

MEDMEN BOSTON, LLC
MRN282091

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

MedMen Boston, LLC
120 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

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

Retail

The application was reopened three (3) 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
Benjamin Rose	Director
Thomas Lynch	Executive/Officer
Zeeshan Hyder	Director

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

Entity	Role
MM Enterprises USA, LLC	Parent Company

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on February 7, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 27, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on May 28, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Hire 30% individuals who are residents of an area of disproportionate impact, including specific census tracts in Boston; Massachusetts residents with past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	MedMen Boston, LLC will implement programs such as CultivatED, which will select a class of fellows representing those individuals most directly impacted by the nation's War on Drugs. Fellows will receive full-scholarship awards, gaining them access to individualized pro bono legal services, a college-level educational program, workforce training, fully paid and benefited co-operative learning and externship rotation in the cannabis industry. Fellows will receive educational credit hours and job placement upon completion of the program.
3	MedMen Boston, LLC will provide an annual donation of 0.5% of its annual gross revenue to the Green Soul Organics Community Development Foundation (GSO). In addition, MedMen will provide a \$1,000,000.00 cash advance to GSO.
4	Provide GSO with written curriculum to assist and support Social Equity Program Participants and Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants who are seeking entrance into the cannabis industry in Massachusetts as business owners. It will also assist, and support individuals disproportionately impacted by the War on Drug secure careers into the cannabis industry.

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 six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to individuals who identify as women (50%), minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (25%).
2	MedMen Boston, LLC will conduct unconscious bias training and cultural sensitivity training at least once annually and upon hiring new employees by incorporating the material into orientation
3	Source at least 20% of suppliers and ancillary services to individuals/businesses that are comprised of women minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and people that identify as LGBTQ+.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not Applicable.
18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not Applicable.
19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

MedMen Boston, LLC plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses.

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. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff;
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to CultivatED will directly impact people disproportionately harmed in the City of Boston;
7. Final licensure is subject to the applicant submitting a statement, upon inspection, from company leadership responding to a pattern of allegations of misconduct and steps the company will take toward preventing that pattern from continuing in Massachusetts; and
8. Prior to final licensure and at the earliest reasonable time, the applicant shall provide a list of the names and titles or affiliations of the current executives and board members of parent company MM Enterprises USA, LLC and shall update the list to maintain the most current active executives and board members.

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.

