

KAYCHA MA, LLC ILN281349

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Kaycha MA, LLC 16 Tech Circle, Suite 201, Natick, MA 01760

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Independent Testing Laboratory

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
James Horvath	Executive / Officer
Chris Martinez	Executive / Officer
John Schwartz	Executive / Officer
Alan Silverman	Executive / Officer

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Entity	Role
Kaycha Group, LLC	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type)

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- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 4, 2020.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 31, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Natick on November 20, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Provide an annual financial contribution of at least \$2,500 to the CultivatED
	program to help promote participation in the cannabis industry by those who
	were disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition.
2	Commit to provide employees with a minimum of eight (8) hours per year
	paid time to participate in a neighborhood clean-up initiative that serves
	identified areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Walpole.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

- 11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
- 12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within one (1) year of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday – Sunday: Closed

- 15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

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#	Goal
1	Recruit a workforce that is made up of at least 50% women, 20% minorities,
	10% veterans, 10% people with disabilities, and 10% individuals who identify as
	LGBTQ+.
2	Prioritize working with businesses in its supply chain and required ancillary
	services that are owned and/or managed by minority groups (women, veterans,
	people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ individuals)

17. ISO 17025:2017 Certification (if applicable):

The applicant is not yet accredited to the most current International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement. The applicant will be required to obtain this accreditation prior to final licensure pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(7)(a)(1).

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
- 3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant being accredited to the most current ISO 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement;
- 4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to CultivatED will directly impact the specified cohort;
- 5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that identifies how contributions to CultivatED may assist Kaycha MA, LLC operations;
- 6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that specifies the cohort the donation to CultivatED will benefit;
- 7. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
- 8. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

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