

Union Twist, Inc.

MRN284038

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Union Twist, Inc.
259 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02134

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 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):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Final License	Framingham
Retail	Provisional License	Newton

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

Individual	Role
Tahira Rehmatullah	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Gregory Thomaier	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Union Twist Holdings, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Athenacan, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
JM10 II, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

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JM10-FFF, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
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6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 15, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 7, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on February 1, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Provide mentoring, profession, and technical services for individuals and businesses facing systemic barriers in the City of Chelsea by hosting four (4) CORI sealing clinics, annually, to at least 10 attendees per clinic.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within nine (9) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

15. The applicant submitted all 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	Recruit women (50%), minorities (40%), veterans (5%), LGBTQ+ (10%), and individuals with disabilities (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide one (1) annual cultural training on cultural sensitivity and recognizing unconscious bias, focusing on materials including learning about multicultural environments, how to foster inclusion and belonging, intercultural competence, and break out group sessions.
3	Utilize at least 20% suppliers who are committed to diversity and inclusion with a goal of working with minority-owned (50%) and women-owned (50%) businesses.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

The applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

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, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
3. Final license is subject to the applicant reviewing its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People to consider focus of plan for host Area of Disproportionate Impact designated community of Boston and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11.
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
6. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Treatment Center, and Independent Testing Laboratory Agents involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for adult and medical use shall have attended and successfully completed the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program to be designated a "Responsible Vendor" and provide a "certificate of completion" to the Commission upon request. In addition, all newly hired employees involved in the handling or sale of marijuana or marijuana products must also successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program within 90 days of hire, in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(2) or 935 CMR 501.105(2).

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.

