

Xhale New England Dispensary, LLC

MRN284479

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Xhale New England Dispensary, LLC
888 Morton St., Boston, MA 02124

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 five (5) 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.

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use marijuana delivery operator application and marijuana courier pre-certification under the name of North East Gro, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Anthony Perkins	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Omar Lawrence	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Sharon Perkins-Allen	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Jarrell Perkins	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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



No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)
(Jarrell Perkins / 25.5% Ownership / SE306410)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 28, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 28, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on May 23, 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	Host at least two (2) industry-specific informational sessions to assist at a minimum of five (5) participants.
2	Recruit at least 15% of the establishment's employees from Boston and a combined 20% from Massachusetts who have or have parents or spouses who have past drug convictions.

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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 a workforce that is made up of at least 50% women, 55% of individuals described as minorities, 10% Veterans, 10% People with disabilities, 10% LGBTQIA+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Partner with businesses in its supply chain and required ancillary services that are owned and/or managed by minority groups, including people of color (40%), women (10%), veterans, people with disabilities (5%), and/or LGBTQIA+ individuals (5%).

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):

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 applicant providing the Commission with a copy of its consumer education, pursuant to 935 CMR.140 (6) (a-j). To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
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.



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.

