

Cannabis Control Commission April Public Meeting

In Person and Remote via Teams



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April 9, 2024

In accordance with Sections 18-25 of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Cannabis Control Commission. The meeting will take place as noted below.

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

April 11, 2024 10:00 AM

In-Person and Remote via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates
- III. Minutes
- IV. Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report
 - 1. Chief People Officer Quarterly Report
- V. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - 1. Ganesh Wellness, Inc.
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- 17. HIGHMINDED LLC (#MRR206815)
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- 19. Holistic Industries, Inc. (#MRR206790)
- 20. Hudson Botanical Processing, LLC (#MPR244142)
- 21. Hyecorp LLC (#MRR206806)
- 22. Jolly Green Inc (#MCR140704)
- 23. Legal Greens, LLC (#MCR140694)
- 24. Mellow Fellows LLC (#MRR206737)
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 - 2. 686 Cultivation, LLC (#MPN282298), Product Manufacturer



- 3. Clovercraft, LLC (#MRN284574), Retail
- 4. Crafted Cannabis, LLC (#MCN283858), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- 5. Safe-Lyfe, LLC (#DOA100173), Marijuana Delivery Courier

VIII. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses

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- 2. Bostica, LLC (#MP281664), Product Manufacturer
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- 4. Green Adventure, LLC (#MR284710), Retail
- 5. LMCC, LLC (#MR282796), Retail
- 6. Reverie 73 Gloucester, LLC (#MR282315), Retail
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- XI. Next Meeting Date
- XII. Executive Session
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Discussion: The Commission may enter executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.

XIII. Adjournment

*Closed captioning available

If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate in the meeting, contact the ADA Coordinator Debra Hilton-Creek in advance of the meeting. While the Commission will do its best to accommodate you, certain accommodations may not be available if requested immediately before the meeting.



October 10, 2023 12:30 PM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

• N/A

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Acting Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session 00:00:36
 - The Acting Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after the Executive Session deliberations.
 - The Acting Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:43).





October 12, 2023 10:00 AM

Remote via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Application Materials associated with:
 - o Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
 - o Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training
 - o Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
- Meeting Packet

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair (AC) recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The AC gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
 - The AC gave an overview of the agenda.
- 2) Commissioners' Comments & Updates 00:13:52
 - Commissioner Roy noted that Commission staff submitted the regulations to the Secretary of State's office and the shift of focus to the model Host Community Agreement (HCA). Commissioner Camargo celebrated the completion of the regulations and discussed social consumption. The AC discussed an interview she did with WBUR and noted the potential topics in the next regulatory round.
- 3) Minutes for Approval 00:30:16



- July 27, 2023
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the July 27, 2023, Commission public meeting minutes.
 - o Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the July 27, 2023, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 4) Executive Director and Commission Staff Report 00:30:53
 - Staff updated the Commission regarding the filing of the regulations, external communications, government affairs and Human Resources. Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin (DOL Potvin) presented the Executive Director's report for staff. Commissioner Camargo discussed the impact of oversaturation in the cultivation license. Commissioner Roy mentioned issues with businesses closing, revoking, surrendering or not renewing their licenses. Chief People Officer Debra Hilton-Creek (CPO Hilton-Creek) gave an update on human resources.
- 5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership 01:05:49
 - Licensing Manager Tsuko Defoe presented on behalf of the licensing department the Staff Recommendations for Changes of Ownership, Renewals, Provisionals, Final licenses, Responsible Vendor Training and Responsible Vendor Training Renewals.
 - 1. H&H Cultivation, LLC.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.
- 6) Staff Recommendations on Renewals 01:07:17
 - Commissioner Roy highlighted Berkshire Roots application and Commissioner Stebbins noted that that the community colleges in Holyoke had been incredible partners in terms of offering classes and opportunities for people to enter this new industry.
 - Commissioner Roy made a motion to approve items numbered 1-29, 31, 32, and 34-55 on the agenda.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.



- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal roster of items numbered 1-29, 31, 32, and 34-55 on the agenda.
- Commissioner Stebbins read his conditions.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the renewal roster of items 30 and 33 on the agenda, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal roster items 30 and 33, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to take a ten-minute recess until 11:41AM.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved a ten-minute recess until 11:41AM (RETURNED AT 1:36:37).
- 7) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses 01:36:07
- 1. Build a Life Legacy, LLC (#MRN284875), Retail
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

- 2. Burn Bright, LLC (#MCN283849), Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor
 - Commissioner Roy and Stebbins stated their conditions.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.
- 3. Community Growth Partners Boston, LLC (#MRN284256), Retail
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- 4. Elevated Roots III, LLC (#MRN284995), Retail
 - Commissioner Stebbins read his proposed condition.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
- 5. Gas Bus, LLC (#MDA1320), Marijuana Delivery Operator
 - Commissioner Stebbins stated his two proposed conditions.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes



- o Commissioner Roy Yes
- o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.

6. Herbal Power, LLC (#MRN284973), Retail

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the provisional license.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.

7. Kur Retailers, LLC (#MRN284652), Retail

- Commissioner Roy proposed a condition.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Roy.

8. UC Retail, LLC (#MRN284774), Retail

- Commissioner Roy stated her proposed condition.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license, subject to the conditions articulated by Commissioner Roy.



- 9. Underground Legacy Social Club, LLC (#MRN284914), Retail
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license.
- 8) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses 01:53:23
 - 1. Blue Collar Botany Corp. (#MC281751), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
 - 2. Blue Collar Botany Corp. (#MP281520), Product Manufacturing
 - 3. Budega, Inc. (#MR281353), Retail
 - 4. CastleLeaf, LLC (#MR284521), Retail
 - 5. Elevated Cultivation Co., LLC (#MC282873), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
 - 6. Elevation Retail II, LLC (#MR283887), Retail
 - 7. Green Choice Dispensaries, LLC (#MR283234), Retail
 - 8. JDM Sales, Inc. (#MR283519), Retail
 - 9. Kapnos, Inc. (#MC283154), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
 - 10. Trifecta Farms, Corp. (#MC283350), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
 - 11. Trifecta Farms, Corp. (#MP282030), Product Manufacturing
 - 12. Uma Flowers Lunenburg, LLC (#MR284518), Retail
 - 13. Green Meadows Farm, LLC (#RMD3633), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the final license roster from one to thirteen as indicated on the agenda.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the final license roster from one to thirteen.
- 9) Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training 01:54:54
 - 1. Next Chapter Solutions, LLC (#RVN453179)
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the staff recommendation on the responsible vendor training program.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:



- o Commissioner Camargo Yes
- o Commissioner Roy Yes
- o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the staff recommendation on the responsible vendor training program.

10) Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals – 01:56:48

- 1. Anthony Bartucca (#RVR453140)
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the responsible vendor training renewal.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the responsible vendor training renewal.

2. Cannabis Trainers (#RVR453138)

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the responsible vendor training renewal.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the responsible vendor training renewal.

3. Stoker Consulting (#RVR453136)

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the responsible vendor training renewal.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the responsible vendor training renewal.
- Commissioner Roy moved to recess for thirty-three minutes until 12:50 PM. (2:02:28)
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:



- o Commissioner Camargo Yes
- Commissioner Roy Yes
- o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the recess.
- 11) Commission Discussion and Votes 02:39:55
 - 1. Regulatory Review Discussion: Delivery License Type *Vote Possible*
 - The AC and Commissioner Camargo presented issues relative to the delivery license type and offered potential amendments to the regulations. Commissioner Camargo discussed the issue of employee safety in these vehicles. Director Khumalo stated that they had collected data that showed from January 2021 to present, the Commission had seen approximately 40 incidents that had been reported to the Commission. Commissioner Camargo asked for clarification around the 40 incidents across transportation licenses and if she was also talking about third-party transporters. Director Khumalo confirmed that she was also talking about third-party transporters and noted the deterrent value in having another agent in the vehicle and confirmed that the Commission had not received a report where a delivery agent had experienced bodily harm. Commissioner Roy asked for a legal opinion as to whether there are any prohibitions in the statute or regulations that would not conflict with the statute when it comes to delivery, specifically regarding delivery to "no towns." Acting General Counsel Andrew Carter (AGC Carter) offered to produce a memorandum regarding delivery to "no towns." Enforcement Counsel Rebecca Lopez (EC Lopez) offered a historical context regarding the delivery topic and suggested further researching the point-of-sale in the memorandum. Commissioner Stebbins explained the maturity of the market and that it might be an opportunity for the Commission to work with those currently considered no delivery municipalities to gauge their interest. The AC discussed medical deliveries and compared those to the adult-use deliveries. Commissioner Camargo discussed repackaging marijuana. Director Khumalo stated as far as repackaging was concerned, they may repackage flower into single strain raw pre-rolls because currently such activities are considered repackaging flower, but that repackaging does not include infused pre-rolls. Commissioner Camargo discussed education, training, or bulletins for the operators around repackaging. Commissioner Roy asked if there had been any notices of deficiency around white labeling with delivery operators or any issues with white labeling or repackaging in the past. Director Khumalo confirmed.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to recess for ten-minutes until 03:10 PM. (4:43:48)
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes



- o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the recess until 3:10PM. Returned 04:58:47. 2. Audit Update
 - Chief Operating Officer Alisa Stack (COO Stack) presented the update regarding the State Auditor's report. Commissioner Roy asked about aligning the Commission's policy with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) regarding hemp and noted that in 2018 the Commission adopted the Department of Public Health's existing testing protocols which were ten parts per billion and MDAR as zero parts per billion. Commissioner Stebbins explained that the state auditors review every agency on a five-year rolling basis. He added the auditor was clear that they will be able to assess the Commission's actions coming forward in a future audit, but that it was a good report.

3. Boston Office Lease Discussion

COO Stack discussed that the state budget was not fully funded to the request made by the Commission and that cuts were likely needed to preserve programming and personnel. COO Stack added the motion the Commission staff was requesting would empower Operations Manager Meghan Dube (Manager Dube) to negotiate with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Stebbins advocated for the preservation of payroll and staff over the office space. Commissioner Camargo noted the difficulty in recruiting talent without a Boston office. The AC explained that in front of her were two motion options the team had drafted, and one was if the Commission wanted to move in the direction of closing the office completely and the other was the shared space option that they outlined. Commissioner Camargo mentioned that she wanted to hear from staff about closing the Boston office. Commissioner Roy stated that she thought the gradual option was the way to start. AGC Carter suggested that the board make the ultimate decision and then direct staff to execute on that decision. Commissioner Stebbins stated he was of the feeling that he wanted to empower Manager Dube to have the opportunity to negotiate with DCAMM. The AC asked her fellow Commissioners if anyone was willing to close the Boston office. She stated that would give Manager Dube the call of action to close the space. The AC stated what was compelling to her was AGC Carter's point where he mentioned having the option of Boston as being appealing to not only current employees, but prospective employees. AGC Carter noted that he and his team were Boston-based and that the legal industry is Boston-based. He added that when the team files regulations with the Secretary of State, when they go to Superior Court, when they go to the legislature and federal court, it is all in the state capital. Commissioner Stebbins advocated for staff to move ahead with DCAMM to sublet that premium office space that they have available right now.

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to reduce the Commission's Boston office lease square footage and direct Commission staff to take all actions necessary to effectuate the Commission's vote and discussion.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to reduce the Commission's Boston office lease square footage and direct Commission staff to take all actions necessary to effectuate the Commission's vote and discussion.

4. Sixth Annual Activities Report

- Director of Government Affairs and Policy Matt Giancola (DGAP Giancola) stated the annual activities report was a legislatively mandated report of the Commission's major activities from the past year. He noted that every Commission department participated in the development of the report and stated that generally the date found in the report was from the previous fiscal year, approximately July 2022 to July 2023. He added that if the report met their approval, he would request a motion authorizing staff to disseminate the report to the legislature and executive branch officials will be conducted. Commissioner Roy noted the report discussed public awareness and the lack of funding and what they did creatively despite the lack of funding and offered an amendment to the report. The AC asked DGAP Giancola if Commissioner Roy's amendment should be incorporated into the motion language. DGAP Giancola stated he could add the subject to the edits described by Commissioner Roy. DGAP Giancola noted the motion to approve the sixth annual activities report subject to the revisions and edits as suggested by Commissioner Roy and authorized staff to distribute the report to the legislature and appointing authorities.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the sixth annual activities report subject to the
 revisions and edits as suggested by Commissioner Roy and authorized staff to
 distribute the report to the legislature and appointing authorities.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to approve the sixth annual activities report subject to the revisions and edits as suggested by Commissioner Roy and authorized staff to distribute the report to the legislature and appointing authorities.



12) Next Meeting Date – 06:05:35

- The AC noted the next meeting would be on Monday October 16, 2023. She noted they would continue the conversation on delivery, they would also have an update on Social Consumption, and there was another topic in terms of an interim ED.
- The AC noted the November 9, 2023, meeting which was also the date of the regulation promulgation, and that they would have a conversation about the AC position. She added that December 14, 2023, was the other noted meeting. The AC noted the November 9, 2023, meeting would also be virtual and added there was a possibility of another meeting in November depending on what they needed to discuss. Commissioner Roy asked when the AC thought the topic of microbusinesses was appropriate to schedule. The AC stated they could discuss it, but she thought it would be discussed during the November 9, 2023, meeting.
- Commissioner Camargo mentioned the three COVID-19-related orders that would expire on December 31st and asked how they could be placed on the agenda. She asked if Commissioners wanted to take on the three topics and work with the team. She noted they could talk about it on Monday, but mentioned December was right around the corner. Commissioner Stebbins stated it was a great question and the AC was empowered to set the agenda and he thought it would be helpful for them as a team to think about a future discussion. Commissioner Stebbins noted the Commission may decide not to extend some of orders and that the Commission had some good discussions in past meetings about how to address the three orders.

13) Adjournment – (6:16:27)

- Commissioner Roy moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - AC Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.



October 16, 2023 10:00 AM

Remote via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Letter from Massachusetts Association of Cannabis Transporters (MACT)
- Meeting Packet

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair (AC) recognized a quorum, called the meeting to order, and gave notice that the meeting is recorded. The AC briefly reviewed the agenda.
- 2) Commissioners' Comments & Updates 00:00:37
 - The Commissioners gave brief introductory comments that they were ready to work on the agenda items.
- 3) Commission Discussion and Votes 00:01:57
 - 1. Regulatory Review Discussion: Delivery License-Type Vote Possible
 - Acting General Counsel Andrew Carter (AGC Carter) indicated that he was working
 with Legal Department staff on a full delivery policy memo for the Board as there
 would be questions regarding statutory interpretation and the analysis would require a
 reasonable timeframe to complete, likely in November or December. The
 Commissioners discussed the timeframe for regulatory review of the delivery
 regulations.



- Commissioner Camargo asked Director of Government Affairs and Policy Matt Giancola (DGAP Giancola) to discuss research regarding requiring two agents in a car in other jurisdictions.
 - ODGAP Giancola discussed the Government Affairs and Policy team's engagement efforts, and that the response had been positive. DGAP Giancola noted that very few incidents had been reported in other jurisdictions and that a report would be ready by the November 9, 2023, public meeting. The Commissioners asked DGAP Giancola questions, including the content of requested information, the number of other states allowing delivery, and the number of incidents involving drivers. DGAP Giancola stated that eight states permitted adult use delivery and that other states required one agent in a delivery vehicle.

The AC and Commissioner Camargo requested more information about the two-agent requirement for further discussion around potentially eliminating the requirement. Commissioner Roy cited a letter from the Massachusetts Association of Cannabis Transporters (MACT). The AC noted that other delivery license-types needed to be discussed and that changes should be consistent with the Commission's regulations. Commissioner Stebbins asked how it would impact the third-party transporters and voiced the need to offer clarity on the two different licenses. Commissioner Camargo requested that AGC Carter discuss caps on increasing licenses on delivery. AGC Carter explained that according to the statute, there was a cap of three licenses for increasing the number of delivery licenses. However, he noted that in this particular situation, it was determined that the cap was two licenses, which meant there was no conflict with the statute. The Commissioners discussed potential issues regarding contamination and sanitary conditions, standard operating procedures, and training. Commissioner Camargo redirected the conversation to increasing the number of licenses for delivery operators and asked if anyone had any questions.

- Commissioner Roy asked why the previous cohort of Commissioners landed on a two-license maximum cap for historical context.
- Commissioner Camargo asked DGAP Giancola to discuss the license cap and the history of the first cohort of Commissioners. DGAP Giancola noted there was a concern that one entity could become a monopoly if they had multiple locations staged throughout the state preventing other operators from getting into the industry.
- Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Camargo discussed the inclusivity period and that the team is currently working on the data collection regarding the inclusivity period and the potential to expand it.
- Commissioner Camargo noted they are waiting on legal analysis regarding delivery to municipalities that do not currently permit marijuana establishments and the requirement for two agents in a delivery vehicle.
- The Commissioners discussed whether repackaging issues were ready for a vote or should be held until the full regulatory review.
- Commissioners Stebbins and Camargo discussed conversation with operators and doing more research regarding delivery to hotels.



- The Commissioners discussed the priority for review of regulations.
 Commissioner Camargo indicated that her top priority was addressing the delivery issues. The AC asked about delivery to hotels and if it would be addressed in the review of the Social Consumption regulations.
- O Commissioner Camargo stated that the working group was gathering information and determining how Social Consumption affected tourism. She also added that if Massachusetts did not allow delivery to hotels, the Commission should discuss marijuana delivery to operators. Commissioner Stebbins discussed deliveries to hotels in Colorado and delivery to consumers in municipalities that have not approved marijuana establishments. He indicated he would reach out to hotel associations to obtain feedback.
- o Commissioner Camargo asked for a short break to consult with AGC Carter.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to take a ten-minute recess.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a ten-minute recess, returning at 11:20AM (01:21:20).
- The conversation regarding delivery issues resumed after the recess.
 - Commissioner Camargo mentioned there appeared to be agreement on repackaging issues and suggested voting and reserve the rest of the delivery items for next meeting.
 - Commissioner Roy noted she was open to the repackaging conversation, but she was not casting a vote today. The AC thanked staff and voiced the importance of making deadlines feasible for everyone.
 - Commissioner Roy asked for confirmation on if there have been any issues with repackaging in the past. Commissioner Camargo noted she would prepare a presentation for a future meeting.
 - Commissioner Stebbins mentioned potentially reducing the amount of product the delivery operator could carry would be helpful for public safety and could be discussed at a future meeting.
- 2. Regulatory Review Update: Social Consumption
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted that he, Commissioner Camargo, and the working group hosted three listening sessions with a large turnout as a proactive step, inviting comments before preparing redlined amendments of the regulations.

- Commissioner Stebbins noted in addition to the listening sessions they reached out directly to parties who have expressed interest in obtaining Social Consumption licenses and provided a survey.
 - The Commissioners discussed the survey responses and eventually put the comments received into a public presentation.
 - Commissioner Stebbins stated that the feedback received was predominantly from SEP participants, but they will break down numbers for everyone's review.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted the importance to acknowledge other jurisdictions that
 have legalized adult-use cannabis and expand the industry into Social Consumption.
 He added that it will be helpful to learn from counterparts in other jurisdictions, so the
 team conducted a visit to San Francisco this Summer and are continuing to reach out
 to public entities and businesses to connect virtually.
 - Commissioner Camargo recommended her other fellow Commissioners visit a Social Consumption lounge or event space in Massachusetts or another state to see how these establishments operated in person. She added that they met with stakeholders from the California Department of Public Health and other state regulators during the site visits in San Francisco. She also stated that many establishments they visited were connected to retail space. Commissioner Camargo noted that the group learned about infused food, different lounge spaces, research issues, and equity grants.
 - O The AC asked if there were jurisdictions that are doing it outside of the retail lounge model of Social Consumption. Commissioner Camargo answered that the retail model works for retail locations that have foot traffic that are having events at their lounge. She voiced that she heard that they must constantly create engagements within their locations so people can use the lounges and that lounges in locations with a lot of tourist traffic work are often lucrative.
 - Commissioner Roy asked if Commissioner Camargo could share more information about a cool down room and asked if they would be looking at rural and suburban areas.
 - Commissioner Camargo discussed cannabis-infused food and legacy operators that have infused food dinners and a comprehensive dinner plan. She added the cool down rooms were designated spaces after consumption to lay down, drink water, have snacks, and they also provided cannabidiol (CBD) products. Commissioner Stebbins stated that they are having conversations with other jurisdictions regarding transportation issues and noted that California, Colorado, potentially Illinois have rolled out consumption lounges and others are in the process of approving these locations.
 - Commissioner Camargo indicated that there would be more information presented at later date and they have been focused on reviewing regulations from states that have Social Consumption,
 - Commissioner Roy asked if it is possible to find out the differences between urban versus rural and suburban locations specifically regarding public transit and noted this would be helpful information.



- Commissioner Stebbins noted they are looking into different business models, including that in Nevada, as they review license applicants in multiple jurisdictions.
 Commissioner Camargo discussed Colorado and other states' policies regarding indoor ventilation. She noted that in Oakland, consumption activities cannot be visible from a public place and ensuring that regulations are in place regarding driving while impaired. Commissioner Camargo noted that they would review state recommendations to look at the indoor ventilation, outdoor smoking, and driving regulations per state that has Social Consumption right now. She added when they go through the data fully, they will present the analysis and priorities they have after seeing what states are doing.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted the regulations to be promulgated on November 9, 2023, would eliminate the Pilot Program from the regulations and there is more partnership they can create with communities about outreach, education, and Social Equity (SE) and Economic Empowerment (EE). He suggested talking to micro business licensees to see what they are envisioning for a potential Social Consumption license and discussed how Social Consumption may enable communities to satisfy some of the components of their Equity plan. Commissioner Camargo added that this is about education for both the municipalities, operators, and consumers and that it was great to have conversations with municipalities on this topic. Commissioner Stebbins discussed informing stakeholders on the process as the Fiscal Year 2025 budget is being prepared. He suggested thinking of this as a multi-year program. He desired this to be component of their public awareness campaign request in subsequent years.
 - o Commissioner Roy and the AC asked for clarification on anticipated timeline.
 - Commissioner Stebbins stated that he does not want to commit to a timeframe and set everyone's expectations then fail to meet those expectations, but they are working diligently on ensuring that the license is available to all.
 - Commissioner Camargo updated the Commission that they were required to put Social Consumption on hold while they were working on Chapter 180 implementation, but that meetings have reconvened.
 Commissioner Stebbins noted they focused on an advanced RVT program and training requirements for Social Consumption before operations commence. He indicated the standalone consumption facility business model may not be viable unless there are other amenities or other business components and that the Commission should attempt to align Social Consumption with some of the other business entities.
 - Commissioner Roy thanked them for the update and asked about potential Social Consumption applicants and if the Commission was able to start this pre-verification process with them.
 - o Commissioner Camargo stated that potential operators need more information about the possible license-types and framework for Massachusetts.



AGC Carter added that a pre-verification process would be something that would be captured by regulation.

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to take a five-minute recess.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a five-minute recess, returning at 12:45PM (02:43:50).

3. Acting Executive Director Discussion

- The AC discussed the need to have an Acting Executive Director (AED) serve during the time that the Executive Director (ED) is on leave. She noted that the turnover has resulted in major changes to the delegations of responsibility that were originally outlined by the ED. The AC noted that there is a need for someone who understands the budget and human resources process. She noted that Chief People Officer Debra Hilton-Creek (CPO Hilton-Creek) is a military veteran and a human resources practitioner with over 25 years of management and organizational leadership experience. She recommended that CPO Hilton-Creek be appointed as AED as she was up to speed on policies and procedures at the Commission and would bring a fresh lens with a focus on people, culture, and best practices for organizational operations.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted the key departures on the administration side of the house and the final steps of filling the General Counsel position. He voiced the need for someone to help them operate. He added the importance of designating an AED in this intervening period as well as manage the administrative and operational functions of the Commission. He noted that CPO Hilton-Creek would be a good choice and that she has experience in very large organizations.
 - Commissioner Roy agreed with both fellow Commissioners, and reminded everyone that this Body has the statutory authority to appoint an AED in case of an absence or vacancy.
 - Commissioner Camargo noted she respected the nomination but stressed there
 are many leaders in this organization with leadership abilities and would be
 remiss if she didn't mention the rest of the leadership team.
 - Commissioner Roy noted it was brought to her attention that a memo delegating the work of the ED during his absence was not signed and asked if it needs to be signed moving forward.
 - The AC suggested finishing the discussion regarding appointment of an AED conversation first because it might resolve that issue.



- CPO Hilton-Creek voiced that this is an incredible opportunity and that a
 collaborative effort will be required during the next few months. She thanked
 the Commissioners for having confidence in her in the short-term interim role
 and that she will do her best to meet agency goals.
- Commissioner Roy moved in accordance with M. G. L. c. 10, § 76 (j) to designate Debra Hilton-Creek as Acting Executive Director to serve until the return of the Executive Director and shall serve in addition to her current duties.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to appoint Debra Hilton-Creek as Acting Executive Director to serve until the return of the Executive Director and shall serve in addition to her current duties.
- AGC Carter suggested the Board may contemplate a motion to direct the AC to conduct and execute salary negotiations on behalf of the Commission with the AED.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to direct the Acting Chair to conduct and execute salary negotiations on behalf of the Commission with the Acting Executive Director.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to direct the Acting Chair to conduct and execute salary negotiations on behalf of the Commission with the Acting Executive Director.
- 4) Next Meeting Date 03:00:34
 - The AC noted the next meeting would be on November 9, 2023, held remotely.
 - Commissioner Roy voiced that she wanted to confirm with Commissioner Stebbins whether she would recommend microbusinesses be placed on the agenda.
 - Commissioner Stebbins suggested for the next meeting they discuss the expiration of COVID-19 orders, and the AC confirmed it is on list for the next meeting.
 - Commissioner Roy mentioned staff would obtain data points regarding the extensions and curbside pickup.
- 5) Adjournment 03:03:27
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to adjourn.



- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - $\circ \quad Commissioner\ Stebbins-Yes$
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.



We are MACT, the Massachusetts Association of Cannabis Transporters, a group of CCC-licensed Third-Party Transporters formed specifically to advocate for the needs and interests of our unique license type.

MACT members include executives from all of the licensed and active Massachusetts Third-Party Transporters. Companies represented are (in alphabetical order) Coastal Solutions, Eagle Eyes Transport, MMM Transport and Plymouth Armor Group.

We submit for consideration 3 items pertaining to our License type we would like the CCC to address during their review of the current regulations:

1) We are seeking clarification and a separation between the Third-Party Transporters and the Existing Licensee Transporters license types, as well as closing the loophole allowed to the Existing Licensee Transporters.

935 CMR 500.002:

<u>Marijuana Transporter</u> means an entity, not otherwise licensed by the Commission, that is licensed to possess Marijuana Products solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution to Marijuana Establishments or MTCs, but not to Consumers. Marijuana Transporters may be an Existing Licensee Transporter or Third-party Transporter

935 CMR 500.050(9)(a):

1. <u>Third-party Transporter</u>. An entity formerly registered or currently licensed to do business in Massachusetts that does not hold another Marijuana Establishment license pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050 and is not formerly registered or currently licensed as an MTC pursuant to 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. A Third-party Transporter is permitted to transport Marijuana and Marijuana Products between Marijuana Establishments and between MTCs.

2. Existing Licensee Transporter. A Marijuana Establishment that wishes to contract with other Marijuana Establishments to transport their Marijuana Products to other Marijuana Establishments.

If you site the definition of Marijuana Transporter – "an entity, not otherwise licensed by the Commission, that is licensed to possess Marijuana Products solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution...." this is already in conflict with the definition of the "Existing Licensee Transporter" license type that holds an existing license to start with while the "Third-party Transporter" is forbidden from having any other license type.

Both license types perform the same responsibilities and functions however It feels as though the original intent for both license types has been lost and we are asking for that to be clarified.

From our research the "Existing Licensee Transporter" appears to be intended for allow existing licenses to transport their <u>own</u> marijuana products to the other Marijuana Establishments they contracted with in a secure and regulated manner at a time prior to Adult use when most licenses where vertically integrated.

With the implementation of Adult use and more license types we have the "<u>Third-party Transporter</u>" a license created for the sole purpose of handling the logistics of marijuana products for business to business exchange in the most secure and regulated way. We are forbidden from owning marijuana products and other license types to prevent possible monopoly situations (and rightly so). The loop-hole of the "<u>Existing Licensee Transporter</u>" having the ability to hold a multitude of other license types undermines the purpose of the "<u>Third-party Transporter</u>" license being forbidden to do such. We seek for that loophole to be closed.

2) The MACT members are aware of the Home Delivery/courier licenses requesting a change to 935 CMR 500.105(13)(a)6:

All vehicles transporting Marijuana Products shall be staffed with a minimum of two Marijuana Establishment Agents. At least one agent shall always remain with the vehicle when the vehicle contains Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

To allow for a single agent for their purpose.



As a group, all Third-party Transporter license holders do not wish this for our license type.

We want to highlight the safety differences between third party transporters and courier/delivery Establishments. Delivery/couriers are limited to carrying \$10,000 of Marijuana products. Third-Party Transporters can transport in excess of \$1,000,000 of Marijuana products. The risk of theft and or harm to our employees if vans are left unattended or a lone agent is caught unaware is far greater for us.

MACT members are unanimous in their agreement that commercial business-to-business cannabis transportation in Massachusetts should continue to require two (2) Marijuana Establishment Agents. In other words, we do NOT suggest any alteration of the current regulations: We ask that you create something new for the Delivery/couriers rather than alter our requirements should you grant their request for single agent transport.

MACT members do not perform delivery or courier services to individual consumers and does NOT have an opinion on whether the regulations should change for these Marijuana Establishments. However, if delivery or courier Establishments perform business-to-business activities, they should be held accountable to the same rules and regulations for those Establishments (two drivers).

- 3) Our third item pertaining to the transport manifests has two parts, 935 CMR 500.105(13)(f):
 - 1. A manifest shall be filled out in triplicate, with the original manifest remaining with the originating Marijuana Establishment, a second copy provided to the destination Marijuana Establishment on arrival, and a copy to be kept with the licensed Marijuana Establishment Agent during transportation and returned to the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Transporter on completion of the transportation.
 - 5. A Marijuana Establishment shall retain all transportation manifests for no less than one year and make them available to the Commission on request.

The first part we ask is to change 935 CMR 500.105(13)(f)(1): (see above)

We estimate that a single transportation truck generates one inch of paperwork in the form of manifests each month. A fleet of 12 trucks accumulates a foot of paperwork each month. This unnecessary accumulation of paperwork could be significantly reduced if these records could be stored/transferred electronically, and a single hard copy manifest be required for transport. We suggest the following changes to the existing language:

1. A manifest shall be retained in triplicate, A filled out manifest from the originating Marijuana Establishment shall be kept with the licensed Marijuana Establishment Agent during transportation and provided to the destination Marijuana Establishment on arrival, a scanned copy of the signed manifest shall be returned to the origin Marijuana Establishment and Marijuana Transporter on completion of the transportation, the manifest shall be securely transmitted to the destination Marijuana Establishment by facsimile or email.

The second part we ask is to add a clarification to 935 CMR 500.105(13)(f)(5): (see above)

We are requesting clarification that manifests required to be maintained for one year be allowed to be stored electronically as allowed per <u>935 CMR 500.105(9)</u>.

We suggest the following changes (in blue) to the existing language:

5. A Marijuana Establishment shall retain all transportation manifests **as manual or computerized records** for no less than one year and make them available to the Commission on request.

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October 25, 2023 10:00 AM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

• N/A

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Acting Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session 00:00:35
 - The Acting Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after the Executive Session deliberations.
 - The Acting Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - $\circ \quad Commissioner \ Stebbins Yes$
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:30).





November 1, 2023 2:00 PM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

• N/A

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Acting Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session 00:00:40
 - The Acting Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after the Executive Session deliberations.
 - The Acting Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:32).





November 7, 2023 3:00 PM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

• N/A

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Camargo
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Acting Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session 00:00:37
 - The Acting Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after the Executive Session deliberations.
 - The Acting Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:34).





November 14, 2023 2:00 PM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

N/A

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Camargo
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Acting Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session 00:00:33
 - The Acting Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after its Executive Session deliberations.
 - The Acting Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:26).





November 30, 2023 10:00 AM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

N/A

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Acting Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session 00:00:39
 - The Acting Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after its Executive Session deliberations.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (9), to confer with a mediator, as defined in G.L. c. 233, § 23C, to participate in mediation between the Commissioners and staff leadership, for purpose of finding common ground and obtaining buy-in from all parties, in its efforts to establish a durable and effective governance structure.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:44).





February 27, 2024 10:00 AM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

N/A

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
 - The Acting Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Acting Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session 00:00:33
 - The Acting Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after its Executive Session deliberations.
 - The Acting Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Acting Chair took a roll call vote:
 - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
 - Commissioner Roy Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
 - o Acting Chair Concepcion Yes
 - The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:38).





Ganesh Wellness, Inc. 0259-COO-03-1223

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	Ganesh Wellness, Inc.
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Campfire Cannabis

2. License(s) Affected by this Change Request:

License Number	License Type
MP281634	Product Manufacturer
MR282519	Retailer

- 3. The licensee has paid the applicable fees for this change request.
- 4. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Persons Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Individual	Role
David Giannetta	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

5. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Entity	Role
Community Care Collective, Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

- 6. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.
- 7. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.
- 8. Commission staff conducted an organizational and financial inspection into the parties associated with this request and found no issues or inconsistencies with the information provided to the Commission.

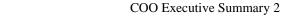
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RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the request for change of ownership and control, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee and proposed parties may now effectuate the approved change.
- 2. The licensee shall notify the Commission when the change has occurred.
- 3. The licensee shall submit a change of name request following this approval if any business or doing-business-as names associated with the license(s) will require modification.
- 4. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 5. The licensee shall remain suitable for licensure.
- 6. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 7. The licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) and/or 935 CMR 501.105(1) after effectuating the change, if applicable, and shall give Commission staff adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.





New England Treatment Access, LLC 0258-COO-03-1223

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	New England Treatment Access, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	NETA

2. License(s) Affected by this Change Request:

License Number	License Type
MC281267	Cultivator
MP281306	Product Manufacturer
MR281240	Retailer
MR281287	Retailer
MR283065	Retailer
MTC125	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
MTC185	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
MTC3028	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

- 3. The licensee has paid the applicable fees for this change request.
- 4. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Persons Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Individual	Role
Kyle Detwiler	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

5. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Entity	Role
CDXX MA TransCo, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
CDXX OpCo, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
CDXX TransCo, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
Sunstream USA II Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

6. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were



discovered.

- 7. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.
- 8. Commission staff conducted an organizational and financial inspection into the parties associated with this request and found no issues or inconsistencies with the information provided to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the request for change of ownership and control, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee and proposed parties may now effectuate the approved change.
- 2. The licensee shall notify the Commission when the change has occurred.
- 3. The licensee shall submit a change of name request following this approval if any business or doing-business-as names associated with the license(s) will require modification.
- 4. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 5. The licensee shall remain suitable for licensure.
- 6. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 7. The licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) and/or 935 CMR 501.105(1) after effectuating the change, if applicable, and shall give Commission staff adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.



Underground Legacy Social Club, LLC 0265-COO-01-1223

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	Underground Legacy Social Club, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Underground Legacy LLC

2. License(s) Affected by this Change Request:

License Number	License Type
MR284914	Retailer

- 3. The licensee has paid the applicable fees for this change request.
- 4. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Persons Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Individual	Role
David Matteo	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
David Winick	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

- 5. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.
- 6. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the request for change of ownership and control, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee and proposed parties may now effectuate the approved change.
- 2. The licensee shall notify the Commission when the change has occurred.

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- 3. The licensee shall submit a change of name request following this approval if any business or doing-business-as names associated with the license(s) will require modification.
- 4. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 5. The licensee shall remain suitable for licensure.
- 6. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 7. The licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) and/or 935 CMR 501.105(1) after effectuating the change, if applicable, and shall give Commission staff adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.



Marijuana Establishment Renewals Executive Summary

Commission Meeting: April 11, 2024

RENEWAL OVERVIEW

1. Name, license number, renewal application number, host community, and funds deriving from a Host Community Agreement allocated for the municipality for each Marijuana Establishment presented for renewal:

	Licensee Name	License Number	Renewal Application Number	Location	Municipal Costs Disclosed
1	140 Industrial Road, LLC	MP281433	MPR244134	Fitchburg	\$0.00
2	1Connection LLC	MP281717	MPR244140	Dighton	\$0.00
3	1Connection LLC	MC282245	MCR140680	Dighton	\$0.00
4	AmeriCann Brands, Inc.	MC282714	MCR140698	Freetown	\$0.00
5	Bada Bloom!, Inc.	MC283393	MCR140658	Tyngsborough	\$0.00
6	Bask, Inc.	MP281702	MPR244127	Freetown	\$0.00
7	Bask, Inc.	MC282211	MCR140676	Freetown	\$0.00
8	Beacon Compassion, Inc.	MR284569	MRR206795	Boston	\$0.00
	CATAHOULA CANNABIS				
9	LLC	MR284693	MRR206800	Fall River	\$0.00
10	Community Care Collective, Inc.	MR282974	MRR206810	Billerica	\$0.00
11	East Coast Remedies Corp.	MR282565	MRR206785	Somerville	\$0.00
12	Ganesh Wellness, Inc.	MP281634	MPR244156	West Boylston	\$0.00
13	Ganesh Wellness, Inc.	MR282519	MRR206822	West Boylston	\$0.00
14	Green Patriot LLC	MC282987	MCR140687	Hinsdale	\$0.00
15	Greenerside Holdings, LLC	MR282939	MRR206777	Greenfield	\$0.00
16	Greenerside Holdings, LLC	MC281610	MCR140652	Greenfield	\$0.00
17	HIGHMINDED LLC	MR282318	MRR206815	Great Barrington	\$0.00
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18	HIGHMINDED LLC	MP281662	MPR244148	Barrington	\$0.00
19	Holistic Industries, Inc.	MR281787	MRR206790	Somerville	\$0.00
	Hudson Botanical Processing,				
20	LLC	MP281588	MPR244142	Hudson	\$0.00
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21	Hyecorp LLC	MR282460	MRR206806	Brockton	\$0.00
22	Jolly Green Inc	MC281283	MCR140704	Winchendon	\$0.00
23	Legal Greens, LLC	MC282508	MCR140694	Brockton	\$0.00
24	Mellow Fellows LLC	MR281811	MRR206737	Haverhill	\$0.00
	New England Cannabis				
25	Corporation, Inc.	MP281466	MPR244121	Holliston	\$0.00
	New England Cannabis				
26	Corporation, Inc.	MC281251	MCR140661	Holliston	\$0.00
27	Nova Farms, LLC	MC281841	MCR140708	Sheffield	\$0.00
28	NS AJO Holdings Inc.	MR282236	MRR206805	Fitchburg	\$0.00
29	NS AJO Holdings Inc.	MP281564	MPR244154	Fitchburg	\$0.00
30	NS AJO Holdings Inc.	MC281884	MCR140715	Fitchburg	\$0.00
31	RC Cultivation LLC	MP281646	MPR244124	Worcester	\$0.00
32	RC Cultivation LLC	MC281683	MCR140669	Worcester	\$0.00
33	Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc.	MC281507	MCR140678	Fitchburg	\$0.00
34	Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc.	MP281425	MPR244138	Fitchburg	\$0.00
	SOLAR RETAIL NORTON				
35	LLC	MR283896	MRR206826	Norton	\$0.00
36	The Cannabis Station	MR284248	MRR206809	Boston	\$0.00
37	THE GRATEFUL MIND, LLC	MR282378	MRR206732	Wellfleet	\$0.00
38	The Heirloom Collective, Inc.	MR284511	MRR206814	North Easton	\$0.00
39	Theory Wellness Inc	MR284150	MRR206804	Medford	\$0.00

- 2. All licensees have submitted renewal applications pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(4) which include the licensee's disclosure of their progress or success towards their Positive Impact and Diversity Plans.
- 3. All licensees have submitted documentation of good standing from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Department of Revenue, and Department of Unemployment Assistance, if applicable.
- 4. All licensees have paid the appropriate annual license fee.
- 5. The licensees, when applicable, have been inspected over the previous year. Commission staff certify that, to the best of our knowledge, no information has been found that would prevent renewal of the licenses mentioned above pursuant to 935 CMR 500.450.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the above-mentioned licenses applying for renewal, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the licensee remaining in compliance with the Commission regulations and applicable law.







Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Renewals Executive Summary

Commission Meeting: April 11, 2024

RENEWAL OVERVIEW

1. Name, license number, location(s), for each Medical Marijuana Treatment Center presented for renewal:

	Licensee Name	License Number	Location (Cultivation)	Location (Dispensing)
40	Alternative Compassion Services, Inc.	RMD3320	Bridgewater	Hull
41	Berkshire Roots, Inc.	RMD3480	Pittsfield	Pittsfield
42	Green Meadows Farm, LLC	RMD1626	Southbridge	Southbridge
43	Greencare Collective, LLC	RMD1706	Millbury	Millbury
44	Holistic Industries, Inc.	RMD1526	Monson	Easthampton
45	Middlesex Integrative Medicine, Inc.	RMD1025	Leominster	Norwood
46	Phytopia, Inc.	RMD1692	Medway	Peabody
47	Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc.	RMD405	Fitchburg	Somerville
48	Theory Wellness, Inc.	RMD305	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
49	Theory Wellness, Inc.	RMD1567	Bridgewater	Chicopee

- 2. All licensees have submitted renewal applications pursuant to 935 CMR 501.103.
- 3. All licensees have paid the appropriate annual license fee.
- 4. The licensees, when applicable, have been inspected over the previous year. Commission staff certify that, to the best of our knowledge, no information has been found that would prevent renewal of the licenses mentioned above pursuant to 935 CMR 501.450.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the above-mentioned licenses applying for renewal, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the licensee remaining in compliance with the Commission regulations and applicable law.





686 Cultivation, LLC

MCN283899 MPN282298

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	686 Cultivation, LLC
Proposed Location:	686 Clark Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

Lie	cense Type(s) Sought:
Ma	arijuana Cultivator, Tier 2, Indoor, (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)
Ma	arijuana Product Manufacturer

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

The license applicant is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Jeffrey Derby	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Michael Saccone	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this license applicant business.

6. License Applicant's Status:

General Applicant

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on December 19, 2023. The license applicant submitted their application prior to March 1, 2024 and provided the required certification form.

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- 8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on March 1, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
- 9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

Goal

The license applicant proposes to hire 15% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Lowell residents (specifically those residing within Census Tract 3101, 3104, 3111, 3112, 3117, 3118, 3119, 3120, and 3124) and MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions].

The license applicant proposed to host one (1) educational session per year that will provide information on the process to seal a criminal record.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 12. The license 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.
- 13. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

Goal

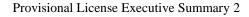
The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 40% Women, 20% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5% Veterans, 5% Persons with Disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ People.

The license applicant proposes to implement an annual training program for all employees regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion principles.

The license applicant proposes to create an inclusive work environment that has no less than an 85% employee satisfaction rate with its DEI initiatives and outcomes.

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 licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
- 4. The license applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





Clovercraft, LLC

MRN284574

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	Clovercraft, LLC
License Applicant d/b/a Name:	The Ounce Club
Proposed Location:	17 East St., Easthampton, MA 01027

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

The license applicant is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Ezra Parzybok	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Kevin Perrier	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Volkan Polatol	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this license applicant business.

6. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant) (Ezra Parzybok / 51% Ownership / SE304457)

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- 7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on January 11, 2024. The license applicant submitted their application prior to March 1, 2024 and provided the required certification form.
- 8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on March 18, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
- 9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

Goal

The license applicant proposes to hire 50% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Holyoke

The license applicant proposed to partner with at least one (1) SEP-owned ancillary business annually and one (1) SEP-owned operating licensee.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

- 10. 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.
- 11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 12. The license 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.
- 13. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

Goal

The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 20% Women, 20% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 20% Veterans, 20% Persons with Disabilities, and 20% LGBTQ+ People.

The license applicant proposes to engage with at least 10% of suppliers who are women, veteran, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, LBGTQ+ or Persons with Disabilities within the first year of operation.

The license applicant proposes to create a goal of 100% of staff taking job satisfaction surveys annually, or upon exit, with a 75% or greater satisfaction



regarding inclusivity, and 100% of staff having access to diversity literature in the workplace.

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 license applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





Crafted Cannabis, LLC

MCN283858

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name: Crafted Cannabis, LLC	
Proposed Location:	356 South Avenue, Units 9 and 10, Whitman, MA
	02382

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

Li	icense Type(s) Sought:
M	Iarijuana Cultivator, Tier 2, Indoor, (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

The license applicant is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Kimberly Wall	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
WallCare, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (Woman-Owned Business)

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on January 10, 2023. The license applicant submitted their application prior to March 1, 2024 and provided the required certification form.

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- 8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on March 22, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
- 9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

Goal

The license applicant proposes to provide education and support relating to sealing criminal records to reduce barriers to entry in the cannabis industry to five (5) of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 12. The license 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.
- 13. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

Goal

The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 50% Women, 20% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 15% Persons with Disabilities, and 15% LGBTQ+ People.

The license applicant proposes to contract with diverse businesses from the following: 5% Women, 5% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5% Veterans, 5% Persons with Disabilities, and 5% LGBTQ+ People.

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 license applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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



Safe-Lyfe, LLC

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	Safe-Lyfe, LLC
Proposed Location:	90 Conz St., # 219J, Northampton, MA 01060

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Courier	

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Marijuana Delivery Operator	Pre-Certification	N/A

- 4. The license applicant was pre-certified by the Commission on August 22, 2022. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b)(2), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a license.
- 5. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Darnisha Cohen	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. List of all required entities and their roles:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this license applicant business.

7. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant) (Darnisha Cohen / 100% ownership / SE305510)

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- 8. The license applicant submitted their application prior to March 1, 2024 and provided the required certification form.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on February 27, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
- 10. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

Goal

The license applicant proposes to hire 50% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Brockton.

The license applicant proposed to form partnerships with at least one (1) SEP-owned ancillary business annually.

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 license 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.
- 14. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

Goal

The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 50% Women, 50% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 50% Veterans, 50% Persons with Disabilities, or 50% LGBTQ+ People.

The license applicant proposes to promote the following: 50% of employees from Goal 1 to management or beyond entry-level positions within one year.

The license applicant proposes to engage with wholesale partners, vendors, and contractors from the following: 25% Women, 15% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Persons with Disabilities, 10% Veteran, 10% LGBTQ+ owned businesses.



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 license applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





191 Lafayette Rd Dispensary Company, LLC

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	191 Lafayette Rd Dispensary Company, LLC	
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Road Trip	
Licensed Location:	191 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, MA 01952	

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

The licensee is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on August 6, 2020.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 6, 2024.



- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:



- 1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





Bostica, LLC

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Bostica, LLC
Licensed Location:	71 Linden Street, Lynn, MA 01905

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 4/Indoor (20,000 – 30,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Lynn

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on June 4, 2020.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 21, 2024.



- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Product Manufacturing Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all manufacturing-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Proposed product compliance; and
- ii. Safety, sanitation, and security of the area and products.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:



- 1. The licensee may possess, prepare, produce, and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





FFD Enterprises MA, Inc.

MR284920

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	FFD Enterprises MA, Inc.
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Fine Fettle
Licensed Location:	175 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 1/Indoor	Commence Operations	West Tisbury
(up to 5,000 sq. ft.) Marijuana Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	West Tisbury
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations Commence Operations	West Tisbury West Tisbury
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Rowley
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 2/Outdoor	Final License	Hinsdale
(5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)		XX (T) 1 XX (
MTC	Commence Operations	West Tisbury-West Tisbury
MTC	Commence Operations	Hinsdale-Rowley

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on August 10, 2023.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.



- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 4, 2024.
- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:



- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





Green Adventure, LLC

MR284710

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Green Adventure, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Canna Retreat
Licensed Location:	1240 Park Street, Palmer, MA 01069

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Retailer	Provisional License	Ware

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on March 9, 2023.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): January 25, 2024.



- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:



- 1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





LMCC, LLC

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	LMCC, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Y Cannabis
Licensed Location:	83 County Street, Taunton, MA 02780

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Retailer	Provisional License	Berkley

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on May 7, 2020.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): February 28, 2024.



- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:



- 1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





Reverie 73 Gloucester, LLC

MR282315

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Reverie 73 Gloucester, LLC
Licensed Location:	73 Essex Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

The licensee is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on September 10, 2020.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 8, 2024.



- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

Final License Executive Summary 2



- 1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





Stone's Throw Cannabis, LLC

MR284843

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	ee Business Name: Stone's Throw Cannabis, LLC	
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Firebrand Cannabis	
Licensed Location:	727 Atlantic Avenue, Floor 1, Boston, MA 02111	

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Courier	Application Submitted	Boston
Marijuana Courier	Application Submitted	Boston

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on August 10, 2023.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

Final License Executive Summary 1



- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 12, 2024.
- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION



Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





Union Leaf, Inc.

MR282570

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name: Union Leaf, Inc.	
Licensed Location:	71-72 Union Square, Somerville, MA 02143

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:	
Marijuana Retailer	

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

The licensee is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on July 9, 2020.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 4, 2024.

Final License Executive Summary 1



- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

Final License Executive Summary 2



- 1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





Uproot, LLC MB281346

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Uproot, LLC
Licensed Location:	41 Fremont St., Worcester, MA 01603

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Microbusiness (Cultivation and Product Manufacturing)

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

The licensee is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on March 5, 2020.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 5, 2024.
- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.



- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Cultivation Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all cultivation operations were in compliance with the Commission's regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Seed-to-sale tracking;
- ii. Compliance with applicable pesticide laws and regulations; and
- iii. Best practices to limit contamination.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all manufacturing-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Proposed product compliance; and
- ii. Safety, sanitation, and security of the area and products.

e. Transportation

Enforcement staff verified that all transportation-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:



- i. Vehicle and staffing requirements;
- ii. Communication and reporting requirements; and
- iii. Inventory and manifests requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee may cultivate, harvest, possess, prepare, produce, and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.





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Guidance on Municipal Equity & Industry Participation

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I. Introduction

The following guidance is provided to assist municipalities working with businesses seeking to apply for licensure and operate as (1) adult-use Marijuana Establishments ("ME") under 935 Code Mass. Regs. § ("CMR") 500.000 and/or (2) Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers ("MTC") under 935 CMR 501.000. This guidance is not legal advice. If municipalities have questions regarding the legal requirements for licensure and other compliance obligations, they are encouraged to consult appropriate legal counsel.¹

II. Role of Cannabis Control Commission

The Commission has broad authority over the licensing of MEs and MTCs. It has also established regulatory requirements to address public safety, health, and welfare concerns such as the testing², potency, packaging, labeling, advertising³, dispensing, and diversion of marijuana and marijuana products.⁴ Additionally, the Commission is empowered to promote and encourage the full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by individuals and communities disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition, women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses.

As a licensing agency, the Commission reviews applicants' qualifications for licensure, including background checks and suitability determinations, prior to issuing provisional and final licenses and ultimately approving a licensee to commence operations. As part of their licensing application process, applicants must hold a community outreach meeting and enter into a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") with a municipality.⁵

Furthermore, the Commission is now required to review and approve HCAs⁶ and review local ordinances and by-laws to ensure the municipality promotes an equitable licensed cannabis industry within its borders.⁷ The Commission started its review and enforcement of HCAs in March 2024. In May 2024, the Commission will commence review and enforcement of local equity policies required under relevant law and regulations.

Once a license has been issued, the Commission may inspect MEs and MTCs, investigate close associates of a licensee whom the Commission suspects is involved in the financing, operation, or management of such licensee, and may impose fees and fines and conduct adjudicatory proceedings. It

⁷ 935 CMR 500.181(3)(d) and 935 CMR 501.181(3)(d).



¹ The Commission uses the term "counsel" as inclusive of and not limited to the following municipal positions: Town Counsel, City Solicitor, Corporation Counsel, Special Town/Municipal Counsel, and Labor Counsel.

² 935 CMR 500.160 and 935 CMR 501.160.

³ 935 CMR 500.105 501.105, and 935 CMR 500.145.

⁴ 935 CMR 500.110 and 501.110.

⁵ 935 CMR 500.180; 935 CMR 501.180.

⁶ G.L. c. 94G § 4(a); 935 CMR 500.181(3) and 935 CMR 501.181(3).

may also restrict, revoke, or suspend a license.8

The Commission has developed relationships with federal, state, and municipal officials in order to address areas of common concern. It may adopt, amend, or repeal regulations for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the law; refer cases for criminal prosecution to the appropriate law enforcement authorities; monitor federal activity regarding marijuana and hemp; and prepare and publish research studies, legislative reports, or related materials.⁹

More information regarding the Commission's licensing process can be found in its Guidance on Licensure.

III. Commission License Types

The Commission is empowered to license businesses that meet certain qualifications as MEs and MTCs. A brief list and description of the different types of licenses issued by the Commission are as follows:

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

An MTC is an entity licensed under 935 CMR 501.000, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes, repackages, transports, sells, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or administers marijuana, marijuana products, related supplies, or educational materials to Registered Qualifying Patients or their Personal Caregivers for medical use.

Marijuana Cultivator, Microbusiness, and Craft Marijuana Cooperative

A Marijuana Cultivator is an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package Marijuana, and to transfer Marijuana to other MEs, but not to Consumers. Cultivators select what tier, *i.e.*, size of the grow they will operate, which determines their application and licensing fees.

A Microbusiness is an entity that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Marijuana Product Manufacturer, or both; if it is in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Commission, it may deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products produced at its licensed location directly to Consumers. ¹⁰

A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator organized as a limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or a cooperative corporation. ¹¹ The cooperative license authorizes it to cultivate, obtain, manufacture, process, package, brand and transfer marijuana products



 $^{^8}$ See generally G.L. c. 94G \S 4; 935 CMR 500.301-500.370 and 935 CMR 501.301-501.370; 935 CMR 500.500 and 935 CMR 501.500.

⁹ See generally G.L. c. 94G § 4.

¹⁰ See 935 CMR 500.002.

¹¹ 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.002.

to MEs, but not to consumers.

Marijuana Product Manufacturer

A Marijuana Product Manufacturer is an entity authorized to obtain, manufacture, process, and package marijuana or marijuana products, and to transport and transfer product to other MEs, but not to consumers. All edibles prepared by a manufacturer shall be prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments*, and with the requirements for food handlers specified in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements*. Safe handling regulations are enforceable by local boards of health.

Marijuana Retailer

A Marijuana Retailer is an entity authorized to transport, sell, purchase, repackage, or otherwise transfer marijuana or marijuana products to MEs and to sell marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana accessories and branded goods to consumers 21 years of age or older. A Marijuana Retailer may be collocated with an MTC. 14

Marijuana Transporters

There are two types of Marijuana Transporter licenses: (1) a Third-party Transporter; and (2) an Existing Licensee Transporter.

A Third-party Transporter is an entity currently licensed to do business in Massachusetts that does not hold any other ME license pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050¹⁵ and is not formerly registered or currently licensed as an MTC pursuant to CMR 501.000: *Medical use of Marijuana*. A Third-party Transporter is permitted to transport marijuana and marijuana products between MEs and between MTCs.

An Existing Licensee Transporter is an ME that wishes to contract with other MEs to transport their marijuana and marijuana products to other MEs. Marijuana Transporters are allowed to warehouse marijuana and marijuana products in a form and manner determined by the Commission.¹⁶

Delivery Licenses

There are two available types of Delivery Licenses: (1) Marijuana Courier; and (2) Marijuana Delivery Operator.

A Marijuana Courier may enter into a Delivery Agreement with a Marijuana Retailer to deliver finished



¹² 935 CMR 500.002.

¹³ 935 CMR 500.002.

¹⁴ 935 CMR 500.050(8).

¹⁵ See 935 CMR 500.050, details the various Marijuana Establishment types.

¹⁶ See 935 CMR 500.050(9).

marijuana Products, marijuana accessories, and marijuana branded goods directly to consumers or with an MTC to deliver to patients or caregivers. A Marijuana Courier cannot wholesale, warehouse, process, repackage, or white label these products.

A Marijuana Delivery Operator may wholesale finished marijuana products acquired from a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness, or Craft Marijuana Cooperative. It can also sell and deliver finished marijuana products, marijuana accessories, and marijuana branded goods directly to consumers. A Marijuana Delivery Operator cannot currently process or repackage marijuana products.

Marijuana Research Facility

A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may be an academic institution, nonprofit corporation, or domestic corporation or entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth, including a licensed ME or MTC, that is licensed to conduct research.¹⁷ A license to operate a Marijuana Research Facility is separate from a Research Permit to conduct a specific research project as researchers need Commission approval for each Research Permit before conducting their research. A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may engage in cultivation or product manufacturing of marijuana or marijuana products if the cultivation or product manufacturing process is the subject of its research. Additionally, Marijuana Research Facility Licensees may not transfer marijuana or marijuana products to other licensees, other than for testing, or sell to consumers, patients, or caregivers.¹⁸

Independent Testing & Standards Laboratories

There are two types of laboratory licenses: (1) Independent Testing Laboratory ("ITL"), and (2) Standards Laboratory. An ITL primarily contracts with licensees to test products for sale to consumers and patients. ITL licensees cannot have a financial relationship (other than for testing services) or hold licenses with other MEs or MTCs.

A Standards Laboratory is an entity that would otherwise qualify to be an ITL but instead performs tests to verify the results of an ITL at the request of the Commission.

Social Consumption Establishment

A Social Consumption Establishment is an entity licensed to sell marijuana or marijuana products and allow consumers to consume marijuana or marijuana products solely on its premises.¹⁹ The Commission has developed regulations for the licensing of these entities and will commence Social Consumption Establishment licensing when there are regulatory amendments to facilitate a successful and safe market.²⁰



¹⁷ 935 CMR 500.002.

¹⁸ 935 CMR 500.147.

¹⁹ 935 CMR 500.002.

²⁰ See 935 CMR 500.050(6).

More information regarding the Commission's available license types can be found in its Guidance on Licensure.

IV. Role of Host Communities & Municipalities

The local control provisions under G.L. c. 94G both authorize and limit the way in which Host Communities can control MEs and MTCs in their communities. For clarity, Host Communities are defined as a municipality in which an ME and/or MTC is located or in which a license applicant has proposed locating an ME and/or MTC.

HCAs and Community Impact Fees (CIFs)

Under state law, MEs and MTCs are required to execute HCAs with the municipalities in which they plan to operate. The agreement must stipulate the responsibilities of the community and the ME or MTC. An HCA is a required component of a license application, so an applicant must execute an HCA with a municipality prior to submitting an application with the Commission.²¹

The HCA may include a CIF; however, it is not mandatory. If a Host Community elects to issue or claim a CIF, it must be reasonably related to the actual operations of an ME or MTC and an enhanced need for a Host Community's goods or services in order to offset the impact of operations. ²² Any cost to a city or town imposed by the operation of an ME or MTC must be adequately documented and is considered a public record under Massachusetts Public Records Law. ²³

Additional information on HCA, can be found in the Guidance for Host Community Agreements.

State and Local Taxes

There are three (3) different local and state taxes imposed on the retail sale of adult-use marijuana, which are passed onto the consumer, but not patients and caregivers unless they are purchasing accessories and branded goods.

The state sales tax and state excise tax are collected by the Department of Revenue ("DOR") and then distributed to municipalities at least four times per year.²⁴ The DOR also empowers a Host Community to impose an additional tax, referred to as the local tax option, of up to 3% on retail transactions for

²⁴ Adult-use marijuana is subject to the state sales tax of 6.25%; the state excise tax of 10.75%; and the local option for cities or towns, a figure up to 3% on all *retail* transactions. G.L. c. 64N, §§ 2, 3 (a).



²¹ G.L. c. 94G 8 3(<u>d</u>).

²² 935 CMR 500.002; 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 501.002.

²³ G.L. c. 66 § 10.

marijuana or marijuana products by a Marijuana Retailer.²⁵

Local Control: Bylaws and Ordinances

Under the "local control" provisions of G.L. c. 94G, § 3, the Legislature delegated to municipalities control over MEs²⁶ and MTCs²⁷ operating within their borders. Under § 3, and Commission regulations, Host Communities and municipalities can regulate the number, operations, and locations of potential MEs and MTCs.²⁸ The Commission, in turn, has broad authority over licensing and registration of these applicants, as well as ensuring that HCAs and local ordinances and by-laws that focus on promoting an equitable industry comply with the provisions of G.L. c. 94G.

A Host Community and municipality may adopt ordinances and by-laws that impose reasonable safeguards on the operation of MEs and MTCs and "any business dealing in marijuana accessories,", so long as the restrictions are not unreasonably impracticable and do not conflict with G.L. c. 94G and 94I, or regulations promulgated by the Commission.²⁹

A municipality may determine that a proposed marijuana-related use falls under an existing use authorized by its by-laws or ordinances. However, if a municipality elects to create new ordinances or by-laws with respect to MEs or MTCs, it may implement those that restrict the time, place, and manner of ME or MTC operations and any business dealing in marijuana accessories.³⁰ However, local zoning by-laws or ordinances may not operate to prevent the conversion of an MTC to an adult-use ME engaged in the same type of activity.³¹ The Commission interprets conversion to include not only replacing the operation of an MTC entirely with the operation of an ME, but also addressing colocated marijuana operations, *i.e.*, businesses desiring to sell both medical-use and adult-use marijuana.

Under St. 2022, c. 180, and Commission regulations, Host Communities are required to establish local ordinances or bylaws to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by individuals and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement, women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses no later than May 1, 2024. More information on these requirements can be found below in Section VI.

Limiting Marijuana Businesses

³¹ Id. *See also* the Supreme Judicial Court's decision in CommCan, Inc. & another v. Town of Mansfield, 488 Mass. 291, which provides discussion of this issue.



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²⁵ 830 CMR 64N.1.1.

²⁶ Under G.L. c. 94G, § 1, a Marijuana Establishment is defined as a marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.

²⁷ Under G.L. c. 94I, § 1, a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center is defined as the premises approved under a medical use marijuana license.

²⁸ See e.g., G.L. c. 94G, §§ 3 (a)(2) and (d); 935 CMR 500.170(2) and 935 CMR 501.170(2).

²⁹ G.L. c. 94G, § 3(a).

³⁰ G.L. c. 94G, § 3 (<u>a</u>)(1).

Under G.L. c. 94G, § 3, a municipality may adopt by-laws and ordinances that limit the number of MEs in its community, but it must submit any by-law or ordinance for approval to the voters if the ordinance or by-law would:

- Prohibit the operation of one (1) or more types of ME within the municipality;
- Limit the number of Marijuana Retailers to fewer than 20% of the number of liquor licenses (retail sale not to be drunk on premises) issued in the municipality under G.L. c. 138, § 15. For example, if a municipality has 100 liquor licenses, that municipality may set a maximum limit of 20 marijuana retailers; or
- Limit the number of any type of ME to fewer than the number of MTCs registered to engage in the same type of activity.

If a municipality chooses to enact any of the above-listed enumerated restrictions, the following procedures shall be followed:

- The city solicitor or town counsel must prepare a summary of the proposed ordinance or by-law indicating the number and types of MEs which shall be permitted to operate under the proposed ordinance or by-law and shall be included on the ballot;
- A ballot question shall be prepared asking "Shall this [city or town] adopt the following [by-law or ordinance]? [solicitor/counsel summary] [full text of by-law or ordinance]:";
- If the majority of the votes cast in answer to the question are in the affirmative, the city or town may adopt the by-law or ordinance, but if the majority of votes cast is in the negative, the city or town shall not adopt the by-law or ordinance; and
- The ballot question may be placed on the ballot at a regular or special election held by the city or town by a vote of the board of selectmen or by the city or town council, with the approval of the mayor or chief executive officer of a city that does not have a mayor, and subject to a municipal charter, if applicable.³²

If a Host Community elects to increase its existing limit on the number of MEs or MTCs permitted to operate, they should ensure a minimum of 50%, but no fewer than one license, of the additional licenses beyond the previously set cap are allocated for Social Equity Businesses or individuals pre-verified with the status of a Social Equity Program Participant or Economic Empowerment Applicant.³³

Municipality Imposed Penalties

A Host Community is permitted to establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or by-law enacted pursuant to the Local Control provisions of G.L. c. 94G, § 3, but the penalty must be similar to that imposed for violations of an ordinance or by-law related to alcoholic beverages.³⁴



³² G.L. c. 94G, § 3(e)(3).

³³ 935 CMR 500.181(3)(c)(2); 935 CMR 501.181(3)(c)(2).

³⁴ G.L. c. 94G, § 3 (a)(5).

Additional Permits

Additional local permits may be required. Although Host Communities are prohibited from using a zoning by-law or ordinance to prevent the conversion of an MTC to an ME, the Commission does not interpret the word "prevent" to prohibit the municipality from requiring an MTC that is eligible under the statute to apply for any additional local permits required to change its existing operation to an ME for adult-use. The Commission cautions local permitting boards from exercising their discretion in acting on a request for a local permit in a manner that could be deemed to conflict with the appliable law and regulations.

Buffer Zones

Under state law, an ME or MTC may not be located within 500 feet of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12.³⁵

The buffer zone distance of 500 feet shall be measured in a straight line from the geometric center of the ME/MTC entrance to the geometric center of the nearest school entrance, unless there is an impassable barrier within those 500 feet; in these cases, the buffer zone distance shall be measured along the center of the shortest publicly-accessible pedestrian travel path from the geometric center of the ME/MTC entrance to the geometric center of the nearest school entrance. The Commission has defined "impassable barrier" as a highway, public or private way or path, inaccessible structure, body of water, or other obstruction that renders any part of the 500-foot straight-line distance between a ME/MTC and a school entrance inaccessible by a pedestrian or automobile.

Municipalities may adopt an ordinance or by-law to reduce that distance requirement under state law and regulations.³⁶

V. The Municipal Role in the Commission Licensing Process

Separate and apart from the Commission's licensing process, Host Communities and municipalities must also implement its own municipal review process.

The applicant must demonstrate compliance and knowledge with all municipal requirements. To do so, the Commission will directly provide the Host Community with a municipal notice form to be completed by the municipality.³⁷ This form is used to inform the Commission that the license applicant has complied with all applicable municipal by-laws and ordinances at its current stage in the licensing process.

³⁷ 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d) and 935 CMR 501.102(1)(d).



³⁵ G.L. c. 94G, § 5(b)(3).

³⁶ G.L. c. 94G, § 5(<u>b</u>)(3); 935 CMR 500.110(3); 935 CMR 501.110(3).

For all ME and MTC License Applicants not subject to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d)(2), the municipality has 60 days to complete this form. ³⁸ For other license applicants, such as Social Equity Business Applicants, municipalities are provided 30 days to respond. Failure to respond to the Commission will result in approval by acquiescence.

VI. Municipal Equity Requirements

Host Communities are required to establish local rules or by-laws to create equity standards to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry.³⁹ On or before May 1, 2024, a Host Community shall submit an attestation to the Commission affirming it has adopted local laws to effectuate compliance and identify the specific local laws passed.⁴⁰ The Host Community shall also submit its equity plan and any other documentation demonstrating compliance with state law and regulations.⁴¹

Minimum Standards for Equity By-laws and Ordinances

A Host Community shall develop a municipal equity plan to encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition. The equity plan shall:

- Encourage applications from business and individuals that would meet the definition of Social Equity Businesses ("SEB"), Social Equity Program Participants ("SEP"), and Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants ("EEA") as determined by the Commission;
- Include goals, programs, and measurements a Host Community will utilize to promote and encourage equity participation; and
- Consistently publish data regarding the total applicant pool for MEs identifying as SEBs, SEPs, and/or EEAs.

Municipal Transparency Practice Requirements

Host Communities are encouraged to build their licensee selection process in a way that prioritizes the community's individual needs and the Commonwealth's commitment to an equitable industry and economic justice. To promote and encourage full participation, Host Communities must also adopt transparent practices when establishing their framework.

Practices shall include but are not limited to:

⁴¹ 935 CMR 500.181(3)(b)2 and 935 CMR 501.181(3)(b)2.



³⁸ 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d)1 and 935 CMR 501.102(1)(d)1.

³⁹ G.L. c. 94G, §3 (f).

⁴⁰ 935 CMR 500.181(3)(d) and 935 CMR 501.181(3)(d).

- Publicizing information in a public location at its offices and on its website which at a minimum shall include:
- All required steps of a Host Community's local approval process including, but not limited to, all
 associated fees, deadlines, and meeting schedules for local bodies involved in the local approval
 process;
- Identification of key individuals involved in a Host Community's local approval process, including, but not limited to, their names, titles, business addresses, and business contact information such as email addresses or phone numbers;
- A list of all documentation required by a Host Community's local approval process, in downloadable form and paper form;
- Identification of application criteria for local approval to operate an ME and scoring methodologies relied on by a Host Community;
- General scoring information for all applicants and a Host Community's scoring of each individual applicant;
- A Host Community's explanation, in narrative form, of its reasoning for the approval or denial of an application; and
- Any other information required by the Commission. 42

The Commission recommends the following additional methods to promote equity in a Host Community:

- Designating specific municipal contacts who shall work closely with SEB applicants in the permitting process from initial inquiry through special permit and building permit process while also providing technical assistance;
- Reduce financial barriers by waiving or reducing fees for SEBs associated with permitting
 processes and approvals as allowable by ordinance and streamline permitting for these
 applicants; or
- Provide priority licensing review to SEBs.

Host Community Positive Impact Plan

Host Communities must also develop a plan to positively impact one or more of the following communities. Although this plan is custom to each Host Community, it must outline the goals, programs and measurements the Host Community will pursue to impact one or more of the following communities:

Past or present residents of the geographic "disproportionately impacted areas," which have been
defined by the Commission and identified in its Guidance for Identifying Areas of
Disproportionate Impact;

⁴² 935 CMR 500.181(5)(b) and 935 CMR 501.181(5)(b).



- State-designated EEAs;
- State-designated-SEP participants;
- Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and
- Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.

Host Communities may look at the Commission's Guidance on Positively Impact Disproportionately Impact People, also known as Positive Impact Plans. Host Communities are encouraged to consult appropriate counsel on ways to satisfy this requirement in compliance with state law and regulations.

Host Community Compliance & Notification Requirements

As previously discussed, Host Communities are required to adopt certain by-laws or ordinances by May 1, 2024 pursuant to Commission regulations. Host Communities must notify the Commission of its initiatives and compliance by submitting required information through the Commission's Massachusetts Cannabis Industry Portal ("MassCIP").

Host Communities will be required to create a logon username and password. Once into MassCIP, Host Communities should access the Host Community Municipal Equity Notification application. An authorized representative of the Host Community should complete the application. If the Commission identifies issues with the submission, elements of noncompliance, or if no submission occurs by a Host Community, a notice of deficiency or request for information may be issued pursuant to 935 CMR 500.301 or 501.301.

VII. Complaints Against Host Communities

Any interested person may file a complaint with the Commission alleging noncompliance for license applicants, licensees, Host Communities, or any other population under the Commission's statutory and regulatory jurisdiction.

After receiving a complaint, the Commission may, at its discretion, conduct an investigation. If the Commission substantiates an allegation of noncompliance, then the Commission may take administrative or enforcement action against a Host Community, including but not limited to, sending a notice of deficiency, requesting additional information or otherwise taking action. ⁴³ A Plan of Correction may be required. Failure to comply with Commission request may result in enforcement action against the Host Community.

After May 1, 2025, a Host Community may be fined for noncompliance in an amount equal to the total of the CIFs received from all MEs and MTCs operating in the Host Community during the prior calendar year. All fines shall be deposited into the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund.⁴⁴ If a Host

⁴⁴ 935 CMR 500.180(3)(e) and 935 CMR 501.180(3)(e).



⁴³ 935 CMR 500.180(3)(d)4 and 935 CMR 501.180(3)(d)4.

Community fails to correct the noncompliant conduct, it may result in one of the following:

- Issuance of sanctions pursuant to 935 CMR 500.360;
- Loss of a Host Community's good compliance standing for purposes of 935 CMR 500.180(2)(e);
- Identification of a Host Community lack of good compliance standing in a form and manner determined by the Commission; or
- Abstaining from consideration of any new license applications affiliated with a Host Community until a Host Community's good compliance standing is restored.⁴⁵

The Commission may identify on its website any Host Community that has been assessed a fine for noncompliance.⁴⁶

VIII. Seeking Counsel, Support, and Questions

Host Communities, municipalities, license applicants, licensees, and other interested parties are encouraged to seek legal advice from a licensed attorney with respect to municipal by-laws, ordinances, requirements, and processes, as well as negotiations regarding HCAs.

Other available resources for interested parties for additional guidance:

- Guidance on Host Community Agreements;
- Guidance on Licensure;
- Model Host Community Agreement;
- HCA Waiver;
- Guidance on Equity Programs; and
- Commission's FAQ Page.

For more information and resources regarding HCAs, please visit our page. If you have additional questions on these HCAs policies, please contact the Commission at CCCMass.com or (774) 415-0200.

⁴⁶ 935 CMR 500.180(3)(e)3 and 935 CMR 501.180(3)(e)3.



⁴⁵ 935 CMR 500.180(3)(d)4 and 935 CMR 501.180(3)(d)4.



Model Municipal Equity By-Law or Ordinance Template

Introduction & Purpose

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G § 3(d)(5), the Cannabis Control Commission ("Commission") is required to establish minimum acceptable standards for Host Communities to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that were disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities. Furthermore, M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xxxi)-(xxxii) empowers the Commission to establish procedures for Host Communities to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry during Host Community Agreement negotiations with License Applicants that have been designated as Social Equity Businesses, Social Equity Program Participants, and Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants.

Under 935 CMR 500.181(3)(a) and 501.181(3)(a), Host Communities are presumed to have met the Commission's minimum acceptable equity standards for promoting and encouraging full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by taking one of the following actions:

- 1. Adopting an ordinance or bylaw to exclusively permit Social Equity Businesses for three years or until the goals of the exclusivity period have been met;
- 2. Adopting the Model By-Law or Ordinance created by the Commission to permit Social Equity Businesses; or
- 3. Creating a Local Approval Process for equity applicants that is administered on a 1:1 basis, where a General Applicant may be approved only after a Social Equity Business has commenced operations. Host Communities may choose to administer a 1:1 Local Approval Process until such time as 50% of the Licensees operating in the Host Community are Social Equity Businesses.

This Model Municipal Equity By-Law or Ordinance Template document ("Model") was created by the Commission to help guide Host Communities with compliance of new regulatory requirements. The Commission advises Host Communities to consult with appropriate counsel and other relevant authorities and official to ensure adoption an appropriate by-law or ordinance that meets legal requirements.



MODEL MUNICIPAL EQUITY BY-LAW/ORDINANCE

Section 1: Legislative Authority

The [City/Town] is authorized pursuant to St. 2022, c. 180, An act relative to equity in the cannabis industry, M. G. L. c. 94G and M. G. L. c. 94I, 935 CMR §§ 500, and 501.

Section 2: Purpose

The intent of this [by-law/ordinance] is to develop clear policies and procedures to encourage full participation in the marijuana industry by people from communities that were disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement. These policies and procedures will assist the [City/Town] in negotiating host community agreements with applicants for marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers such as social equity businesses, social equity program participants, or economic empowerment priority applicants and other business owners.

Section 3: Applicability

This [by-law/ordinance] shall apply to all [City/Town] individuals and entities applying to be in the adult-use and medical-use cannabis industries located within the [City/Town]. No person shall operate a marijuana establishment or a medical marijuana treatment center unless duly licensed to do so by the Cannabis Control Commission. Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede federal and state laws governing the sale and distribution of marijuana.

Section 4: Definitions

The definitions set forth in M.G.L. c.94I § 1, M.G.L. c. 94G § 1, 935 CMR §§500.002, and §§501.002 are incorporated herein by reference. In the event of a conflict between the definitions in this [by-law/ordinance] and those contained in state laws and regulations, the definitions contained in state laws and regulations shall govern.

Section 5: Transparency of Applications and Applicants

The [City/Town] shall publish data regarding its total applicant pool, which shall identify each pre-verified or verified social equity business, social equity program participant or economic empowerment priority applicant.



The [City/Town] shall publicize certain information in a conspicuous location at its offices and on its website which shall, at minimum, include:

- 1. All required steps of the [City/Town]'s local approval process including, but not limited to, all associated fees, deadlines, and meeting schedules for local bodies involved in the Local Approval Process;
- 2. Identification of key individuals involved in the [City/Town]'s local approval process, including, but not limited to, their name, title, business address, and business contact information such as email address or phone number;
- 3. A list of all documentation required by the [City/Town]'s local approval process, in downloadable form and paper form;
- 4. Identification of application criteria for local approval to operate a marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center, and scoring methodologies relied on by the [City/Town];
- 5. General and individual scoring information for all license applicants;
- 6. The [City/Town]'s explanation, in narrative form, of its reasoning for the approval or denial of an application; and
- 7. Any other information required by the Commission as outlined in 935 CMR §§ 500 and 501.

Section 6: Procedures and Policies for Host Community Agreement Negotiations

- 1. The [City/Town] shall adhere to best practices for host community agreement negotiations with individuals or entities pre-verified or verified as social equity businesses, and license applicants that have been designated as social equity program participants or economic empowerment priority applicants including, but not limited to, the following:
- 2. The [City/Town] shall develop a standard evaluation form, or use a form developed by the Commission, that scores components of an application. The evaluation form shall include consideration of equity in the overall evaluation score which must comprise not less than 25% of the total evaluation score.
- 3. This equity component shall include:
 - a. whether an individual, entity, or license applicant is pre-verified or verified by the Commission as a social equity business;
 - b. whether the license applicant is a social equity program participant;
 - c. whether the license applicant is an economic empowerment priority applicant;



- d. whether a license applicant or pre-verified individual or entity has a prior Marijuana-related criminal offense or conviction;
- e. whether a license applicant or pre-verified individual or entity is part of an area of disproportionate Impact, as identified by the Commission; or
- f. whether a pre-verified individual is of Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Native American or indigenous descent, or a majority of a pre-verified entity or license applicant entity is comprised of individuals that are of Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Native American or indigenous descent.
- 4. If the [City/Town] decides to allow additional marijuana establishments or medical marijuana treatment centers, at least 50% of those licenses, but no less than one license, above the previously-established cap shall be reserved for license applicants that are preverified or verified social equity businesses, social equity program participants, Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants, or all.

Section 7: Municipal Equity Plan

- 1. The [City/Town] shall develop an equity plan to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement.
- 2. The [City/Town] shall publicize its equity plan in a conspicuous location at its offices and on its website.
- 3. The [City/Town]'s equity plan shall:
 - a. encourage applications from business and individuals that would meet the definition of Social Equity Businesses, Social Equity Program Participants, and Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants as determined by the Commission; and
 - b. include goals, programs, and measurements the Host Community will utilize to promote and encourage equity participation.

Section 8: Equity Standards for Host Community Agreements

- 1. The [City/Town] shall prioritize negotiations of host community agreements with equity parties. For the purposes of negotiations of a host community agreement for an application for licensure, equity parties are as follows:
 - a. a license applicant that is pre-verified or verified as a social equity business; or
 - b. a license applicant that has been designated as social equity program participants, economic empowerment priority applicants, or both.



- 2. The [City/Town] may waive or reduce fees for an equity party to a host community agreement negotiation, including, but not limited to community impact fees, zoning, and occupancy fees.
- 3. At minimum, the [City/Town] shall take the following actions during host community agreement negotiations with an equity party to promote and encourage their full participation:
 - a. engage in an ongoing dialogue by providing multiple opportunities for discussion and negotiation of host community agreement terms including, at minimum, two conferences with an equity party;
 - b. include any attorney, authorized representative, or other advocate, if elected by an equity party, in all negotiation discussions and conferences;
 - c. promote language access by providing a certified interpreter or translator to assist an equity party who is a non-english speaker during all negotiation discussions and conferences;
 - d. provide reasonable opportunities for an equity party to review a proposed host community agreement, term, or condition, outside of a negotiation conference, or to seek review or input by a third party of their choice;
 - e. negotiate the terms of a host community agreement in good faith, including consideration of flexible terms that may mitigate particular challenges affecting an equity party, such as access to capital, with all terms and clauses conspicuously identified and openly discussed; and
 - f. allow an equity party to propose an amendment to, or seek cancellation of, a host community agreement within thirty days from the date of execution of the host community agreement.

4. The [City/Town] may also:

- a. expedite or prioritize the local approval process for social equity businesses, social equity program participants, and economic empowerment priority applicants;
- b. provide technical assistance for social equity businesses, social equity program participants, and economic empowerment priority applicants navigating the local approval process;
- c. designate counsel and/or a municipal planner, or other designees, as municipal contacts who shall work closely with social equity businesses, social equity program participants, and economic empowerment priority applicants in the local approval process from initial inquiry through the end of the permitting process; or
- d. adopt an exclusivity period to permit social equity businesses for three years or until the goals of the exclusivity period have been met.

5. The [City/Town] shall not:

- a. negotiate a host community agreement with an equity party through the use of undue influence, duress, coercion, intimidation, threats, or any strong-arm tactics;
- b. threaten loss of an equity party's position in its local application queue or delay to



- the processing of an equity party's application;
- c. compel an equity party to sign a host community agreement in any manner that conflicts with the practices required through applicable state law and regulations and
- d. Negotiate or discontinue negotiations with an equity party in bad faith.

Section 9: Implementation

This [by-law/ordinance] shall not be implemented in a manner that conflicts or interferes with the M.G.L. c. 94G or c. 94I, or with the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 935 CMR §\$500 or 501.

Section 10: Severability

If any provisions of this [by-law/ordinance] shall be held to be invalid, those provisions shall be severable, and the remaining sections shall be valid with full force and effect.





Memorandum

To: Commissioners

Cc: Debra Hilton-Creek, Acting Executive Director

From: Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy

Date: April 11, 2024

Subject: April 2024 Government Affairs Update

Legislative Update

Acting Chair Ava Concepcion, Acting Executive Director Debra Hilton-Creek, and Government Affairs and Policy staff met with staff from the House Committee on Ways and Means to provide the Committee with the Commission's FY 2025 budget request.

Executive Branch Update

Acting Chair Ava Concepcion, Acting Executive Director Debra Hilton-Creek, and Government Affairs and Policy staff met with staff from the Office of the Governor to share updates on the Commission's FY 2025 budget request.

Municipal Update

Municipal Law Unit

The Attorney General's Municipal Law Unit (MLU) issued <u>two marijuana-related decisions</u> this past month:

<u>Town of Southampton</u>: The MLU approved zoning bylaws from March 2023 but did not approve a portion relating to measuring buffer zones for marijuana establishments as it was not consistent with Commission regulations. The MLU further recommended the town consult with their Town Counsel to ensure their by-laws are applied consistent with Commission regulations specifically portions relating to definitions and outdated references to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

<u>Town of Bourne</u>: The MLU approved map amendments and zoning by-laws including a Marijuana Overlay District. The MLU notes they received correspondence from residents asking for the by-law amendments to be disapproved for spot zoning, however the MLU found the claim was unfounded as the amendments related to the entire overlay district instead of a singular parcel and the record reflected a legitimate planning purpose for the amendment. The MLU did note the Town should consult with its Town Counsel to determine if a ballot vote is required to limit the number of medical-use and adult-use



marijuana retailers to three, as it is unclear if the limitation is fewer than 20 per cent of the number of licenses issued in the town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. The MLU additionally noted the town may wish to amend the bylaw at a future meeting to clarify a few issues including references to the Department of Public Health, where to file special permits, and definitions with minor variations from Commission definitions.

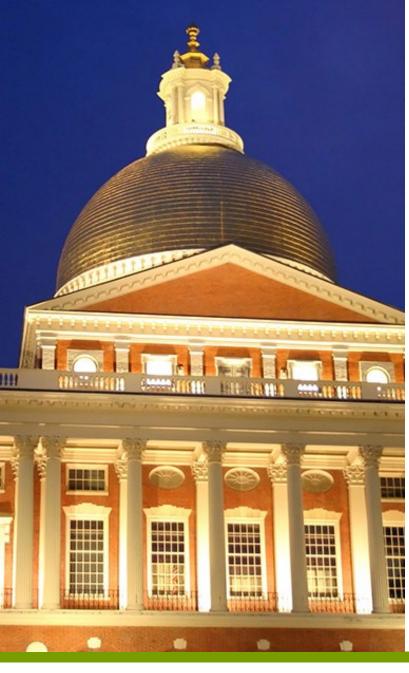




Cannabis Control Commission

Monthly Public Meeting

April 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Via Microsoft Teams



Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Commissioners' Comments & Updates
- 3. Minutes
- 4. Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report
- 5. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
- 6. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
- 7. Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
- 8. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
- 9. Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
- 10. Commission Discussion and Votes
- 11. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting
- 12. Next Meeting Date
- 13. Executive Session
- 13. Adjournment



Acting Executive Director Report

• Welcome new team members! October 2023 – March 2024

Name	Title	Department
Cabrera, Wilfredo	Constituent Services	Constituent Services
	Associate	
DiPietro, Stephen	Investigator, CNB	Investigations
Freeman, Danielle	Director of IT & Security	Information Technology &
		Innovation
Gasson, Kristina	General Counsel	Legal
Konarski, Curran	Investigator, CNB	Investigations
Kreidler, Zachery	Desktop Support Analyst	Information Technology &
		Innovation
McDevitt, Mark	Budget Director	Finance
Pauley, Brendan	Legal Assistant	Legal
Schlegel, Lisa	Chief Financial &	Finance
	Accounting Officer	
Stabile, Morgan	Constituent Services	Constituent Services
	Associate	
Sullivan, Brandan	Investigator, CNB	Investigations





Acting Executive Director Report

• Total Employee Population: 131

NEW HIRES	SEPARATIONS	GAIN/LOSS	TURNOVER RATE
47	19	28	2023 - 13.8% (1 ST Qtr. 2024 - 1.5%)

• Recruitment Update: Key Roles

Title	Budget Director	Chief Financial & Accounting Officer	Chief Investigation & Enforcement Officer	Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director	Enforcement Counsel	Human Resources Manager
Status	New Team Member Joined!	New Team Member Joined!	In Recruit Initial Screening in Progress	In Recruit Preliminary Offer this Week	In Recruit Interim/ Acting Timothy Goodin	In Recruit Screening in Progress Interviews Begin Next Week



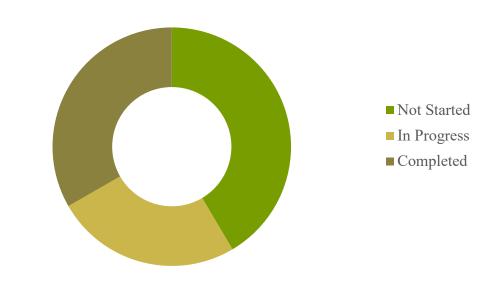


Chapter 180 Data Snapshot | April 11, 2024

Data snapshot showing progress on the Chapter 180 Implementation deliverables. In this context, "deliverables" mean the end work product (e.g., Model HCA Template).

Deliverables (By Status)

Deliverables (By Status)	#	%	
Not Started	107	41.5%	
In Progress	65	25.2%	
Completed	86	33.3%	+36
Total	258		





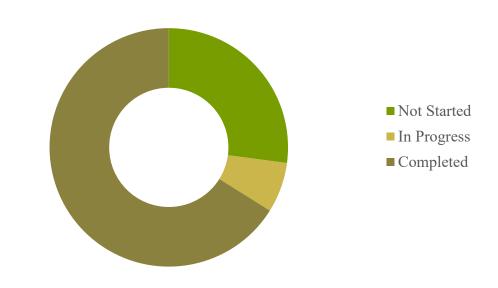
Chapter 180 Data Snapshot | April 11, 2024

Data snapshot showing progress on the Chapter 180 Implementation checklist items. In this context, "checklist items" mean the individual work contribution to the end product (deliverable). (e.g., For the Model HCA Template, checklist items included the initial draft by the Enforcement Counsel team, review and editing by General Counsel team, formatting by the Digital Communication team, etc.).

Checklist Items (By Status)

Checklist Items (By Status)	#	%
Not Started	260	27.1%
In Progress	65	6.8%
Completed	635	66.1%
Total	960	







Highlights from Licensing Data

- 10 applications awaiting first review
- 16 applications awaiting supplemental review
- 5 applications for Provisional License consideration
- 9 licensees for Final License consideration
- 89,161 certified active patients



The totals below are number of approvals by stage.

Type	#
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	204
Provisionally Approved	134
Provisional License	514
Final License	59
Commence Operations	642
Total	1,553



Provisionally approved means approved by the Commission but has not submitted license fee payment yet – provisional license has not started



^{*} Note: This represents the percent increase since April 2023.

Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	N/A	0	0	4	0	0	6
Marijuana Courier License	11	N/A	0	0	12	1	10	34
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	15	101	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	116
Independent Testing Laboratory	1	N/A	0	2	2	0	16	21
Marijuana Cultivator	46	N/A	2	45	189	28	130	440
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	10	N/A	0	0	21	2	11	44
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	16	99	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	115
Marijuana Microbusiness	6	N/A	0	4	13	1	5	29
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	31	N/A	1	45	136	18	111	342
Marijuana Research Facility	5	N/A	0	1	1	0	0	7
Marijuana Retailer	50	N/A	2	35	130	9	350	576
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5	N/A	0	2	5	0	3	15
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	7
Third Party Transporter	10	N/A	0	0	0	0	5	15
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	209	204	5	134	514	59	642	1,767





Staff Recommendations on Licensure

Staff Recommendations: Changes of Ownership

- 1. Ganesh Wellness, Inc.
- 2. New England Treatment Access, LLC
- 3. Underground Legacy Social Club, LLC



Staff Recommendations: Renewals

- 1. 140 Industrial Road, LLC (#MPR244134)
- 2. 1Connection LLC (#MPR244140)
- 3. 1Connection LLC (#MCR140680)
- 4. AmeriCann Brands, Inc. (#MCR140698)
- 5. Bada Bloom!, Inc. (#MCR140658)
- 6. Bask, Inc. (#MPR244127)
- 7. Bask, Inc. (#MCR140676)
- 8. Beacon Compassion, Inc. (#MRR206795)
- 9. CATAHOULA CANNABIS LLC (#MRR206800)
- 10. Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRR206810)
- 11.East Coast Remedies Corp. (#MRR206785)
- 12.Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MPR244156)
- 13.Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MRR206822)
- 14.Green Patriot LLC (#MCR140687)
- 15.Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MRR206777)
- 16.Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MCR140652)
- 17.HIGHMINDED LLC (#MRR206815)
- 18.HIGHMINDED LLC (#MPR244148)

- 19. Holistic Industries, Inc. (#MRR206790)
- 20. Hudson Botanical Processing, LLC (#MPR244142)
- 21.Hyecorp LLC (#MRR206806)
- 22. Jolly Green Inc (#MCR140704)
- 23.Legal Greens, LLC (#MCR140694)



Staff Recommendations: Renewals

- 24. Mellow Fellows LLC (#MRR206737)
- 25. New England Cannabis Corporation, Inc. (#MPR244121)
- 26. New England Cannabis Corporation, Inc. (#MCR140661)
- 27. Nova Farms, LLC (#MCR140708)
- 28. NS AJO Holdings Inc. (#MRR206805)
- 29. NS AJO Holdings Inc. (#MPR244154)
- 30. NS AJO Holdings Inc. (#MCR140715)
- 31. RC Cultivation LLC (#MPR244124)
- 32. RC Cultivation LLC (#MCR140669)
- 33. Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. (#MCR140678)
- 34. Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. (#MPR244138)
- 35. SOLAR RETAIL NORTON LLC (#MRR206826)
- 36. The Cannabis Station (#MRR206809)

- 37. THE GRATEFUL MIND, LLC (#MRR206732)
- 38. The Heirloom Collective, Inc. (#MRR206814)
- 39. Theory Wellness Inc (#MRR206804)
- 40. Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#RMD3320)
- 41. Berkshire Roots, Inc. (#RMD3480)
- 42. Green Meadows Farm, LLC (#RMD1626)
- 43. Greencare Collective, LLC (#RMD1706)
- 44. Holistic Industries, Inc. (#RMD1526)
- 45. Middlesex Integrative Medicine, Inc. (#RMD1025)
- 46. Phytopia, Inc. (#RMD1692)
- 47. Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. (#RMD405)
- 48. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#RMD305)
- 49. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#RMD1567)



Staff Recommendations: Provisional Licenses

- 1. 686 Cultivation, LLC (#MCN283899), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- 2. 686 Cultivation, LLC (#MPN282298), Product Manufacturer
- 3. Clovercraft, LLC (#MRN284574), Retail
- 4. Crafted Cannabis, LLC (#MCN283858), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- 5. Safe-Lyfe, LLC (#DOA100173), Marijuana Delivery Courier



Staff Recommendations: Final Licenses

- 1. 191 Lafayette Rd Dispensary Company, LLC (#MR282740), Retail
- 2. Bostica, LLC (#MP281664), Product Manufacturer
- 3. FFD Enterprises MA, Inc. (#MR284920), Retail
- 4. Green Adventure, LLC (#MR284710), Retail
- 5. LMCC, LLC (#MR282796), Retail
- 6. Reverie 73 Gloucester, LLC (#MR282315), Retail
- 7. Stone's Throw Cannabis, LLC (#MR284843), Retail
- 8. Union Leaf, Inc. (#MR282570), Retail
- 9. Uproot, LLC (#MB281346), Microbusiness





The Commission is in recess until 11:40



1. Executive Director Search Update





Draft Guidance on Municipal Equity and Industry Participation

- New draft guidance document that incorporates elements of the current "Guidance for Municipalities" and new municipal equity requirements for cities and towns pursuant to Chapter 180.
- The goal of this guidance is to assist municipalities that are or will be Host Communities with adopting and complying with rules to promote industry participation for social equity businesses and individuals harmed by marijuana prohibition.
- Thank you to GC, EC, and GAP team members who worked on this draft.

> Staff Recommendation:

- > Staff would like Commission review and input on the draft document.
- Staff are not requesting a vote on this draft at this time as we would like additional input not only from Commissioners but other Commission staff members. Furthermore, based on the forthcoming conversation on the Model Ordinance and By-Law, comments received by the public could be informative with this draft.
- If the Commission concurs with this recommendation, staff will bring a final draft of this guidance to the Commission for a vote at its May public meeting.



Draft Model Ordinance or By-Law

- New draft Model Ordinance or By-Law ("Model").
- The goal of the Model is to provide a template for Host Communities to consider when complying with new municipal equity requirements, namely, adopting an ordinance or by-law to promote the inclusion of social equity businesses and individuals into the marijuana industry.
- Thank you to GC, EC, and GAP team members who worked on this draft.
- Additionally, Commission staff have discussed the Model with members of the Attorney General's Municipal Law Unit.
- Public Comment Period Information.

Staff Recommendation:

- > Staff would like Commission review and input on the draft document.
- Staff are not requesting a vote on this draft at this time as we are seeking public comments from Commission constituencies similar to the process followed for the Model HCA.
- If the Commission concurs with this recommendation, staff will bring a final draft of this Model to the Commission for a vote at its May public meeting.



4. Boston Office Discussion





Executive Session

- XII. Executive Session
- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Discussion: The Commission may enter executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.





Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Next Meeting Date

May 9, 2024

Monthly Public Meeting 10:00am

Public Meeting dates are tentative and subject to change

2024 Public Meetings*	
June 13	November 14
July 11	December 12
August 8	
September 12	
October 10	





Additional Licensing Data

The totals below are all license applications received to date.

Type	#
Pending	209
Withdrawn	1,379
Incomplete	8,108
Denied	5
Approved: Delivery Pre-certifications	200
Approved: Delivery Endorsements	5
Approved: Licenses	1,348
Total	11,254



The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	4
Marijuana Courier	23
Marijuana Delivery Operator	34
Independent Testing Laboratory	20
Marijuana Cultivator	383
Marijuana Microbusiness	35
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	307
Marijuana Research Facility	2
Marijuana Retailer	525
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	5
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	10
Total	1,348



Status	#
Application Submitted: Awaiting Review	10
Application Reviewed: More Information Requested	175
Application Deemed Complete: Awaiting 3rd Party Responses	19
All Information Received: Awaiting Commission Consideration	5
Applications Considered by Commission (includes Delivery Pre-Cert)	1,558
Total	1,767





The totals below are applications that have submitted all four packets and are pending review.

Туре	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2
Delivery-Only Provisional Licensure (Part 2)	11
Delivery-Only Pre-Certification (Part 1)	15
Independent Testing Laboratory	1
Marijuana Cultivator	46
Marijuana Delivery Operator Provisional License (Part 2)	10
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification (Part 1)	16
Marijuana Microbusiness	6
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	31
Marijuana Research Facility	5
Marijuana Retailer	50
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1
Third Party Transporter	10
Total	209



Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	36	N/A	1	41	170	26	105	379
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	10	N/A	1	4	19	2	25	61
Total	46	N/A	2	45	189	28	130	440



Of 1,553 applications approved by the Commission, the following applications have Economic Empowerment Priority Review, Social Equity Program Participant, and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status. Please note, applicants may hold one or more statuses. **Please note that the end total represents** the total number of applications/licenses at that step in the licensure process.

Type	Economic Empowerment	Social Equity Program	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	Total
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	42	169	29	240
Provisionally Approved	10	17	28	55
Provisional License	33	85	104	222
Final License	1	9	8	18
Commence Operations	27	46	78	151
Total	113	326	247	686



The totals below are distinct license numbers that have submitted all required packets.

The 1,767 applications represent 1,009 separate entities

Type	#
MTC Priority	255
Economic Empowerment Priority	135
Expedited Review	667
General Applicant	710
Total	1,767

Type	#
Expedited: License Type	79
Expedited: Social Equity Participant	336
Expedited: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	194
Expedited: Two or More Categories	58
Total	667



Licensing Applications – EE Only | April 11, 2024

Туре	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Courier License	3	N/A	0	0	4	0	4	11
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	4	28	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	2	N/A	0	2	5	0	0	9
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	1	N/A	0	0	4	0	2	7
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	1	14	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Marijuana Microbusiness	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	1	N/A	0	3	3	0	2	9
Marijuana Research Facility	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marijuana Retailer	4	N/A	0	4	16	1	19	44
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	0	N/A	0	1	1	0	0	2
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Third Party Transporter	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	18	42	0	10	33	1	27	131



Licensing Applications - SEP Only | April 11, 2024

Туре	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	0	N/A	0	0	1	0	0	1
Marijuana Courier License	5	N/A	0	0	8	1	7	21
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	8	79	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	2	N/A	2	5	18	2	6	35
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	4	N/A	0	0	18	2	9	33
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	10	86	0	N/A	N/A	N.A	N/A	96
Marijuana Microbusiness	0	N/A	0	0	4	0	1	5
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	4	N/A	1	7	15	1	7	35
Marijuana Research Facility	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	9	N/A	2	3	19	3	14	50
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	1	N/A	0	1	2	0	0	4
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	7
Third Party Transporter	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	45	168	5	16	87	9	45	375



Cultivation Applications | April 11, 2024

Туре	Pending Application	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Microbusiness w/ Tier 1 Cultivation (up to 5,000 sq. Ft.)	0	0	3	4	0	5	12
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	13	0	5	42	8	25	93
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	8	0	8	53	10	34	113
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	5	2	8	40	4	21	80
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	4	14	2	12	33
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	9	8	1	10	30
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	4	8	0	6	21
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	1	4	1	4	12
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	0	1	0	2	4
Cultivation Tier 9 (70,001-80,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	1	3	1	2	10
Cultivation Tier 10 (80,001-90,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	1	1	0	6	9
Cultivation Tier 11 (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)	7	0	4	15	1	8	35
Total	46	0	48	189	28	135	448
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	1,725,000	40,000	1,590,000	4,840,000	560,000	3,850,000	

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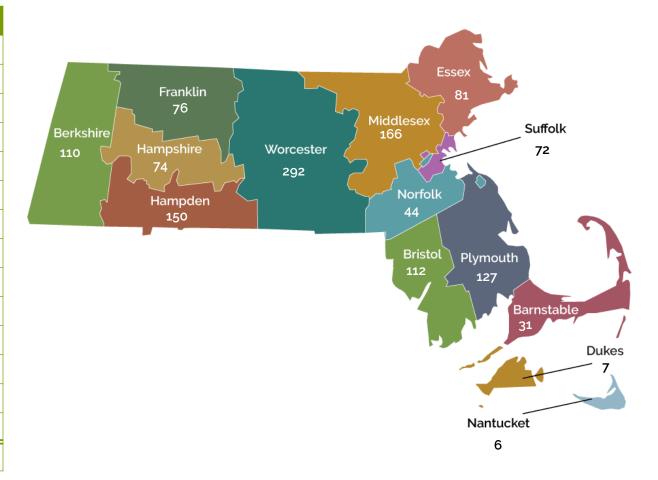


^{*} Note: percentage is of "Total" commence operations licenses

Marijuana Establishment Licenses | April 11, 2024

The totals below represent entities in each county that have achieved at least a provisional license

County	#	+/-
Barnstable	31	0
Berkshire	110	0
Bristol	112	0
Dukes	7	0
Essex	81	0
Franklin	76	0
Hampden	150	0
Hampshire	74	0
Middlesex	166	0
Nantucket	6	0
Norfolk	44	0
Plymouth	127	1
Suffolk	72	0
Worcester	292	0
Total	1,348	1





MMJ Licensing and Registration Data | April 11, 2024

The numbers below are a snapshot of the program for the month of February.

MTC Licenses	#
Provisional	24
Final	0
Commence Operations	106
License Expired	61
Total	191

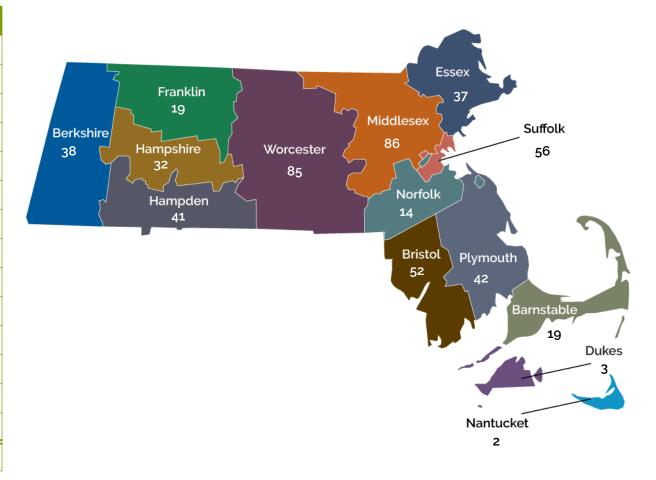
MMJ Program	#
Certified Patients	94,333
Certified Active Patients	89,161
Active Caregivers	6,874
Registered Certifying Physicians	328
Registered Certifying Nurse Practitioners	118
Registered Physician Assistants	1
Ounces Sold	99,164



Marijuana Retailer Licenses | April 11, 2024

The totals below are the total number of retail licenses by county.

County	#	+/-
Barnstable	19	0
Berkshire	38	0
Bristol	52	0
Dukes	3	0
Essex	37	0
Franklin	19	0
Hampden	41	0
Hampshire	32	0
Middlesex	86	0
Nantucket	2	0
Norfolk	14	0
Plymouth	42	1
Suffolk	56	0
Worcester	85	0
Total	526	1

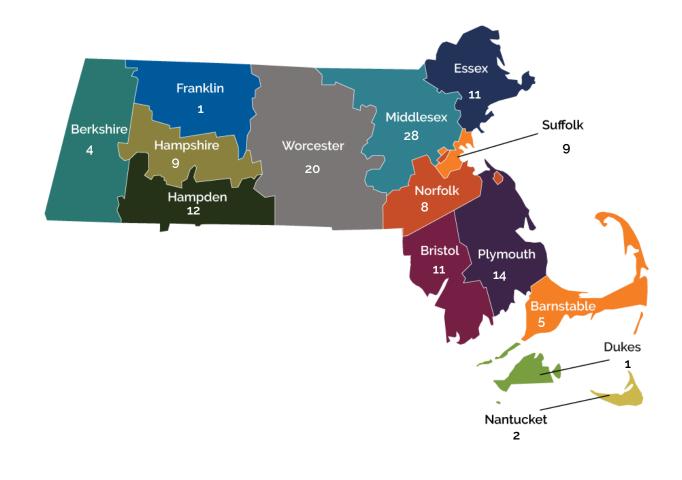




Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses (Dispensing) April 11, 2024

The totals below are the total number of MTC (Dispensing) licenses by county.

County	#
Barnstable	5
Berkshire	4
Bristol	11
Dukes	1
Essex	11
Franklin	1
Hampden	12
Hampshire	9
Middlesex	28
Nantucket	2
Norfolk	8
Plymouth	14
Suffolk	9
Worcester	20
Total	135

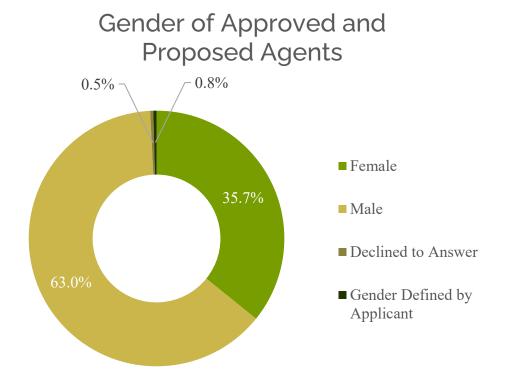




Agent Applications | April 11, 2024

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	8,305	35.7%
Male	14,662	63.0%
Declined to Answer	186	0.8%
Gender Defined by Applicant	119	0.5%
Total	23,272	100.0%



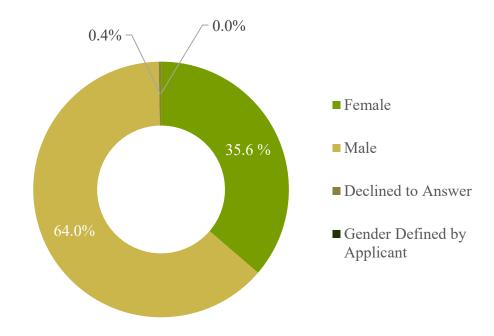


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Demographics of Approved and Pending Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	2,582	35.6%
Male	4,762	64.0%
Declined to Answer	29	0.4%
Gender Defined by Applicant	0	0.0%
Total	7,257	100.0%

Gender of Approved and Proposed MTC Agents

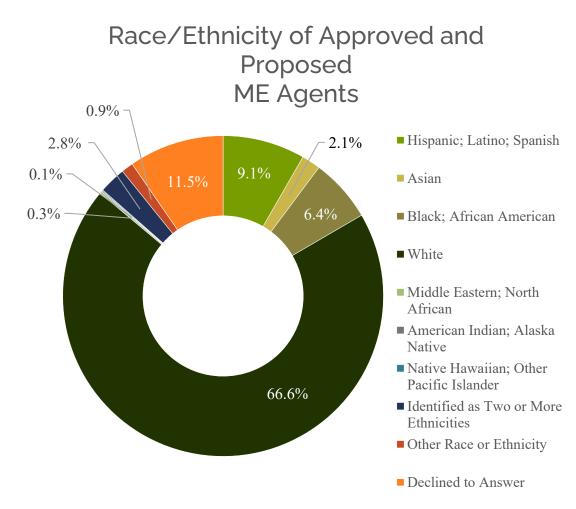




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Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Race/Ethnicity	#	%	
Hispanic; Latino; Spanish	2,117	9.1%	
Asian	497	2.1%	
Black; African American	1,501	6.4%	
White	15,509	66.6%	
Middle Eastern; North African	61	0.3%	
American Indian; Alaska Native	34	0.1%	
Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander	16	0.1%	
Identified as Two or More Ethnicities	661	2.8%	
Other Race or Ethnicity	201	0.9%	
Declined to Answer	2,675	11.5%	
Total	23,272	100.0%	

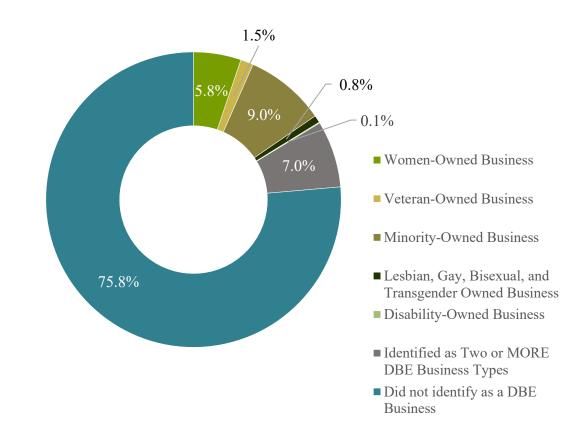




Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statistics for Approved Licensees

Туре	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	90	5.8%
Veteran-Owned Business	24	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	140	9.0%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	12	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	2	0.1%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	108	7.0%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,177	75.8%
Total	1,553	100.0%

DBE Statistics Approved Licensees

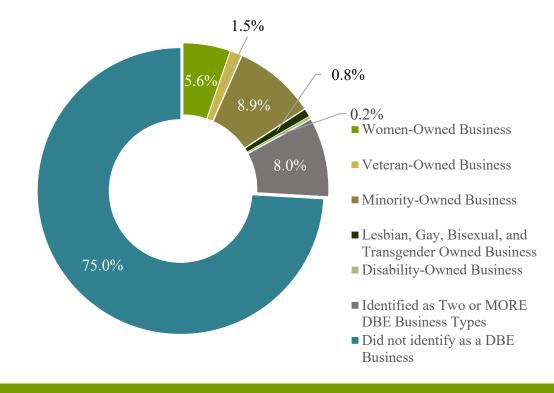




Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Statistics for Pending and Approved License Applications

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	99	5.6%
Veteran-Owned Business	26	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	157	8.9%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	14	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	4	0.2%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	141	8.0%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,321	75.0%
Total	1,762	100.0%

DBE Statistics for Pending & Approved License Applications





Adult Use Agent Applications | April 11, 2024

73,100 Total Agent Applications:

- 152 Total Pending
 - 141 Pending Establishment Agents
 - 11 Pending Laboratory Agents
- 3,505 Withdrawn
- 2,736 Incomplete
- 4,963 Expired
- 38,616 Surrendered
- 6 Denied / 2 Revoked
- 23,120 Active

Of the 152 Total Pending:

- 10 not yet reviewed
- 135 CCC requested more information
- 7 awaiting third party response
- 0 review complete; awaiting approval



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The total number of MTC agent applications received by status.

MTC Agent Application	#
Pending MTC Agent Applications	6
Pending Laboratory Agent Applications	0
Incomplete	43
Revoked	13
Denied	31
Surrendered	18,546
Expired	2,915
Active	7,251
Total	28,805



Non-Active Licenses By Stage | April 11, 2023

Туре	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	1	0	0	1
Marijuana Courier License	0	1	2	3
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	46	2	8	56
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	0	0	2	2
Marijuana Microbusiness	2	0	1	3
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	25	1	8	34
Marijuana Research Facility	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	17	0	7	24
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	0	0	0	0
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	2	0	0	2
Third Party Transporter	0	0	0	0
Standards Laboratory	0	0	0	0
Total	93	4	28	125

