertown LLC (#MRR206124)
68. Toy Town Project, LLC (#MRR206079)
69. Trifecta Farms Corp (#MPR243801)
70. Trifecta Farms Corp (#MCR140252)
71. True East Leaf LLC (#MRR206132)
72. Wing Well LLC (#MPR243785)



73. Wing Well LLC (#MCR140225) (End of Adult-Use)
74. BeWell Organic Medicine Inc. (#RMD1245)
75. Bountiful Farms, Inc. (#RMD1485)
76. Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD385)
77. Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#RMD1733)
78. FFD Enterprises MA, Inc. d/b/a Fine Fettle (#RMD1306)
79. Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. d/b/a Zen Leaf (#RMD1691)
80. Good Chemistry of Massachusetts (#RMD725)
81. Heka Incorporated (#RMD1385)
82. Wellness Connection of MA d/b/a Hightail Cannabis (#RMD1694)
83. HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#MTC-PL)
84. I.N.S.A., Inc. (#RMD845)
85. Liberty Compassion, Inc. (#RMD1586)
86. Mayflower Medicinals (#RMD425)
87. Middlesex Integrative Medicine (#RMD1740)
88. Natural Selections (#RMD1425)
89. Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (#RMD745)
90. NS AJO Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Ethos Cannabis (#RMD1546)
91. Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. (#RMD1346)
92. Rise Holdings, Inc. (#RMD645)
93. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#RMD1127)
94. Sira Naturals, Inc. (#RMD325)
95. Sira Naturals, Inc. (#RMD245)
96. Sira Naturals, Inc. (#RMD625)
97. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#RMD705)

Commissioner Chair moved to take a Thirty-minute lunch recess.

- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a Thirty-minute lunch recess, returning at 12:43 PM (02:43:03)

9) Commission Discussion and Votes

1. Executive Director Goals Update.

- Commissioner Stebbins and the Executive Director gave an update and overview on the topic.



- Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarification regarding the timeline of the job classification study.
 - The Executive Director noted the process of gathering staff feedback on the job classification study and noted that the pay equity study was currently underway. He further indicated that he had hoped to have the project completed by the end of the calendar year, thanked Chief People officer Erika White for her work and leadership on the topic, and noted that he would consult with her about the timeline.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the timeline of the revenue forecasting project.
 - The Executive Director noted his hesitancy to provide a timeline as he was unsure if the project would come to a close by the end of the calendar year.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted his pleasure to see progress regarding the Executive Director's fourth goal.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the Executive Director's fifth goal related to doubling the levels of Economic Empowerment over the next five years.
 - The Executive Director gave an overview of his fourth goal and echoed his earlier comments regarding the statutory limits related to reopening the EEA status application process. He further noted that the goal was related to doubling the participation rate of the EEAs and was not necessarily associated with doubling the number of people or entities who held EEA status.
- Commissioner Roy noted her pleasure to see that the Commission was considering opportunities to develop a workforce portal to increase equity participants' access to cannabis industry job resources and opportunities.
 - The Executive Director noted Commissioner Stebbins's work and leadership on the project and that the project illustrated the Commission's ability to work with other state agencies.
- Commissioner Concepcion commended the Executive Director for his work and leadership in the Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA) and for keeping the Commission up to date related to the work of the Association.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted the possible effect that the Omnibus Bill would have on the Commission's work and asked the Executive Director to highlight the passage's potential impact on his goals.
 - The Executive Director noted that the passage of the Omnibus Bill and other events could affect his goals. The Executive Director stated that the passage of the Omnibus Bill would fold into his goals, especially those that tied into the Commission's equity mission. He also noted that the passage of the Omnibus Bill would also likely require at least an assessment of the Commission's regulations on Host Community Agreements and social consumption and alluded to the time-consuming nature of such an endeavor. He noted the possible need to reevaluate staffing needs, especially regarding reacting to the passage and the need to open regulations. He also noted how the Commission had responded to things, not on its horizon, such as the EVALI and the



COVID epidemic. Lastly, he said that the accuracy of labels and the onboarding of a new Chair or Commissioner might also impact his goals.

- Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question regarding whether the Executive Director had reviewed the impact of the Omnibus Bill on his goals, and if so, which goal would be impacted the most by the passage.
 - The Executive Director noted the implications that the Omnibus Bill would have on the revenue forecasting workforce planning projects and the effect on Licensing staff work relative to Host Community Agreements. The Executive Director again noted that the passage of the Omnibus Bill would fold into his goals, especially those that tied into the Commission's equity mission.
- Commissioner Concepcion clarified that the passage of the Omnibus Bill would not impact every goal.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that the passage of the Omnibus Bill would not have an impact on every goal.
- Commissioner Camargo noted her pleasure to see advancements in the Executive Director's goals. She noted the work that does not get covered by the goals and thanked the Executive Director for his work related to the Cannabis Advisory board, monitoring possible changes related to Independent Testing Laboratories, and Commissioner orientation and onboarding.
- Commissioner Roy thanked the Executive Director for updating the Commission on his goals and noted his public health and safety goals. She stated her pleasure that the Executive Director monitored the relationship between Licensees and Independent Testing Laboratories and the possible effects this might have on the accuracy of labels. She also echoed Commissioner Camargo's comments on the Cannabis Advisory board and subcommittees.
- The Chair noted her appreciation for the discussion and thanked the Executive Director for his leadership and work related to his goals.

2. In-Person Public Meeting Operations Update and Discussion

- The Chair and the Executive Director gave an update and overview on the topic.
- The Chair noted that the discussion should not be understood as the Commission contemplating cutting off remote access and pointed out that it had never been considered. She also noted the benefits of remote access.
- Commissioner Stebbins thanked the Executive Director for his timely presentation and work to make the Commission's public meetings accessible to the public.
- Commissioner Roy thanked the staff for their work and leadership related to the topic.
- Commissioner Camargo noted feedback received from the public related to remote access.
- The Chair asked if Commissioners would be open to adopting a hybrid approach to the Commission public meetings or if they would prefer to continue remote participation.
 - Commissioner Camargo asked a clarifying question.
 - The Chair clarified that she was trying to understand the Commission's preference for remote participation as an effort to plan for the extension or



reversal of the Executive Order related to the Open Meeting Law, which allowed remote participation by public bodies.

- Commissioner Concepcion noted that it was not clear when the Commission would know whether an extension would be granted and flagged that the Commission had previously communicated to staff that they would receive a 90-day notice before authorizing a return to the office. She noted that she was open to adopting a fully remote or hybrid model.
- Commissioner Concepcion requested more time to respond to the question and asked a clarifying question regarding the timeline.
 - The Chair noted the intricacies of having more time as the legislation was still pending and that the Commission would continue the discussion as events transpired. She also noted her reasoning for wanting to have the discussion.
 - Commissioner Concepcion noted her preference for a hybrid model if need be.
 - Commissioner Roy noted her ability to travel to the Worcester Head Quarters (HQ) as it was logistically easier for her based on her proximity to HQ
- Commissioner Camargo asked a clarifying question regarding the Commission's ability to vote to extend remote participation past the August public meeting if the extension to the remote participation in the Open Meeting Law was not granted.
 - The Executive Director noted that the Commission could not extend remote participation if the extension was not granted. He also noted that it was his understanding and belief that the ability for remote participation in the Open Meeting Law would be extended past July 15, 2022.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted that he would be willing to participate in person if the Open Meeting Law extension was not granted.
- The Chair noted that if the Open Meeting Law extension was not granted, Commissioner Roy and Stebbins' availability to participate in person would make the Commission in compliance with the in-person requirement of the Open Meeting Law.
 - Commissioner Concepcion noted her ability to attend the meeting in person.
 - Commissioner Camargo also noted her ability to attend the meeting in person.
- The Chair noted that the Commission would revisit the topic at the August meeting.

3. Upcoming Anticipated Public Meeting Topics

- Commissioner Stebbins and the Chair gave an update and overview on the topic.
- Commissioner Concepcion thanked Commissioner Stebbins for his work and leadership on the topic and asked if votes would be needed to set topics for upcoming meetings.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted that at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, votes were not needed to set agenda topics and that the agenda-setting topic was more of a general discussion.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked a follow-up question and whether the topic selection would be left up to the Chair.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted that from his previous experience, the Chair still had agenda-setting authority, but the agenda-setting discussion allowed other Commissioners to note their feedback.



- Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question regarding the proposed process and noted her understanding of the process.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted that Commissioner Concepcion’s understanding of the proposed process was accurate.
- The Chair gave a hypothetical of how the process would work.
 - Commissioner Concepcion noted her understanding of the process.
- Commissioner Roy noted that some topics come up at certain parts of the year and asked if that fact would be built into the process.
 - The Chair noted that the proposed process would account for topics that come up at certain parts of the year and noted the benefits that such discussions would have as it allowed the public and Commissioners to follow and anticipate the Commission’s agenda.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted her concern that the new approach would create arbitrary timelines.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted his previous experience, the use of target dates to build flexibility in the process, and that the process also accounted for topics that come up at certain parts of the year.
- Commissioner Camargo invited the Executive Director to comment on agenda items making their way through the pipeline and asked if the agenda-setting topic would be a part of the standard monthly agenda.
 - The Chair noted she would hope that the agenda-setting discussion would be part of the standard monthly agenda. She noted some agenda items that would be presented at upcoming meetings and improvements that the process would bring.
- Commissioner Camargo requested that the Commission set a concrete process or revisit the topic at a later meeting.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted the need to make the process very streamlined to limit misinterpretation and thanked the Chair for providing further clarity and bringing forth the process.
- Commissioner Roy noted her agreement with Commissioner Concepcion’s sentiments and noted the need to build flexibility to accommodate longer asks to accommodate staff’s workload.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted how the approach worked at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and his ability to forward a copy of a calendar template he used in his previous role. He noted how the process would alleviate some frustration he had noticed as it relates to the previous agenda-setting process.
 - Commissioner Camargo noted that the process would make it easier for the public to follow the topics and noted that she does not think that the process would be settled at the public meeting.
- Commissioner Concepcion welcomed the Executive Director’s feedback regarding staff feedback on the process.
 - The Executive Director noted how the staff handled agenda setting in the past and noted feedback that he had received from the staff. He provided examples of topics that would be on upcoming agendas.



- Commissioner Concepcion noted the utility of the proposed process but echoed her concern about creating artificial deadlines if not implemented correctly.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted his willingness to come back at the August public meeting with a document that formalizes the process and a sample calendar document that could be used as a planning tool. He noted the need for staff feedback, especially regarding not adding further burden to staff's workload. He further emphasized that Commission public meetings are the only opportunity that the Commission has to deliberate and being able to explore and touch on subjects does not commit the Commission to strict timelines; instead, it allows for a conversation on upcoming agenda topics to be had.
- Commissioner Roy noted that it sounds like its perspective topics as opposed to definite topics and noted she would not want to put an undue burden on the staff's workload and thanked Commissioner Stebbins for bringing forth the proposed process.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted his willingness to come back in the August public meeting with a document that formalizes the process and a sample calendar document that can be used as a planning tool. He noted his willingness also to provide a walkthrough of how an agenda-setting discussion would run.
 - The Executive Director noted his want to clarify that restraints other than staff's workload existed and stated other possible restraints the Commission might want to consider as it embarked on topic-setting discussions.
- Commissioner Concepcion requested Commissioner Stebbins describe next steps.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted his willingness to come back at the August public meeting with a document that formalizes the process and a sample calendar document that could be used as a planning tool.

11) New Business the Chair Did Not Anticipate at the Time of Posting – 04:46:09

- No new items were identified.

12) Next Meeting Date

- The Chair noted that the next meeting would be on August 11th, 2022.
- The Chair gave a tentative schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.

13) Adjournment – 04:48:32

- Commissioner Camargo moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair Kim – Yes



- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

