

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

May 12, 2025

10:00 AM

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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- [Meeting Packet](#)
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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 and called the meeting to order.
 - The AC gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
 - The AC gave an overview of the agenda.
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:01:30
 - Commissioners thanked staff for prepping the meeting and thanked Commissioner Camargo for her service.
- III. Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:04:35
 1. Discussion and Review of Draft Regulations
 - Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (DGC Baker) began by suggesting that 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(3) be moved to section (4), there were no objections and Paralegal Rachel Ferrara (Paralegal Ferrara) began reading the redline regulations. Commissioner Roy requested an edit to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(4)(a)2. to change “make available” to “readily display” and to change “determined” to “reviewed” in the second to last sentence. Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Nomxolisi Jones (Chief Jones) suggested an additional edit to indicate that



information cards could be available either in the Consumption Area or at the point of sale and Commissioner Camargo requested information on how other states handled this issue. Commissioners discussed and agreed to develop a model Consumer information card and to strike the second sentence of 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(4)(a)2. Director of Investigations Katherine Binkoski (Director Binkoski) suggested making the readily available Consumer information cards a requirement for all Licensees and DGC Baker volunteered to work on this topic with Commissioner Roy and Director Binkoski offline. DGC Baker walked the group through the policy considerations of 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(4)(b), noting potential conflicts in an instance where an entity which was licensed to sell alcohol, acted as a Host for a temporary event was prohibited from selling alcohol outside of the Consumption Area. Commissioners discussed and agreed on a new (b) to read: “A Social Consumption Establishment shall not allow the consumption of alcohol or the smoking of tobacco, or the sale of alcohol or tobacco on the Premises of a Supplemental License.” and a new (c) to read: “A Social Consumption Establishment shall not allow the consumption of alcohol or the smoking of tobacco or the sale of alcohol or tobacco at the designated Social Consumption Area of a Hospitality or Event Organizer License.” Commissioners discussed the policy considerations as well as the topic of Consumers entering Social Consumption Establishments (SCEs) after consuming alcohol.

- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:22:19.)
- The AC stated that Commissioners would circle back to the policy considerations which were deliberated before the recess and there were no objections. Regarding 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(4)(b), Chief Jones suggested amendments to clarify Premises, Social Consumption Area and space throughout the regulations and DGC Baker stated that he would work offline with staff on the topic. Paralegal Ferrara continued reading the redline regulations and there were no requested edits until 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(c) where Commissioners discussed the appropriate timeframe for sales at SCEs and agreed to replace “shall” in the last sentence with “may” and to extend sales hours to 12:00 a.m. Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin (EC Goodin) noted that the language in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(4)(e) was unique to SCEs and suggested developing more detailed requirements for incentivizing electronic payments and the AC suggested circling back to this topic. DGC Baker stated that he would work on 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(4)(g) offline and provide an updated version in the next draft of the regulations. Paralegal Ferrara continued reading the redline regulations until 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(6)(e)4. where Commissioner Roy asked how camera coverage would apply to Marijuana Event Organizer Licensees. Commissioners discussed potentially implementing bodycams and agreed to circle back on the topic.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 03:09:14.)
- Paralegal Ferrara continued reading the redline amendments beginning with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(6)(f). Regarding (j), the AC requested to strike “and



- Marijuana Establishment Agents”. Commissioners discussed whether it was necessary to permit the Executive Director (ED) to approve new consumption devices and agreed on a new (j) to read: “Notwithstanding 935 CMR 500.141(10)(e) and 935 CMR 500.105(1) the Social Consumption Establishment Licensee shall update its Standard Operating Procedures when utilizing new consumption technologies in its Indoor Smoking Consumption Areas in order to limit second-hand smoke or vapor.” Paralegal Ferrara read 935 Code Mass. Regs § 500.141(7)(b) and Commissioners discussed how to ensure that disposal of joints at SCEs did not pose a fire hazard. The ED suggested including a reference to fire codes and DGC Baker volunteered to work offline with Commissioner Roy to work on language to address this topic. Additionally, he noted that he would be striking 935 Code Mass. Regs. 500.141(9)(d). Paralegal Ferrara continued reading 935 Code Mass. Regs. 500.141(10) and there were no requested edits until the AC requested to strike “and Agents” in section (c).
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 04:27:30.)
 - Commissioners discussed the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) referenced in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(10)(d) and Chief Jones volunteered to reach out to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to develop new language. Paralegal Ferrara continued reading the redline amendments until 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(10)(e)5. where the AC requested to reformat 10(f) with a revised last sentence to read: “Combustion, heat, vaporization, and aerosolization of Marijuana or Marijuana Products in an Indoor Smoking Consumption Area may resume once the filtration system has been repaired and functioning properly and the Social Consumption Establishment shall provide notice to the Commission.” EC Goodin suggested a separate amendment to clarify the notification requirements regarding filtration system failures and the AC suggested that DGC Baker work on new language offline. DGC Baker explained that the language in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(11) had been pulled from the Department of Public Health’s (DPH’s) regulations regarding smoking tobacco outdoors and EC Goodin requested to strike “thorough” and “be presumed” in (a). DGC Baker suggested adding “or” after the semicolon in (11)(a)1., removing the “and” at the end of (11)(a)2. and changing (11)(a)3. to (11)(b) and there were no objections. Commissioner Roy asked how 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(11)(c) could be enforced and discussed the matter with staff. Commissioners agreed to circle back to the topic and Paralegal Ferrara completed reading (11) with no further requested edits. Regarding 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.145, DGC Baker explained that technical amendments had been made to allow Marijuana Couriers to purchase Marijuana and Marijuana Products from SCEs. Commissioners discussed and Commissioner Camargo requested a recess.
 - The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 05:42:26.)
 - The AC stated that the SCE working group’s intent regarding the amendments in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.145 had been to provide more business opportunities for Licensees and stated that Commissioner’s would circle back to the topic at a future meeting. DGC Baker noted that the amendment to 935 Code Mass. Regs. §



500.145(2)(c) would be stricken due to statutory restrictions and quickly summarized the remaining technical amendments. Commissioner Roy requested to change the definition of Commission Delegee at a future meeting and Chief Jones suggested that EC Goodin and DGC Baker work on a new definition offline.

IV. Next Meeting Date – 05:50:52

- The AC stated that the next meeting was scheduled for May 22, 2025.

V. Adjournment – 05:51:01

- Commissioner Camargo moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Absent
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission approved the motion to adjourn by a vote of three in favor and one absence.

