

## Western Front, LLC

MRN284389

### APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Western Front, LLC  
98 Winthrop Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

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 one (1) time 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	Commence Operations	Cambridge
Retail	Commence Operations	Chelsea
Marijuana Courier	Pre-Certification	N/A

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

Individual	Role
Marvin Gilmore	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Dennis Benzan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Omwale Moses	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Timothy Flaherty	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
THC Trust	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control



6. Applicant's priority status:

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant

(Timothy Flaherty / 10.3% ownership / EE202211)  
(Marvin Gilmore Jr. / 9.17% ownership/ EE202211)  
(Dennis Benzan / 9.17% ownership/ EE202211)  
(Omowale Moses / 1.36% ownership/ EE202211)

(Additional individuals not required to be listed on the license application contribute ownership equity stakes towards overall ownership by Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant. The applicant's status as a Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant was verified on May 28, 2021 pursuant to 935 CMR 500.104(1)(b)(3).)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 18, 2022.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 12, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Cambridge on August 19, 2022. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Providing mentoring, professional, and technical services by providing one (1) training for Chelsea residents, a geographical location designated as a disproportionately impacted area, each year that is attended by 20 people
2	Providing \$5,000 each year to the Chelsea Collaborative to support its endeavors in the City of Chelsea.

**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 seven and a half (7 ½) 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	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 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 20% Minorities, 20% Women, 5% Veterans, 5% People with Disabilities, 5% Individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide career development services to a minimum of eight (8) participants annually.

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. 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. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.

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.

