

# May Monthly Public Meeting

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May 9, 2023

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

Public Meeting Room Worcester Union Station Worcester, MA 01604 Room Capacity: 78

In-Person with Remote Access via Microsoft Teams Live\*

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#### CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

## February 09, 2022 10:00 AM

## Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live\*

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  - o Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
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- Bud's Goods and Provisions, Corp. (#MP281507), Product Manufacturing
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- Regenerative LLC (#MPR243940)
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- Meeting Packet
- Memorandum re: February 2023 Government Affairs Update

#### In Attendance:

- Chair Shannon O'Brien
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

#### **Minutes**:

- 1) Call to Order
  - The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
  - The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
  - The Chair gave an overview of the agenda.
- 2) Chair's Comments and Updates 00:01:22
  - Commissioner Stebbins noted that February was Black History Month and thanked the Commission staff, especially the renewal team, for helping Commissioners prepare for the public meeting. He also noted that Commissioner Camargo and himself spoke at the annual Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) and spoke with officials about the changes stemming from Chapter 180 and other developments. He also noted that they were able to connect with officials from Holyoke, Fitchburg Northampton Athol, Pittsfield, and others as part of breakout sessions. He also mentioned his visit to the Heritage Club Dispensary in the Lost Village Neighborhood



- of Boston. He noted that he had the chance to meet the dispensary founder Nike John with a member of the Commission's Advisory Board, Laury Lucien. Finally, he noted a dialogue between State Senator Ryan C. Fattman, Commissioner Roy, the Executive Director, Director of Government Affairs and Policy, Matt Giancola, and about ten licenses across the Senator's district. He noted the conversation around the pending changes to the Commission's regulations and interest from the licensees around the Leadership awards in four critical categories.
- Commissioner Roy thanked staff at the Commission, with special recognition to Senior IT Support Specialist Freya Brocklehurst for her help in the past month. She also noted that February was an important month with various celebrations and observances, including Black History Month and Marijuana Awareness Month. She also announced Massachusetts marijuana establishments had surpassed \$4 billion in gross sales, with 71 retailers, 3 couriers, and 4 delivery operators generating over \$1 billion in sales in 2022. The milestone was significant as it comes less than one year since licensees surpassed \$3 billion and several months after the Commission's fifth anniversary. She emphasized that equity remains at the forefront of the Commission's work. She noted that The Commission had granted licenses to 18 Economic Empowerment Applicants, 29 Social Equity Program Participants, and 50 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, hoping to add more communities to the disproportionate impact area designation for more economic opportunities. She added that the Commission was starting to interpret S3096 and Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry into regulation. She noted that the public comment period would begin soon and the important to hear about the impact of existing regulations and engage in robust dialogue around the current challenges facing the Massachusetts cannabis industry. She echoed Commissioner Stebbins's Comments about their participation in a cannabis roundtable hosted by Senator Fattman at Nichols College and attended by many licensees. She noted that she looked forward to more in-person engagements around regulations in the future. Lastly, she thanked Doctor Marian Marion McNabb and the Cannabis Advisory Board Research Subcommittee for their diligent work over the past few months, as last week, they unanimously passed thoughtful cannabis research recommendations for consideration by the Commission.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted that she was entering her third year with the Commission, congratulated Commissioners Stebbins and Camargo for entering their third year as Commissioners and acknowledged their progress so far. She noted that she looked forward to the public comment period for gaining insights and perspectives from different constituency groups. She acknowledged the importance of Black History Month and the agency's unique impact on communities of color, especially Black communities. As the first Black Commissioner on the Cannabis Control Commission, she brings her perspective into everything, doesn't take her role lightly, and was grateful for the opportunity to serve.
- Commissioner Camargo echoed previous Commissioner comments and noted and thanked Manager of Government Affairs and Policy Ernesto Reyes Hernandez, Project Coordinator Steven Carosello, and Multimedia Content Producer Fiona St. Pierre for their attendance in the Annual MMA session she and Commissioner Stebbins participated in. She also thanked the MMA for hosting the session and the



continual relationship with the Commission. She also echoed Commissioner Roy's comments on February being National Heart Month and Black History Month. She quoted a conversation with a constituent who stated that she would enjoy diving into the regulations and meeting with people around the state and noted her excitement to begin that work. Lastly, she acknowledged Commissioner Concepcion's point about their tenure at the Commission, and her want to focus on the Commission Regulations to ensure innovation, public safety, public health, and equity in the industry.

• The Chair echoed previous comments from her fellow Commissioners. She wished everyone a happy Black History Month and was excited about the potential to expand the Commission's mission to promote equity within the cannabis market. She thanked Senior IT Support Specialist Freya Brocklehurst and Chief Technology and Innovation Officer Paul Clark for supporting her IT needs. She also acknowledged the importance of promoting Massachusetts as a leader in medical research for medical therapies for various disorders. She thanked the Cannabis Advisory Board Research Subcommittee for their work and leadership on the topic. She expressed her excitement about working with doctors Staci Gruber and Marian Marion McNabb and thanked Executive Director Collins for their input on leveraging hospitals, universities, and biotech industries to create additional options for people suffering from disorders that cannabis-related substances could help.

## 3) Minutes for Approval – 00:14:19

- December 8, 2022
  - The Chair asked if the Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes and whether there were questions or edits.
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes for the December 8, 2022, Commission public meeting.
  - o Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - o The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the December 8, 2022, Commission public meeting.

### • December 28, 2022

- The Chair asked if the Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes and whether there were questions or edits.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the minutes for the December 28, 2022,
   Commission public meeting.
- o Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes



- Commissioner Roy Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the December 28, 2022, Commission public meeting.
- 4) Executive Director's Report 00:16:00
  - The Executive Director gave an overview of licensing data, starting on page 137 of the Meeting Packet.
    - Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the payment timeline for provisionally approved licenses.
      - The Executive Director noted that provisionally approved licenses had 90 days to make a payment.
    - Commissioner Roy noted that the Commission was on track to reach 500 licenses that had commenced operation within the calendar month.
    - Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and whether it included medicaluse licenses.
      - The Executive Director confirmed that the DBE status figure did not include medical-use licenses.
    - o Commissioner Stebbins asked a clarifying question regarding DBE status and the number of folks with Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) certification.
      - The Executive Director noted that he did not have the specific number but would follow up with the figure and provide further clarity on the SDO certification.
      - The Chair asked a follow-up question regarding the SDO certification.
      - The Executive Director provided further clarity regarding the SDO certification and some awkwardness in how the Commission uses it regarding the DBE status.
      - The Chair thanked the Executive Director for the explanation and his leadership related to the DBE status.
    - Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question related to the recent expansion of the SDO's definition of DBE and asked Commissioner Stebbins to expand on his previous comments.
      - Commissioner Stebbins noted that the SDO had added additional certifications for LGBT and disabled veteran-owned businesses and pointed out that the Commission should incorporate those categories into the regulations. He also thanked the Executive Director for his feedback and noted the benefits of SDO certification.
    - The Chair noted that the Commission should list certified businesses on the Commission's website to make it easier for licenses to find the information.
      - The Executive Director noted his agreement with the Chair's comments.
      - Commissioner Stebbins noted that the new Diversity Guidance included a link to a list of businesses with SDO certification.
      - Commissioner Camargo provided a pathway to the list of businesses with



SDO status on the Commission's website.

- Commissioner Roy noted that zero Craft Marijuana Cooperative had commenced operation and asked what the most significant obstacles and challenges faced by the license type were.
  - The Executive Director noted what the most significant obstacles and challenges are for the license type.
- o The Chair noted some obstacles and challenges for the license type and the possibility of revisiting the topic in the upcoming regulatory review process.
  - The Executive Director provided background on how the Commission adopted the regulations related to the craft marijuana cooperative and the limitation and challenges that come with the federal illegality of cannabis.
- Commissioner Roy encouraged farmers to contact the Commission about their sentiments regarding the craft marijuana cooperatives license type. She also asked how many hemp farmers are in the Commonwealth.
  - The Executive Director noted that he needed clarification about the total number of hemp farmers in the Commonwealth. He emphasized the fact that there are fewer federal restrictions on growing hemp as opposed to cannabis.
- The Chair provided some further context on hemp and farmers' and licensees' ability to sell hemp in the Commonwealth.
  - The Executive Director provided context about hemp farmers' ability to sell their products in dispensaries and retailers.
  - The Chair noted the work and leadership of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) on the topic and said that it would be helpful to get feedback directly from MDAR or the American Farm Bureau on the topic.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy for noting that zero craft marijuana cooperative had commenced operation and stated that it was an example of a topic ripe for a revisit in the regulatory review and promulgation process.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted her want to understand what the numbers looked like for craft marijuana cooperatives last year and whether the numbers have been stagnant across pending applications and provisional licenses.
  - The Executive Director noted that the numbers have remained relatively stagnant across the licensing stages for Craft Marijuana Cooperative.
  - Commissioner Concepcion noted that she had heard some confusion on the role of MDAR and the Commission as it relates to the regulation of hemp and asked the Executive Director to note the distinction between the work of the Commission and MDAR.
  - The Executive Director noted the distinction between the work of the Commission and MDAR as it related to the regulation of hemp.
- o The Chair thanked the Executive Director for his feedback and provided further feedback on the use of pesticides and the fact that MDAR, in conjunction with the Commission, would be hosting some educational seminars around pesticide use and asked the Executive Director to provide



further clarity on when the seminar would be held.

- The Executive Director noted that the seminars were being scheduled, and the dates would be disseminated as soon as they were available.
- Commissioner Concepcion thanked the Executive Director for the background and work on the topic.
- The Chair thanked the Executive Director for providing background and work on the topic.
- The Executive Director provided the dates of the virtual seminars and noted that a formal notice would be posted.
- O Commissioner Roy noted that the Cannabis Advisory Board (CAB) Research Subcommittee was tackling the issue of pet hemp products. She stated that hemp farmers had shared their sentiments that pet products would be an excellent opportunity for their business. She asked if it was an appropriate conversation for the Commission.
  - The Executive Director noted the work of MDAR, the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on the topic.
- The Chair asked a clarifying question regarding whether the cultivation tiers could be broken down by capacity.
  - The Executive Director noted that it could be broken down by capacity and noted some utility of breaking it down further.
- O Commissioner Roy thanked the Executive Director for including the total maximum canopy by the square foot in his presentation, noted the pending square foot of canopy, and stated the need to be mindful of the effect of total canopy on the industry's supply chain.
  - The Executive Director noted that a percentage of pending canopy would not become operational and emphasized the effect that competition from other states becoming operational might have on the total canopy in the Commonwealth.
- The Executive Director gave a general update on the promulgation of Commission Regulations.
  - The Chair noted the formal process that the Commission must undertake to gather stakeholder feedback and once the Commission promulgates its initial regulations.
    - The Executive Director provided further background on the formal regulatory review process.
  - O Commissioner Stebbins thanked the Executive Director for his presentation and noted that the Commission was engaging with several stakeholders ahead of the formal comment period and pointed out that the Commission must tackle the three major topics coming from Ch. 180 of the Acts of 2022 (Ch. 180) as they must be done before November 9, 2023. He also noted his want to discuss Host Community Agreements and whether they're in the right place in the licensing process.



- The Executive Director noted that topics related to and topics that go beyond the scope of Ch. 180 would be addressed in the upcoming regulatory promulgation process. He also explained the process of gathering stakeholder feedback and some feedback already received from stakeholders.
- The Chair echoed the Executive Director's previous comments on how regulations came to be drafted and implemented in the past and noted that the landscape has changed since the Commission drafted and implemented the regulations.
  - Commissioner Stebbins noted his agreement with the Chair and stated the Commission was previously creating a license type for local ownership and control so the industry was not overtaken by multi-state operators (MSOs), and noted that the industry has matured since that time.
  - The Executive Director noted the impacts that this policy decision has had on micro-business and agent registration.
  - Commissioner Concepcion noted the impact the policy decision has had on suitability.
- O Commissioner Roy thanked the Executive Director for his comments about micro-businesses and noted some of the feedback she has received from stakeholders around the license type, packaging, and independent testing lab. She also asked a question related to the Commission's authority to regulate.
  - The Executive Director noted that the Commission's authority to regulate was only limited by the formal regulatory process and provided further background insights on how other agencies tackle regulations and the regulatory process's effects on staff bandwidth and the industry.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted her want to have a conversation around the frequency that the Commission revisiting its regulations and explained the impact that the regulations have on small businesses, and her want to develop a way to help businesses anticipate the frequency of regulatory review. She also asked whether social consumption regulations were subject to the same promulgation deadline as other changes stemming from Ch. 180.
  - The Executive Director noted that they were subject to different deadlines and stressed the impact of the regulations on small towns that go through town meetings.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the Executive Director for his comments and updates on the regulatory review process and noted that the Commissioners had also submitted topics. She echoed Commissioner Concepcion's comments on the frequency of regulatory review at the Commission and the timeline for social consumption regulations. She also noted her excitement to embark on the regulatory review process.
- Commissioner Concepcion stressed that the three topics stemming from Ch.
   180 were the priority for the Commission ahead of the November 19, 2023, deadline.
  - The Chair agreed with Commissioner Concepcion and noted her want to have additional public meetings for broader policy discussions.



- The Executive Director noted that historically the Commission had had multiple public meetings a month while in the regulatory review process. He also pointed out that the Commission had the time and resources to promulgate regulations outside the statutory mandate.
- Commissioner Roy echoed the Chair's comments and noted her agreement with having multiple public meetings to tackle the regulatory review process.
- The Executive Director noted that the process anticipated multiple public meetings and that it would ultimately be up to the Commission to decide on the frequency of the public meetings.
- Commissioner Roy noted the bills that were filed related to cannabis in the state legislature and that the Commission should not neglect to track those bills and lobby for those bills if the Commission deems it necessary.
- The Executive Director gave an update on hiring activity at the Commission.
  - O The Chair noted the ongoing conversation around workplace safety and explained that the Commission was exploring possibly including whistleblower and other worker safety training within the core curriculum.
  - o Commissioner Concepcion asked if the Commission was CORI-friendly within its hiring process.
    - The Executive Director confirmed that the Commission was CORIfriendly.
    - Commissioner Concepcion noted the reasoning behind asking the question.

Commissioner Concepcion moved to take a 30-minute lunch recess.

- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a 30-minute lunch recess, returning at 12:45 PM (02:48:54)
- 5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
  - 1. East Boston Bloom LLC
    - Licensing Analyst Derek Chamberlin (Licensing Analyst Chamberlin) presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
    - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
    - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
    - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
    - The Chair took a roll call vote:
      - o Commissioner Camargo Yes



- o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
- o Commissioner Roy Yes
- o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved Change of Ownership.

## 2. Galil Greenery LLC d/b/a Balagan Cannabis

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

## 6) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 02:51:17

- Commissioner Stebbins noted his frustration with seeing identical diversity plans in different applications. He emphasized the need for unique diversity plans, reflecting each business's mission and potential location and the importance of setting realistic goals. He noted the Commission's guidance on the topic and indicated that he would continue to look for this issue in new applications.
- Commissioner Concepcion commended Catahoula Cannabis, LLC d/b/a Health for Life Fall River, Green Collar Cannabis, LLC, Healing Gardens, LLC, Lunar Xtracts, Inc., Mass Tree Holdings, LLC, and Whately Cultivation Partners, LLC for their Positive Impact Plans and their work to positively impact individuals with past Cannabis related CORI records.
- 1. Arrow Cultivate, LLC (#MCN283773), Cultivation, Tier 11 / Outdoor
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
    - O Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Outdoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12)(i), and 935 CMR 500.120(14).
  - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.



- Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Diversity Plan - specifically Program #7 - and consider any strategy to utilize Berkshire County media and job posting resources to accomplish goals in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and provide any update to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Stebbins and Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- 2. Botanica LLC (#MRN284664), Retail
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR
       500.140 (6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance
       Use Helpline on your consumer education.
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy.
  - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.
- 3. Carbon Canopy Corporation d/b/a Carbon Canopy (#MCN283799), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Carbon Canopy Corporation d/b/a Carbon Canopy Provisional Licenses.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.



- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Concepcion commended Carbon Canopy for their Positive Impact Plan and their work around expunging of Cannabis related criminal records.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 4. Carbon Canopy Corporation d/b/a Carbon Canopy (#MPN282237), Product Manufacturing
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 5. Caroline's Cannabis, LLC (MPN282232), Product Manufacturing
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
    - O Proposed conditions: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130 (9).
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - Commissioner Roy noted a previous engagement where she had an opportunity to discuss with the licensee and noted that Caroline Cannabis was the first womenowned cannabis business east of the Mississippi.
  - Commissioner Concepcion commended Carbon Canopy for their Positive Impact Plan and their work around expunging of Cannabis related criminal records.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:



- o Commissioner Camargo Yes
- o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
- o Commissioner Roy Yes
- o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.
- 6. Catahoula Cannabis, LLC d/b/a Health for Life Fall River (#MRN284693), Retail
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 7. Ember Gardens NBR, LLC d/b/a Ember Gardens (#MRN283710), Retail
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a j, and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
  - Commissioner Roy noted her reasoning behind adding the proposed condition.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.



- 8. Green Collar Cannabis, LLC (#MPN282202), Product Manufacturing
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 9. Green Gold Group (#MRN284703), Retail
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140
       (6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
  - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.
  - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.
- 10. Healing Gardens, LLC (#MCN283774), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for both Healing Gardens, LLC Provisional Licenses.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes



- o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
- o Commissioner Roy Yes
- o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

## 11. Healing Gardens, LLC (#MPN282225), Product Manufacturing

- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

## 12. Health Circle, Inc. (#MRN282585), Retail

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6) (a-j) please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a j and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy.

#### 13. Lunar Xtracts, Inc. (#MPN282247), Product Manufacturing

Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional



License.

- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  - O Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130 (9).
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
  - o Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review and update diversity hiring goals in Diversity Plan based on statistics of host community and region and not only based on overall state statistics in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.

## 14. Mass Tree Holdings, LLC (#MCN283709), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  - O Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12), and 935 CMR 500.120(14).
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes



• The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

## 15. Projekt Flower, LLC (#MCN283727), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  - O Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12), and 935 CMR 500.120(14).
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

#### 16. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#MRN284210), Retail

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
  - O Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and consider any strategy for outreach to nearby Area of Disproportionate Impact designated communities of Chelsea and Revere and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes



• The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.

## 17. Whately Cultivation Partners, LLC (#MCN282087), Cultivation, Tier 11 / Indoor

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  - O Proposed condition: Prior to performing job functions at marijuana establishment, all internship program participants as stated in Goal number two of your Positive Impact Plan must become Registered Agents in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and provide Agent Registration Card to the Commission upon request. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.030, a Marijuana Establishment shall apply for registration for all its employees, owners, executives, and volunteers who are associated with that Marijuana Establishment.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
  - O Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and consider any strategy for outreach to nearby Area of Disproportionate Impact designated community of Greenfield and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.

## 18. Wicked Cultivation LLC (#MCN283688), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes



- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 19. Green Gold Group (#RMDA3831), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 7) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses 03:29:00
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Final Licenses
  - Commissioner Roy noted the licenses are required to include a Whistleblower Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in their Post Provisional Licensing Inspection (PPLI) and asked Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin (Director Potvin) whether licensing staff could include the SOP as part of the PPLI report to allow for Commissioners to look for best practices as a part of the PPLI report.
    - Director Potvin confirmed that licensing staff could include the SOP as part of the PPLI report and noted that he would work with the Executive Director as well as the Chief of Investigation and Enforcement to work out the logistics.
  - Commissioner Roy asked the Executive Director whether the Commission could establish a whistleblower hotline.
    - The Executive Director confirmed that the Commission could establish a whistleblower hotline and noted the need to coordinate with IT and constituent service staff to establish such a line. He also provided further insights on how licensees whistleblower SOP could be integrated into the PPLI report.
  - The Chair noted that Final Licenses would be considered in a roster (1) Adult-Use Final Licenses roster items numbered 1 through 10, including those subjects to Commissioner Roy and Chair's individual requested co-sponsored conditions.
  - Adult-use Roster
    - o The Chair noted that the adult-use Renewal roster would consist of items



- numbered 2 through 8 as identified on the agenda.
- o The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- The Executive Director asked a clarifying question about Commissioner Roy's proposed condition related to the PPLI report.
  - Commissioner Roy provided further insights into her request and condition.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses, including those subjects to Commissioner Roy and Chair's individual requested co-sponsored conditions.
- o Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- o The Commission unanimously approved the Adult-Use roster of Final Licensee, including those subjects to Commissioner Roy and the Chair's individual requested co-sponsored conditions.
- 1. Advesa MA, Inc d/b/a Blue River Terps (#MR284113), Retail
- 2. Bud's Goods and Provisions, Corp. (#MP281507), Product Manufacturing
  - o Commissioner Roy and the Chair requested a co-sponsored condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to receiving Commence Operations, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (1)(r), please present to the Commission your written operating policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651. In addition, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (9)(4)(b) under personnel policy & procedures, please also present to the Commission your employee whistle-blower policy.
- 3. Cadella, LLC d/b/a Quincy Cannabis Company (#MR284556), Retail
- 4. Cedar Roots LLC (#MC282746), Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 1 / Indoor
  - o Commissioner Roy and the Chair requested a co-sponsored condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to receiving Commence Operations, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (1)(r), please present to the Commission your written operating policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651. In addition, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (9)(4)(b) under personnel policy & procedures, please also present to the Commission your employee whistle-blower policy.
- 5. Green Era, LLC (#MR282211), Retail
- 6. Green Valley Analytics, LLC (#IL281359), Independent Testing Laboratory
- 7. GTE Taunton, LLC (#MR282958), Retail



- 8. Rockland Old Exit 14, LLC d/b/a Green Rock Cannabis (#MR284580), Retail
- 9. Solar Therapeutics, Inc. d/b/a Solar Cannabis Co. (#MR282731), Retail
- 10. Top Shelf Cannaseurs, LLC (#MC281604), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
  - o Commissioner Roy and the Chair requested a co-sponsored condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to receiving Commence Operations, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (1)(r), please present to the Commission your written operating policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651. In addition, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (9)(4)(b) under personnel policy & procedures, please also present to the Commission your employee whistle-blower policy.

## 8) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 03:34:24

- Commissioner Stebbins commended Freshly Baked Company, Lazy River Products, LLC, Pure Industries, Inc., The Green Lady Dispensary, Inc, The Harvest Club, LLC, Rooted In, LLC, and Nova Farms, LLC for their Diversity and Positive Impact Plans. He noted that some licenses are reporting that they're having issues reaching their hiring goals of some categories and noted that the tight labor market could be having an effect and appreciated the effort licensees are putting towards it.
- The Chair thanked Commissioners Camargo and Stebbins for their attention and work on Positive Impact Plans.
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Renewals.
- The Chair noted that Renewals would be considered as one or more rosters; There are two rosters: (1) Renewal applications, items numbered 1 through 18 and 21 through 52, as identified on the agenda, 2) Renewal applications items numbered 19 through 20, as identified on the agenda.

#### First Roster

- O The Chair noted that the first Renewal roster would consist of items numbered 1 through 18 and 21 through 52, as identified on the agenda, including those subjects to Commissioner Stebbins individual requested conditions.
- o The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Renewals including those subjects to Commissioner Stebbins individual requested conditions.
- o Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Renewals, including those subjects to Commissioner Stebbins's individual requested condition.



#### Second Roster

- o Commissioner Roy noted that the second Renewal roster would consist of items numbered 19 through 20, as identified on the agenda.
- o Commissioner Roy asked for questions or comments.
- o Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the roster of Renewal.
- O Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Recused
- The Commission approved the Renewal roster by a vote of four in favor of one recusal.
- 1. Agricultural Healing, Inc. (#MCR140411)
- 2. Artis, LLC (#DOR5182950)
- 3. Ascend Mass, LLC (#MRR206309)
- 4. Blossom Flower, LLC (#MDR272540)
- 5. Canna Provisions Inc (#MRR206315)
- 6. Caregiver-Patient Connection LLC (#MPR243931)
  - o Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
    - Requested condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division for an update to identify any goals for hiring people of color, veterans, residents with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people under licensee's Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b).
- 7. Coastal Healing, Inc. (#MCR140430)
- 8. Coastal Healing, Inc. (#MRR206339)
- 9. Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#MCR140414)
- 10. Dris Corporation (#DOR5182954)
- 11. ELEVATION RETAIL II LLC (#MRR206354)
- 12. EMB Natural Ventures, LLC (#MCR140429)
- 13. Essex Apothecary, LLC (#MRR206359)
- 14. Freshly Baked Company (#MBR169300)
- 15. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MPR243928)
- 16. Full Harvest Moonz, Inc. (#MRR206325)
- 17. Green Analytics Massachusetts LLC (#ILR267914)
- 18. Green Choice Dispensaries, LLC (#MRR206350)
- 19. Greenfield Greenery LLC (#MCR140422)
- 20. Hadleaf Holistic Greens Dispensary LLC. (#MRR206332)



- 21. HÅVN Extracts, LLC. (#MPR243930)
- 22. Herbal Pathways (#MRR206337)
- 23. Holistic Industries, Inc (#MRR206326)
  - o Commissioner Stebbins requested two conditions.
    - Requested conditions:
      - Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division and provide an update to identify goals and progress for hiring veterans under licensee's Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b).
      - Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division and provide an update relative to goals and progress for utilizing diverse vendors in accordance with licensee's Diversity Plan under 935 Code Mass. § 500.103(4)(b).
- 24. Lazy River Products, LLC (#MPR243922)
- 25. MA Craft Cultivation LLC (#MCR140428)
- 26. Metro Harvest, Inc. (#MRR206351)
- 27. Natural Agricultural Products, LLC (#MCR140298)
- 28. New Dia Fenway LLC (#MRR206331)
- 29. Nova Farms, LLC (#MRR206328)
- 30. Pharmacannis Massachusetts Inc. (#MPR243925)
- 31. Pharmacannis Massachusetts, Inc. (#MRR206341)
- 32. Pure Industries, Inc. (#MCR140417)
- 33. RC Cultivation LLC (#MPR243933)
- 34. RC Retail Westfield LLC (#MRR206346)
- 35. Regenerative LLC (#MPR243940)
- 36. Regenerative LLC (#MCR140437)
- 37. Rooted In, LLC (#MRR206349)
- 38. The Corner Emporium LLC. (#DOR5182953)
- 39. The Fresh Connection Boston LLC (#MCR140396)
- 40. THE GRATEFUL MIND, LLC (#MRR206336)
- 41. The Green Lady Dispensary, Inc. (#MRR206263)
- 42. The Green Lady Dispensary, Inc. (#MPR243888)
- 43. The Green Lady Dispensary, Inc. (#MCR140358)
- 44. The Harvest Club, LLC (#MRR206342)
- 45. Twisted Growers LLC (#MPR243927)
- 46. Twisted Growers LLC (#MCR140415)
- 47. Wellman Farm, Inc. (#MCR140420)
- 48. 1622 Medical, LLC (#RMD1666)
- 49. Beacon Compassion Center, Inc. (#RMD1728)
- 50. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#RMD726)
- 51. Pharmacannis Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD3045)



## 52. The Green Lady Dispensary, Inc.(#RMD885)

### 9) Commission Discussion and Votes

- 1. Expiring Covid-19 Orders
  - i. Telehealth Extension
    - The Executive Director gave an update and overview of the topic.
    - Commissioner Stebbins asked a clarifying question about the statutory need for a bona fide relationship between patient and healthcare provider and the regulatory requirements for the initial consultation to be in person. He noted that if the Commission wanted to permanently allow an initial visit via telehealth, it would need to be accomplished through regulatory review and promulgation. He also wanted to understand further telehealth's impact on the patient and provider relationship and accessibility.
      - The Chair echoed a Boston Globe Article related to the impact of telehealth on accessibility in the general healthcare industry and agreed with Commissioner Stebbins' comments on the need to understand the impact of telehealth further.
      - Commissioner Roy noted that she understood that telehealth was widely used during the pandemic but noted that the extension was directly at odds with the statutory requirement for a bona fide relationship and echoed Commissioner Stebbins' comments.
      - The Executive Director explained what the Commission was voting on at the public meeting. He clarified further the Commission's ability to waive the regulatory requirement around the initial in-person visit. He further described telehealth's impact on the overall medical field and care networks in the Commonwealth.
    - The Chair asked about the number of primary care physicians participating in the Cannabis industry.
      - Commissioner Concepcion asked a follow-up question about the number of primary care physicians.
      - O The Chair provided further insights into her initial comments, her question, and the fact that she was still determining if an initial in-person visit was better than a telehealth visit at creating a bona fied relationship.
    - Commissioner Camargo noted her understanding of what the Commission was
      discussing and voting on and that the Commission should contemplate the matter in
      the regulatory review and promulgation process if the Commission wanted the orders
      to become permanent. She asked if the Commission had previously surveyed
      providers and patients in the industry.
      - The Executive Director noted previous outreach and conversation with healthcare providers but indicated that the Commission had yet to survey the providers. He also provided statistics on the number of healthcare providers and the Commission's engagement with the various healthcare provider trade groups. He also provided some background on why providers might hesitate to engage in the cannabis industry if they receive payments from Medicare,



- Medicaid, or federal payments systems.
- o The Chair noted her want to understand the difference between telehealth and an initial in-person visit and further engage the medical industry.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if any providers opted out of utilizing the waiver and their reasoning behind it.
  - o The Executive Director noted that some providers did opt out of using the waiver. He indicated that he would pull the data on the number of providers that did opt out and follow up with the Commission.
- Commissioner Roy noted the total number of primary care doctors in the Commonwealth and the number of providers participating in the cannabis industry. She voiced the possible effects that the small number of providers participating in the industry could have on access. She noted her want to get more information to providers not currently participating in the industry.
  - O The Executive Director noted that anyone who was a medical doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant could certify or register patients into their system. Still, he stressed that providers must be willing to participate in the industry. He reiterated his previous comments on why some providers might not be ready to participate.
- The Chair reiterated her previous comments about her want to understand how an initial telehealth visit differs from an in-person one.
  - o Commissioner Concepcion agreed with the Chair and noted her want to understand how the Commission defined a bona fied relationship.
  - Commissioner Camargo echoed Commissioner Concepcion's comments on the need to understand how bona fied relationships are being defined and the Chair's remarks around engaging with certifying providers.
- Commissioner Roy asked a question related to why the previous Commissioners required an initial in-person visit.
  - The Executive Director noted that the lift and shift of the medical program from the Department of Public Health caused the regulatory requirement.
  - The Executive Director also noted that telehealth is more accessible now than when the regulatory requirement was drafted and stated some benefits of telehealth.
  - The Chair noted her want to understand what the inaugural Commissioner thought when they implemented the regulatory requirement and the need to understand the difference between the initial in-person visit and one done via telehealth.
- Commissioner Camargo asked if the Commission's Executive Director could engage with providers and whether the Commission had previously engaged with providers.
  - The Executive Director echoed his previous comments about past engagement with providers and trade groups representing the various providers.
  - o Commissioner Camargo thanked the Executive Director for clarifying his previous comment and noted her want to further engage with providers.
- Commissioner Roy noted the possibility of creating a staff position that focuses solely on the medical program, who can answer questions for patients and providers.



- The Executive Director noted his hope that the requirement to certify patients becomes obsolete so patients can access medicine without having to be included in a list.
- Commissioner Roy noted the pharmacist's role in the medical industry and hoped the internal staff position could mimic the pharmacist's role in answering patients' questions.
- Commissioner Stebbins echoed previous comments by the Chair related to outreach to the trade groups to better understand telehealth's effect on the industry and the sentiments of the stakeholders on the topic.
  - o The Chair reiterated her comments about getting stakeholder feedback and the need to better understand telehealth's effect on the industry.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question regarding whether the figures
  presented represent the universe of providers or those who have utilized the telehealth
  waiver process.
  - The Executive Director noted that the figures represented the universe of providers.
  - o Commissioner Concepcion noted her reasoning behind asking the questions.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked a clarifying question regarding work product and bandwidth related to extending the telehealth waiver and whether the Executive Director had a recommendation for when Commissioners should extend it.
  - The Executive Director recommended an extension for the rest of the calendar year 2023, noted what the extension would facilitate, and provided further feedback on the regulatory promulgation process.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the Commission's ability to have a module allowing patients to look up their nearest certifying provider.
  - The Executive Director noted that the list of certifying providers was confidential by statute.
  - o Commissioner Roy asked why the list was confidential.
  - o The Executive Director noted the statutory requirement.
  - o Commissioner Roy noted her reasoning behind asking the question.
  - The Chair noted her want to produce a list of statutory changes that would facilitate the work of the Commission and her reasoning behind her ask.
  - The Executive Director noted some statutory changes that he had previously thought about.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted the importance of separating the statutory language that specifically impacts the work of the Commission and the provisions that impact beyond the Commission and her reasoning behind her comment.
  - The Chair noted her agreement with Concepcion's comments and a similar approach taken during her tenure at the Massachusetts Treasury.
  - The Executive Director reiterated his previous comments on the confidentiality of the list of certifying providers and the implications of federal funding on the number of certifying providers in the cannabis industry.
- The Chair asked how patients find certifying providers.
  - o The Executive Director noted that patients build their care networks.



• Commissioner Roy noted her reasoning behind asking the question related to clarifying question regarding the Commission's ability to have a module that would allow a patient to look up their nearest certifying provider and her want to help patients find certifying providers.

# ii. Curbside Pickup

- The Executive Director gave an update and overview of the topic.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the total number of entities still offering curbside pickup.
  - The Executive Director noted that thirteen entities currently offer curbside pickup out of one-hundred total Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTC).
- Commissioner Roy noted that the current regulations did not contemplate cannabis curbside pickup and clarified that if the Commission wanted to make curbside pickup, it would need to create new regulations instead of modifying old regulations.
  - The Executive Directed noted that curbside pickup is not administered through waiver but instead as an interpretation of the statute and some awkwardness related to the current way curbside is being administered.
- Commissioner Camargo noted the need to increase access and demystify medical-use cannabis through education and outreach.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if the Commission had procured the data around the number of patients that utilize curbside pickup.
  - The Executive Director noted that he wasn't sure if the Commission had procured point-of-sale data.

## iii. Virtual Community Outreach Meeting Extension

- The Executive Director gave an update and overview of the topic.
- The Chair noted her positive experience with virtual community outreach meetings.
  - The Executive Director and Director Potvin noted that forty-seven percent of all applicants submitted to the Commission between June and December of 2022 utilized virtual community outreach meetings.
- The Chair asked the Executive Director for his opinion on what the Commission should do about the above expiring Covid-19 Orders.
  - The Executive Director reiterated his previous comments related to extending the Covid-19 orders through the 2023 calendar year. He noted that he was uncomfortable with extending the orders via a waiver or interpretation and hoped that the Commission would consider the topics in the upcoming regulatory review and promulgation process. He also noted some complexities related to curbside pickup and the need to tackle curbside pickup in the forthcoming regulatory review process.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question related to his recommendation.
  - o The Chair echoed and reiterated the Executive Director's comments and noted that the Executive Director was hesitant about how curbside is being handled.
  - The Executive Director reiterated his comments on extending the orders and addressing the three expiring Covid-19 orders in the upcoming regulatory review process.



- Commissioner Concepcion noted her concern for public safety related to curbside pickup and asked if anyone public safety stakeholders related to the topic.
  - o The Executive Director noted that he had yet to receive any recent outreach from stakeholders on curbside pickup. He stressed that licensees must submit SOPs to the municipality before utilizing curbside pickup.
- Commissioner Roy noted that delivery operators must have two people deliver the products and the fact that the Commission does not have the two-people requirement for curbside and the need to contemplate if that puts an undue burden on delivery operators.
  - The Executive Director noted the awkwardness of the current interpretation and reiterated his recommendation to contemplate the topic in the upcoming regulatory review and promulgation process.
- Commissioner Roy noted that curbside was no longer allowed for adult-use licensees and is currently available only for medical-use.
  - The Executive Director confirmed and provided context for why the adult-use extension was lifted.
- Commissioner Camargo asked a clarifying question about the next steps and asked if the Commission would revisit the topic at an upcoming public meeting.
  - The Executive Director noted that he would recommend that the Commission extend the orders for the calendar year to allow the topics to be contemplated in the upcoming regulatory review and promulgation process.
  - Commissioner Camargo asked if the other commissioners were comfortable
    with the recommendation and whether one or two would like to volunteer to
    tackle the orders as part of the regulatory review and promulgation process.
  - o Commissioner Concepcion noted that the Commission had yet to decide whether to allow all three extensions to continue.
  - o Commissioner Camargo noted her agreement with Commissioner Concepcion's comment.
- Commissioner Roy asked if the Commission would set a date certain for the orders to expire and noted her want to hold the Commission accountable, so the orders don't get extended past the calendar year.
  - O The Executive Director that administrative orders must have a date certain and the fact that if the Commission does not act, the orders would expire at the end of the day. He noted that a calendar year extension would mean the orders expire on December 31, 2023.
- The Chair noted that Commissioner commissioners seemed to have different levels of comfort with each of the orders and asked if the Commission would like to vote on the Virtual Community Outreach Meeting extension first as it was the most palatable for Commissioners.
- Commissioner Roy noted the need to contemplate the topic in regulatory review.
  - The Chair noted that if the Commission decided to make the extensions permanent, it would need to be done through regulatory review and promulgation.
  - o The Executive Director confirmed that all orders, including curbside, must be



done through regulatory review and promulgation.

- The Chair mentioned that the Commission was embarking on a regulatory review and promulgation process, and the orders needed to be contemplated in a working group. She noted her want to pool or gauge the Commissioner's comfort level ahead of the vote on each order.
  - O Commissioner Camargo noted that she was comfortable with voting to extend all three orders with the caveat that the Commission hold itself accountable and create the regulations related to the order in the upcoming regulatory review and promulgation process within the calendar year.
  - o The Chair asked Commissioner Camargo to gauge her comfort level with each order.
  - O Commissioner Camargo noted that she was most comfortable with the virtual community outreach meeting extension and least comfortable with the curbside pickup order and her desire to learn more about how telehealth is utilized and gain stakeholders' further understanding.
  - O Commissioner Concepcion noted that she was most comfortable with the virtual community outreach meeting extension. She wanted to gain further understanding of the utility of telehealth and was least comfortable with curbside and emphasized that it was being underutilized. She noted that she could not support an extension for curbside as she would like to gain further information on the topic.
  - O Commissioner Stebbins stated his want to vote on the extension as individual items and the fact that the extensions allowed access. He noted the statutory mandate for a bona fide relationship and the need to reach out to stakeholders to understand telehealth better. He stated the fact that virtual community outreach meetings allow for increased accessibility. Still, it could become an additional cost burden for licenses to host and produce, and the need to account for that in the small business impact statement, but he noted his complete agreement with the extension. He stressed his concern about curbside pickup, echoed the Executive Director's sentiments around the order, and indicated that he was still determining if he would vote to extend the curbside order. He also noted that the Commission could revisit each order at any time.
  - O Commissioner Roy noted that she was most comfortable with the virtual community outreach meeting extension and asked if the licensees could host in-person and virtual meetings simultaneously.
    - The Executive Director noted that it was up to the host community and that licensees could satisfy the regulatory requirement by hosting an inperson outreach meeting.
  - O Commissioner Roy noted her want to understand telehealth further, learn more about the topic, and have the Commission define a bona fide relationship. She stressed her hesitancy around curbside, and her want to speak to the licensing and enforcement staff about the enforcement of curbside pickup before making this a permanent policy.
    - The Executive Director noted that every transaction and every handoff



- must be on camera and is consistent with the order.
- Commissioner Roy asked how the Commission was checking for deficiencies within the order.
- The Executive Director noted that failure to comply with the order would be a deficiency.
- The Chair noted her comfort with the virtual community outreach meeting and telehealth extension. It echoed the Executive Directors comments around the curbside pickup and the need to revisit the topic in the future.
- The Chair noted her willingness to vote permanently on all three orders but understood that the Commission would need to write regulations around at least two of the orders and asked for the Executive Director's guidance on the next steps.
  - O The Executive Director reiterated the ability to revisit the orders at any point. He recommended that the Commission extend the three Covid-19 orders to the calendar year and include the orders in the regulatory review and promulgation process.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if any licensees operating curbside have provided comments or statements ahead of the expiration date.
  - The Executive Director noted that licensees had yet to comment before expiration.
- The Chair recommended that the Commission extend the extension past the calendar year and revisit the order in the regulatory review and promulgation process. She suggested that Commissioners put in writing any questions they had to the Executive Director by the end of the month.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to extend the Covid-19 order around telehealth to December 31, 2023.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved extending the Covid-19 order around telehealth to December 31, 2023.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to extend the Covid-19 order around curbside pickup to December 31, 2023.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked if they could add language around the fact that the Commission could revisit the order at any time.
  - The Chair noted that this was implied in the motion.
  - o Commissioner Roy noted that the Commission could revisit the topic if public safety became an issue.



- o The Chair confirmed.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved extending the Covid-19 order around curbside to December 31, 2023.
- Commissioner Roy moved to extend the Covid-19 order around virtual community outreach meetings to December 31, 2023.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved extending the Covid-19 order around virtual community outreach meetings to December 31, 2023.
- 10) New Business the Chair Did Not Anticipate at the Time of Posting 05:06:20
  - No New Business was discussed.
- 11) Next Meeting Date 05:06:27
  - The Chair noted that the next meeting would be on March 9th, 2023.
  - The Chair gave a tentative schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.
- 12) Adjournment 05:08:04
  - Commissioner Roy moved to adjourn.
  - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the motion.





#### CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

# March 09, 2023 10:00 AM

# Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live\*

#### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

### **Documents:**

- Application Materials associated with:
  - o Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
    - Ermont, Inc.
    - Metro Harvest, Inc
    - Sparkboro Wellness NAMA Corp.
  - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
    - Atlas Marketplace & Delivery, LLC d/b/a Plymouth Armor Group (#MTN281667), Third-Party Transporter
    - Berkshire Kind, Inc. (#MPN282222), Product Manufacturing
    - Blossom Flower, LLC (#MPN282139), Product Manufacturing
    - CLCASH, LLC (#MCN283659), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
    - Ember Gardens NBP, LLC (#MPN282229), Product Manufacturing
    - Good Feels, Inc. (#MPN282192), Product Manufacturing
    - Green Adventure, LLC (#MRN284710), Retail
    - Himalayan High (#MRN284668), Retail
    - Holland Brands SB, LLC (#MRN284733), Retail
    - JMK Gardening, LLC d/b/a Wonderland Cannabis Co. (#MRN284654), Retail
    - Motah 420, LLC d/b/a Motah (#MCN283717), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
    - Motah 420, LLC d/b/a Motah (#MPN282240), Product Manufacturing
    - Tower Three, LLC (#MPN281783), Product Manufacturing
    - Tradesman Exchange, LLC (#MDA1316), Marijuana Delivery Operator
    - Jolo Can, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective (#RMDA3737), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
  - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
    - 140 Industrial Road, LLC d/b/a Native Sun (#MC281599), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Indoor
    - 140 Industrial Road, LLC d/b/a Native Sun (#MP281433), Product Manufacturing
    - 15 Arch, LLC d/b/a High Ledges Cannabis (#MC281903), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor



- 4Bros, Inc. d/b/a East Coast Pharms (#MR281550), Retail
- Advanced Cultivators, LLC (#MC283314), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- ARL Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Panacea Wellness (#MR282334), Retail
- BB Botanics, LLC (#MR282084), Retail
- Berkley Botanicals, LLC (#MC282081), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- Berkley Botanicals, LLC (#MR281458), Retail
- Cannabis of Worcester, LLC (#MR284603), Retail
- LC Square, LLC (#MC281717), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Mederi, Inc. (#MP281806), Product Manufacturing
- Standard Naturals, LLC d/b/a Eastern Cannabis Company (#MR282696), Retail
- Tree Market Taunton, LLC d/b/a Greatest Hits (#MR281597), Retail
- o Staff Recommendations on Renewals
  - ACK Natural, LLC (#MRR206357)
  - Bask, Inc. (#MPR243929)
  - Bask, Inc. (#MCR140421)
  - BLUE SKY ORGANICS LLC (#MDR272549)
  - BTE INC (#MCR140451)
  - BVO LLC (#MCR140350)
  - Calverde Naturals, LLC (#MRR206356)
  - Calverde Naturals, LLC (#MRR206355)
  - Canna Provisions Inc (#MRR206335)
  - CannaVanna, Inc. (#MRR206348)
  - Capeway Cannabis LLC (#MRR206327)
  - Commcan, Inc. (#MPR243942)
  - Commcan, Inc. (#MCR140443)
  - Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MRR206319)
  - Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MPR243936)
  - Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MCR140418)
  - Cypress Tree Management Natick, Inc. (#MRR206365)
  - East Coast Remedies Corp. (#MRR206369)
  - Gan Or LLC (#MDR272546)
  - Gan Or LLC (#MCR140362)
  - Grass Appeal LLC (#MRR206373)
  - Grass Appeal LLC (#MCR140447)
  - Green Biz LLC (#MRR206378)
  - Green Line Boston, Inc. (#MPR243948)
  - Green Line Boston, Inc. (#MCR140446)
  - Greener Leaf, Inc. (#MRR206361)
  - Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MRR206344)
  - Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MCR140424)
  - GTE Taunton LLC (#MRR206288)
  - Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MRR206382)
  - Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MPR243949)
  - Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MCR140455)
  - Lazy River Products, LLC (#MRR206343)



- Lazy River Products, LLC (#MCR140423)
- Legacy Foundation Group, LLC (#ILR267917)
- Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MRR206333)
- Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MPR243923)
- Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MCR140409)
- Local Roots NE Inc. (#MRR206366)
- Mass Cannabis Growers Cooperative (#COR129711)
- Massbiolytics Corp (#ILR267916)
- Mellow Fellows LLC (#MRR206313)
- Morando Brands LLC (#MPR243917)
- Peak Limited LLC (#MPR243846)
- Peak Limited LLC (#MPR243845)
- Peak Limited LLC (#MCR140301)
- Peak Limited LLC (#MCR140300)
- RC Cultivation LLC (#MCR140453)
- Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206372)
- Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206345)
- Solar Therapeutics Inc (#MCR140419)
- STANDISH GREEN GROUP, LLC (#MCR140456)
- The Headyco LLC (#MCR140433)
- TYCA Green (#MRR206317)
- TYCA Green (#MPR243912)
- TYCA Green (#MCR140395)
- UC Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140445)
- Urban Grown Inc. (#MCR140381)
- YouCanBeCo LLC (#MPR243935)
- Z&T Inc (#MRR206358)
- Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#RMD585)
- Holistic Industries, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Cannabis (#RMD1526)
- In Good Health, Inc. (#RMD3305)
- Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#RMD1527)
- o Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
  - 420 Trainers, LLC (#RVR453131)
- Meeting Packet
- Presentation re: Standards Laboratories
- Discussion re: 2022 Executive Director Performance Evaluation

# In Attendance:

- Chair Shannon O'Brien
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins



#### **Minutes**:

- 1) Call to Order
  - The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
  - The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
  - The Chair gave an overview of the agenda.
- 2) Commissioners' Comments & Updates 00:01:30
  - Commissioner Stebbins thanked Commission staff for their work in preparing the Commission for the public meeting. He commented about the month of March and that it is Maple Month and Women's History Month in Massachusetts. He noted licensee's Diversity Plans and their goals. He commended Canna Vanna, Inc. and the fact that the company met its diversity goals. He noted his discussion with Grace Moreno from the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce regarding opportunities to hire in the cannabis industry and her idea to encourage licensees to meet their diversity goals by activating the Leadership Rating Program. He discussed a Veteran's podcast he was invited to join with host Eric Segundo. He noted that diversity planning is a topic at the upcoming NECANN event. He noted that former Commissioner Jen Flanagan and Kim Napoli will speak on the topic at the event. He commented about a recent event he went to with Commissioner Roy, staff, and the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts. He noted his trip to Green River Cannabis and his meeting with the owners. He commented about his support for licensees who seek to mentor or fund a Social Equity Business or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant in their Positive Impact Plan. He discussed the new Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund and the need to revisit the Positive Impact Plan guidance.
  - Commissioner Roy noted the importance of the holidays celebrated in the month of March, specifically Women's History Month and International Women's Day. She thanked the talented women at the Commission for their commitment to a safely regulated industry. She commented about her trip to Canna Provisions in Holyoke where she spoke with David O'Brien and other business leaders from the Cannabis Business Association. She reflected on a recent trip with Commissioner Stebbins, and Commission research staff where they met with the Public Health Institute of Western Mass and spoke about important public health and safety issues in cannabis. She thanked Commission staff for their work on regulations and discussed her role on the Host Community Agreement (HCA) working group. She noted her excitement to listen to stakeholder's perspectives during the process.
  - Commissioner Concepcion thanked staff for their work on the regulatory process. She noted her positions on the HCA working group and the Municipal Equity working group. She expressed her excitement to work through the rest of the process and also noted Women's History Month.
  - Commissioner Camargo thanked staff for their work to prepare for public meeting and during the regulatory review. She noted the expertise in the Commission and explained that she was on the Social Consumption work group. She commented about Women's History Month and thanked the women at the Commission. She noted that the city of Denver started to book party buses for their social consumption sites and



- expressed her excitement to getting to work on the subject here in Massachusetts.
- Commissioner Concepcion thanked the Executive Director (ED) and the General Counsel for organizing the regulatory working groups. She noted staff expertise and mentioned she was prepared for the regulatory work.
- The Chair thanked Commissioner Camargo for her work regarding the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund. She commented about her desire to work with stakeholders and staff at the Commission to help to leverage the fund for Social Equity Businesses. She commented about her meeting with Collette Phillips and Evelyn Murphy at Get Konnected and the organization's work with entrepreneurs of color. She mentioned her visit to Caroline's Cannabis. She pointed out her condition for LC Square. She noted their goal to promote the hiring of persons with disabilities and discussed the importance of the issue.

# 3) Executive Director's Report – 00:16:24

- The ED gave an overview of the licensing data. His presentation started on page 128 of the Meeting Packet.
  - Commissioner Roy asked about the Marijuana Transporter license and how it relates to the other license types. She also noted the importance of the Licensing Applications slide for the standards laboratory discussion at the end of the public meeting.
    - The ED noted he would discuss the Marijuana Transporter license later in his presentation.
  - The ED commented about the potential concern from municipalities in market saturation of licenses from the 143 Marijuana Retailers that obtained a Provisional License and the 271 who had Commenced Operations.
    - The Chair noted that the Commission will be engaging the Massachusetts Municipal Association during review of the Commission's regulations.
    - The ED agreed with the Chair and noted the diversity in license types outside of cannabis retailers who are also looking for locations in new municipalities. He highlighted the fact that municipalities may consider these other license types outside of Marijuana Retailers because they do not require pedestrian foot traffic.
  - Commissioner Concepcion noted that Massachusetts is past the five-year mark for cannabis regulation and wondered whether we had reached market saturation.
    - The ED commented that licenses are still moving, and municipalities are determining the appropriate saturation for their community. The ED noted the conversations occurring between retailers and delivery couriers to work together to serve a certain region.
    - The Chair asked if the Commission could help encourage these conversations by hosting a round-table discussion.
    - The ED agreed and welcomed the discussion. He commented that some Social Equity Businesses (SEBs) who are retailers are applying to become delivery couriers to extend their licenses. He encouraged this arrangement and noted that if others were interested in supporting SEB, DBA, DBE



businesses then retailers should give those businesses shelf space for their brands to grow. He commented about the national challenges facing the industry in Massachusetts, including interstate commerce and federal legalization. He discussed his desire to see Massachusetts brands expand into the Western markets. He commented about the leadership from Massachusetts companies in the beverage market. He noted Social Equity Program Participants are likely to hire other program participants and keep SEB's product on their shelves. He spoke about empowering consumers to ask questions about the product's origin and noted the large amount of information the public can draw from to ask questions when purchasing cannabis.

- The Chair noted the importance of convening these meetings with members of the public in the audience and the Commissioner's effort to return to normal after the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if a SEP has a retail and delivery courier and whether those businesses would be paying a Community Impact Fee (CIF) to the municipality twice.
  - The ED confirmed and said they are separate licenses.
  - Commissioner Roy questioned whether a Marijuana Transporter license with another Marijuana Establishment license would be charged for multiple CIFs.
  - The ED confirmed and reiterated that they are separate licenses.
  - Commissioner Conception noted that the cost of the CIF also depended on the municipality.
  - The ED clarified that the terms of the HCA dictate the payment of the CIF and that the way the business is structured can also dictate the way the HCA is disbursed. He commented that he hoped municipalities and cannabis businesses were having productive conversations.
  - Commissioner Roy reflected that she envisioned these businesses under one roof but that this conversation clarified for her that these licenses may be assessed the tax multiple times from their HCA.
  - Commissioner Concepcion noted that the cost and assessment depends on the municipality.
  - The ED said that it may or may not depend on the municipality and gave examples of instances where one HCA covers multiple licenses in one town and another where it did not.
  - Commissioner Concepcion noted her concern for businesses being taxed multiple times by a municipality despite that business all being located at one address.
  - The ED confirmed.
  - Commissioner Camargo noted the work to be done on the issue.
  - Commissioner Concepcion affirmed.
  - Commissioner Roy reiterated that municipalities could chose to have one HCA with a brick-and-mortar establishment that has multiple licenses.
  - Commissioner Concepcion agreed and noted the benefit of discussing this information at the public meeting.



- Commissioner Camargo said that it was good to hear her fellow Commissioners ask questions.
- The ED reminded the public that cities and towns can waive the CIF as an option to avoid the issue.
- Commissioner Camargo supported the ED in his explanation and expressed that the waiver is not bad thing.
- The ED agreed and noted that Host Communities could also not require a fee when a licensee expands their business like with a delivery license. The ED noted Commissioner Roy's earlier question and responded that all businesses can move the product between their locations. He clarified however, that Third Party Transporter Licenses are exclusively to transport and noted that some chose to obtain another license.
- O Commissioner Roy asked whether the ED would let the Commissioners know who the Third Party Transporter licensees are that have another license type.
  - The ED confirmed he would get Commissioner Roy that information.
  - Commissioner Camargo noted that last year she and Commissioner Stebbins met with licensees who are Third Party Transporters. She mentioned the group was named the Massachusetts Association of Cannabis Transporters. She noted the importance of the group's advocacy because of how few licenses there are in that category.
  - Commissioner Roy stated the transporter license was a business-to-business sale and not to consumers.
  - The ED confirmed and explained some background regarding the development of the transportation license.
  - Commissioner Roy noted the large amount of regulatory compliance associated with the Third Party Transporter license.
  - The ED confirmed.
  - The Chair commented about the significant capital investment necessary to obtain the Third Party Transporter license. The Chair also noted that the Commissioners are looking to meet in person more frequently to discuss regulatory policy and hoped this issue could be discussed further.
  - Commissioner Concepcion recalled speaking with Abigail from the transporter's association and expressed her desire to reconnect to discuss policy.
  - Commissioner Camargo mentioned she would connect with the Commissioners to share the content from the association.
- The Chair asked whether the ED could determine the amount of cannabis produced by different tiers of cultivators as opposed to the percentages shown on the Cultivation Applications slide.
  - The ED explained the chart and the differences between the tiers. He explained the 13% of the licensing volume is represented by the top tier of cultivators, referring to Tiers 9-11, who represented 39% of available canopy space.
  - The Chair asked a clarifying question regarding the 59% indicated on the slide. She asked what that number represented for licensing volume.



- The ED explained Tiers 1-3 represented 21% of the industry's licensing volume not overall production which fluctuates depending on the tier and available canopy.
- The Chair asked about available canopy for the lower tiers.
- The ED explained his assumption that the lower tiers were likely maxed out of their canopy.
- O Commissioner Roy noted the state is up to 3.2 million square feet of canopy. She recalled a meeting she had with cultivators who advocated for the removal of regulations that restrict canopy or promote canopy space based on sales. She asked if a cultivator is already in the lowest tier, where they would be relegated to if they did not meet their sales or canopy requirements.
  - The ED explained the difficulty around this issue because of the business-to-business aspect and noted the advantages vertically integrated businesses have over other businesses. He noted his understanding of the issue and the difficulty presented to these small cultivators. He noted the regulations on control exist because licensees chose a tier upon application and should show proof to change it. He discussed the fact that applicants marketed their business as being a certain size within their community and therefore proof of need is required in the regulations. He discussed other jurisdictions and how they handled the issue of relegating businesses. He noted that the state just put away money to help folks get into the market and believed that it was not the right time to restrict licenses or halt production. He commented that the process of relegating licensee's tiers benefits vertically integrated businesses compared to stand-alone cultivators.
- o Commissioner Roy asked how to understand the data regarding cannabis sales and how it relates to market saturation.
  - The ED believed he could get the data to understand if cultivators are selling a certain amount to indicate market saturation and gave an example from procedures used in licensing. The ED raised the issue of property rights on behalf of the licensees if a license is relegated.
  - The Chair asked if there are any lessons from other states that could help Massachusetts on this issue.
  - The ED noted that overproduction of the market and price is a concern across the nation. He commented about the concern for adequate patient supply and concerns around inventory. He reflected that jurisdictions have different protections in place for these issues and discussed an example.
  - Commissioner Camargo asked if the Commission had the authority to limit the amount that could be produced in the state.
  - The ED commented that he was unsure about the answer to the question but felt instinctively that the answer was no. He expressed his unease in saying that to the public.
  - Commissioner Camargo reassured the ED about having the conversation in public.
  - The ED noted the Commissioners are the licensing authority but if they tried to regulate the overall amount the Commission would likely be sued.



- Commissioner Camargo thanked the ED for the information and asked Commissioner Roy to reiterate the amount of canopy cited prior.
- Commissioner Roy noted that there was 1.2 million acres of canopy that have Commenced Operations and 4.7 million currently in the Provisional License stage.
- Commissioner Camargo was impressed by Commissioner Roy's math and thanked Commissioner Roy for that information.
- Commissioner Roy clarified that she calculated the canopy prior to the meeting. She asked why relegation was put into the regulations.
- The ED noted the history of relegation in the state for production control and compared the issue to European soccer. He discussed the policy as being reactionary and not preventative.
- Commissioner Roy noted the race to the bottom and this policy could be preventative as the breaks for the system.
- The ED commended Commissioner Roy on her point and noted the people best suited to survive a race to the bottom were larger operators.
- O Commissioner Stebbins asked whether the ED could include microbusinesses as a line on the Cultivation Applications slide.
  - The ED noted that this class of 8 licenses would add 40,000 square feet of canopy to the total number indicated on the slide. He also noted that some microbusinesses might chose not to grow cannabis.
  - Commissioner Stebbins asked about other businesses elsewhere in the pipeline.
  - The ED reflected that his last answer was regarding Microbusinesses that have Commenced Operations.
- O The Chair asked why the Commission's regulations do not align with the level of care nurse practitioners are able to provide elsewhere in medicine and discussed that fixing this issue could help provide relief for rural places experiencing issues with access to providers.
  - The ED discussed how regulatory changes can lead to market disruption and his avoidance of changing the regulations to require new compliance standards for businesses. He also raised the issue of organizing those changes.
  - The Chair noted that the Commission is reviewing all public comments and current regulations but must prioritize the changes required by the new law.
  - The ED affirmed.
- Commissioner Roy asked how folks without technology would find providers and hoped the Commission would entertain providing that information on the website.
  - The ED noted that our database is required to be confidential by state law and he believed the Commission could not entertain a list with an opt-in feature for physicians.
  - Commissioner Roy questioned whether a statutory change was required for the Commission to publish a list of physicians.



- The ED confirmed and noted that this issue was raised frequently around access to pediatric doctors in the medical industry.
- The Chair asked if requirements were relaxed around physicians discussing cannabis with their patients.
  - The ED confirmed.
  - The Chair discussed her conversation with the Massachusetts Municipal Association on Host Community Agreements and her desire to similarly promote this federal policy change to physicians.
  - Commissioner Concepcion asked the Chair to clarify what change of policy.
  - The Chair noted that there was a law changed federally that relaxed physician's ability to discuss Medical-Use cannabis with their patients.
  - Commissioner Concepcion clarified the two issues being discussed.
  - The Chair reflected on her comment and noted the Commission's prior discussion regarding telemedicine. She discussed the role of the primary care physicians in the Medical-Use process and advocated for the Commission to engage these physicians on the legal change.
  - The ED mentioned that trade groups can maintain their own lists and discussed why it may be a good option for those groups to maintain a list of Certifying Physicians. He refrained from discussing legislative intent as to that statutory provision but commented about the risk of publishing data related to banking. He discussed the potential negative impacts associated with publishing a list pertaining to people making money from cannabis sales.
  - Commissioner Roy reviewed the legislation and discussed two bills that would require insurance to pay for medical cannabis and their impacts on the medical market.
  - The ED noted that medical professionals still are governed by their own boards and clarified that the Commission essentially allows those medical professionals access to the Commission's program. He elaborated that the requirement for access is that the medical professional maintain compliance with their licensing board.
- The ED gave an update on the Commission's FY24 Budget.
  - The Chair asked how under budget the Commission is compared to the revenue the agency generated.
    - The ED estimated that the Commission generated \$28-30 Million in fines and fees for cannabis businesses. He commented that tax revenue generated from sales would be several hundred million dollars.
    - The Chair replied that this fact makes for a strong argument to the legislature to fully-fund the Commission's budget request.
    - The ED affirmed and commented that the changes requested in the budget were necessary for the agency to grow with the industry. He discussed the complexities regarding these business transactions and the additional resources required to meet these needs for licensing purposes.
  - o Commissioner Concepcion asked how far along the Commission is into the



exclusivity period for delivery operators.

- The ED responded that the exclusivity period began about a year prior and noted the work to be done. He commented about the budget timeline in Massachusetts.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the ED for raising the conversation about the budget and hoped to stay informed on the topic.
- Commissioner Roy asked about the taxes funding the Marijuana Regulation Fund.
  - The ED explained the 6.25% of Sales tax would go into the state's General Fund and 10.75% would go into the Marijuana Regulation Fund.
  - Commissioner Roy asked if she could see where the money went from the Marijuana Regulation Fund.
  - The ED explained that the legislature determines where the money is spent from the Marijuana Regulation Fund and explained the appropriations process.
  - Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy for asking the question and requested that staff follow-up with an explanation of where the fund was appropriated.
  - The ED clarified that the legislature determines where the funds are allocated, and the Commission does not make that determination.
- O Commissioner Concepcion commented about the work she was developing with the Government Affairs team where they would present at the State House and that a discussion about the fund may intersect with that presentation.
  - The Chair asked for the Commissioner to elaborate about the presentation.
  - Commissioner Concepcion responded that she hoped to do a State of Cannabis presentation at the State House annually.
  - The Chair asked whether the focus would be on the state of the industry or the state of the Commission's impact.
  - Commissioner Concepcion responded that it would be both.
  - Commissioner Camargo supported the idea.
  - The ED also affirmed the idea of the presentation.
- The ED presented an update on MDAR's Pesticide Webinars.
  - o The Chair asked if the department would be providing the Webinar again.
    - The ED explained that he could follow-up.
    - The Chair asked if the Webinar was recorded.
    - The ED responded that he would find out the answer.
    - The Chair hoped that in the future if either agency puts an event on that it could be recorded and put on one of the agency's websites. She asked if the agencies advertised for the webinar together.
    - The ED affirmed. The ED noted that this information went out to licensees through a bulletin.
  - Commissioner Roy asked if MDAR would conduct a training for Commissioners on pesticides if there is not a recording.



- The ED confirmed that the webinar was recorded. The ED noted that Governor Healey appointed Ashley Randle as the new Commissioner of MDAR. He congratulated her on the appointment and thanked the former Commissioner.
- The ED gave an update on the Commission's regulatory review.
  - O Commissioner Stebbins thanked the ED and appreciated the update. He reiterated his desire to engage the public on the indicated topics and hoped that the public would reach-out to the Commission's email with comments about regulations.
  - Commissioner Concepcion thanked the Chair for her comment advocating for additional public meetings for the Commission on regulations and welcomed the additional dialogue.
- The ED reminded the public about the NECANN Boston event.
- The ED discussed the governance document that is being developed at Executive Sessions. He noted that a charter is being developed to establish practices for the Commission. He commented about the regularity that this occurs with government bodies and cities and towns. He noted the process to create the charter is time consuming but worth pursuing.
  - The Chair commented that there was some delay in the process due to her onboarding and getting caught-up. She noted the learning opportunity this charter presented to her and her belief that it benefitted the Commissioners.
  - o Commissioner Camargo noted the delay in procuring a vendor.
  - o Commissioner Concepcion noted that it is healthy for the agency to review practices of the agency after the five-year mark. She discussed her happiness that it is occurring and that review of the Charter should reoccur periodically.
  - O Commissioner Camargo noted that these discussions were the first time that the Commissioners were able to meet in person together.
  - The ED discussed the benefits of mediation for the Commission and the challenges of using a mediator after the Commission was already established as opposed to before the Commission was formed.
- The ED gave an update on hiring at the Commission.

Commissioner Camargo moved to take a 15-minute recess.

- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a fifteen-minute recess, returning at 11:57 AM (01:41:34)
- 4) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership



## 1. Ermont, Inc.

- Licensing Analyst Derek Chamberlin (Licensing Analyst Chamberlin) presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

## 2. Metro Harvest, Inc.

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted that one of the new individuals on this license is on a probationary period and wondered whether granting the change of ownership changed that status.
  - The ED commented that there was no change but that the individual and licensees have complied.
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin noted that staff would not put forward an application for the Commission's review if the licensee was out of compliance.
  - o Commissioner Roy asked about the process when a license is out of compliance.
  - The ED noted that an out of compliance licensee would typically trigger a suitability review committee for the individual or licensees.
  - O Commissioner Stebbins clarified that the intent of his question was to understand the individual's responsibilities and the scope of probation when an individual is on a probationary period.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Enforcement staff for their work on this Change of Ownership and asked the ED what it meant to be on a probationary period in the Commission as opposed to in a criminal matter.
  - Associate Enforcement Counsel Jacob Neilson (AEC Neilson) noted that the word probation is used loosely in the context of licensing within the Commission. He explained this case requires the individual's authority to be restricted.
  - o Commissioner Camargo thanked the Enforcement staff again for their work and for clarifying her questions.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Change of Ownership.



- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.
- 3. Sparkboro Wellness NAMA Corp.
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.
- 5) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses 02:05:24
  - Atlas Marketplace & Delivery, LLC d/b/a Plymouth Armor Group (#MTN281667), Third-Party Transporter
    - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
    - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
    - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
    - The Chair took a roll call vote:
      - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
      - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
      - o Commissioner Roy Yes
      - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
      - o Chair O'Brien Yes
    - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
  - 2. Berkshire Kind, Inc. (#MPN282222), Product Manufacturing
    - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
    - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.



- Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 3. Blossom Flower, LLC (#MPN282139), Product Manufacturing
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 4. CLCASH, LLC (#MCN283659), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
    - o Proposed Condition: Prior to Final application for Licensure, the applicant shall ensure compliance with 935 CMR 500.050(7)(c), namely, not providing direct or indirect compensation to Independent Testing Laboratories, in the execution of its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People as a condition of licensure.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes



- o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
- o Commissioner Roy Yes
- o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 5. Ember Gardens NBP, LLC (#MPN282229), Product Manufacturing
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested that two conditions apply to this license.
    - O Proposed Condition: Prior to performing job functions at marijuana establishment, all internship program participants as stated in goal number two of your Positive Impact Plan must become Registered Agents in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and provide Agent Registration Card to the Commission upon request. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.030, a Marijuana Establishment shall apply for registration for all its employees, owners, executives, and volunteers who are associated with that Marijuana Establishment.
    - O Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy.
  - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 6. Good Feels, Inc. (#MPN282192), Product Manufacturing
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy commended this applicant for the completeness of their Quality Control Plans. She commented that she always reads these plans and noted that this was the best Quality Control Plan that she had reviewed.



- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

# 7. Green Adventure, LLC (#MRN284710), Retail

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
  - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition to apply to this application.
  - O Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and consider any strategy for outreach to nearby Area of Disproportionate Impact designated community of Monson and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.

### 8. Himalayan High (#MRN284668), Retail

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
  - O Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6)(g) please include information for substance use disorder treatment programs and the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.



- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 9. Holland Brands SB, LLC (#MRN284733), Retail
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 10. JMK Gardening, LLC d/b/a Wonderland Cannabis Co. (#MRN284654), Retail
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 11. Motah 420, LLC d/b/a Motah (#MCN283717), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License. Licensing Analyst Chamberlin noted that items 11 and 12 are



collocated licenses and would be presented together.

- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
  - O Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12), and 935 CMR 500.120(14).
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

# 12. Motah 420, LLC d/b/a Motah (#MPN282240), Product Manufacturing

- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
  - o Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

#### 13. Tower Three, LLC (#MPN281783), Product Manufacturing

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.



- Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition to apply to this license.
  - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review
     Diversity Plan specifically Program #2 and consider any strategy to engage
     Women Business Enterprises, LGBT Business Enterprises and Disability Owned Business Enterprises to accomplish goals in accordance with 935
     Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and provide any update to CCC
     Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.

# 14. Tradesman Exchange, LLC (#MDA1316), Marijuana Delivery Operator

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
  - Operator shall make available educational materials about Finished Marijuana Products to Consumers. A Delivery Operator shall have an adequate supply of current educational material available for distribution. Prior to final licensure please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - o Commissioner Roy Yes
  - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - o Chair O'Brien Yes



- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 15. Jolo Can, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective (#RMDA3737), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
  - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - o Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 6) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses 02:26:39
  - The Chair noted that Final Licenses would be considered in rosters.
  - Commissioner Camargo asked about the co-sponsored conditions.
  - The Chair noted that she and Commissioner Roy sponsored two conditions together for items numbered 3 and 11 on the Final License agenda.
  - Adult-Use Roster
    - o The Chair noted the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses will consist of items numbered 3 and 11, as identified on the agenda.
    - o The Chair asked for questions or comments.
    - The Chair and Commissioner Roy proposed a condition on both licenses.
    - o Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Chair and Commissioner Roy.
    - o Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
    - The Chair took a roll call vote:
      - Commissioner Camargo Yes
      - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
      - Commissioner Roy Yes
      - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
      - Chair O'Brien Yes
    - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Chair and Commissioner Roy.
  - Adult-Use Roster
    - o The Chair noted the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses will consist of items



- numbered 1-2, 4-10, and 12-14, as identified on the agenda.
- o The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses.
- o Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses.
- 1. 140 Industrial Road, LLC d/b/a Native Sun (#MC281599), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Indoor
- 2. 140 Industrial Road, LLC d/b/a Native Sun (#MP281433), Product Manufacturing
- 3. 15 Arch, LLC d/b/a High Ledges Cannabis (#MC281903), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
  - The Chair and Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
    - Proposed Condition: Prior to receiving Commence Operations, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(1)(r), please present to the Commission your written operating policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651, et seq. In addition, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (9)(d)(4)(b) under personnel policy & procedures, please also present to the Commission your employee whistle-blower policy.
- 4. 4Bros, Inc. d/b/a East Coast Pharms (#MR281550), Retail
- 5. Advanced Cultivators, LLC (#MC283314), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- 6. ARL Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Panacea Wellness (#MR282334), Retail
- 7. BB Botanics, LLC (#MR282084), Retail
- 8. Berkley Botanicals, LLC (#MC282081), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- 9. Berkley Botanicals, LLC (#MR281458), Retail
- 10. Cannabis of Worcester, LLC (#MR284603), Retail
- 11. LC Square, LLC (#MC281717), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
  - The Chair and Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
    - Proposed Condition: Prior to receiving Commence Operations, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(1)(r), please present to the Commission your written operating policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651, et seq. In addition, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (9)(d)(4)(b) under personnel policy & procedures, please also present to the Commission your employee whistle-blower policy.



- 12. Mederi, Inc. (#MP281806), Product Manufacturing
- 13. Standard Naturals, LLC d/b/a Eastern Cannabis Company (#MR282696), Retail
- 14. Tree Market Taunton, LLC d/b/a Greatest Hits (#MR281597), Retail
  - Commissioner Camargo asked about the whistleblower condition and if the ED could explain what is required for businesses under the current regulations.
    - O The ED noted that every licensee must have a Workplace Safety and Whistle-Blower Policy upon applying to the Commission. The ED explained that he viewed the condition as reiterating the requirements and requesting their submission to the agency.
    - o Commissioner Camargo asked if licensees had already submitted it.
    - Commissioner Roy noted that the applicants who had conditions placed on their license here submitted applications that were silent on these requirements.
    - The Chair commented that she would like to see all agents receive these two trainings to better understand their rights and responsibilities.
    - o Commissioner Camargo asked if these were required SOPs.
    - o The ED confirmed.
    - Commissioner Camargo questioned whether the conditions were necessary if these were already required SOPs for applicants.
    - Commissioner Roy responded that 12 out of the 14 Final Licenses had these SOPs.
    - The Chair confirmed that she did not see the SOP for the two identified businesses.
    - o Commissioner Concepcion asked Commissioner Camargo if she meant that if these were required SOPs then why were they not included in the packet.
    - o Commissioner Camargo clarified that the SOP is required and that the condition was requiring licensees to provide information twice.
  - The Chair noted this condition was a part of a larger conversation about workers' safety and its importance at cultivation and manufacturing facilities.
  - Commissioner Camargo noted her confusion on the condition because she believed the policy to already be required at the beginning of the application process.
  - Commissioner Roy asked the ED where she could find this information.
  - The ED responded that it could be found in the Application of Intent and in the Management and Operation Profile of the application and explained both.
  - Commissioner Roy asked if this information was encompassed in the Personnel SOP.
    - O The ED stated that most of the personnel information for the company can be found in the Management and Operation Profile. He noted that sometimes policies can be merged in the system and therefore an SOP might not be in a certain area of the application. He noted that the SOPs could be labeled differently. He commented that businesses should have a binder of SOPs if they are asked to produce them. He remarked that people can be whistle-blowers in many areas of business including workplace safety and that any information provided to the Commission would be investigated by staff.



- o Commissioner Roy discussed the possibility of building out a hotline at the Commission for whistleblowers.
- o The ED confirmed that development.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the other Commissioners for their perspectives and discussing the conditions further. Commissioner Camargo paused for a moment to celebrate the final licenses and noted the difficulty of obtaining a Final License in a highly regulated market. She asked the ED if he could explain the process for an applicant after they obtain a Final License.
  - The ED explained that the largest benefit to holding a Final License is the ability to hold cannabis and receive inventory. He explained the agents would have already received trainings and that hiring can begin. He noted other requirements and that the Commission spot checks agent's backgrounds. He noted that the Commission will conduct a Post-Final License inspection and that he would receive a report from that inspection. He noted that the business is allowed to open within three days of receiving a Commence Operations notice and explained it was to allow the medical patients access to the stores prior to adult-use being implemented and creating traffic for patients accessing medicine. He questioned the current utility of the policy considering the more mature state of the industry.
  - o Commissioner Camargo thanked the ED for his explanation and for staff for their hard work getting businesses to the Final Licenses phase.

## 7) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 02:46:34

#### • Adult-Use

- The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 1-48, as identified on the agenda.
- o The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- o Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Renewals.
- o Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- o The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Adult-Use Renewals.

# • The Headyco LLC

- o The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewal roster will consist of item numbered 53, as identified on the agenda.
- o The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- o Commissioner Stebbins Proposed a Condition.
- o Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Renewals,



subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.

- o Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Adult-Use Renewal, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.

### • Resinate, Inc.

- The Chair noted that the adult-use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 49 and 50, as identified on the agenda.
- o Commissioner Roy recused herself for this Adult-Use Renewal roster.
- The Chair thanked staff for their support and asked Commissioners for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Renewals.
- o Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Recused
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- o The Commission approved the roster of Adult-Use Renewals, by a total of four in favor and one recused.

#### • Adult-Use and Medical-Use

- The Chair noted that the Adult-Use and Medical-Use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 51-52, 54-64, as identified on the agenda.
- o The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use and Medicaluse Renewals.
- o Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- o The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Adult-Use and Medical-use Renewals.



- 1. ACK Natural, LLC (#MRR206357)
- 2. Bask, Inc. (#MPR243929)
- 3. Bask, Inc. (#MCR140421)
- 4. BLUE SKY ORGANICS LLC (#MDR272549)
- 5. BTE INC (#MCR140451)
- 6. BVO LLC (#MCR140350)
- 7. Calverde Naturals, LLC (#MRR206356)
- 8. Calverde Naturals, LLC (#MRR206355)
- 9. Canna Provisions Inc (#MRR206335)
- 10. Canna Vanna, Inc. (#MRR 206348)
- 11. Capeway Cannabis LLC (#MRR206327)
- 12. Commcan, Inc. (#MPR243942)
- 13. Commcan, Inc. (#MCR140443)
- 14. Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MRR206319)
- 15. Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MPR243936)
- 16. Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MCR140418)
- 17. Cypress Tree Management Natick, Inc. (#MRR206365)
- 18. East Coast Remedies Corp. (#MRR206369)
- 19. Gan Or LLC (#MDR272546)
- 20. Gan Or LLC (#MCR140362)
- 21. Grass Appeal LLC (#MRR206373)
- 22. Grass Appeal LLC (#MCR140447)
- 23. Green Biz LLC (#MRR206378)
- 24. Green Line Boston, Inc. (#MPR243948)
- 25. Green Line Boston, Inc. (#MCR140446)
- 26. Greener Leaf, Inc. (#MRR206361)
- 27. Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MRR206344)
- 28. Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MCR140424)
- 29. GTE Taunton LLC (#MRR206288)
- 30. Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MRR206382)
- 31. Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MPR243949)
- 32. Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MCR140455)
- 33. Lazy River Products, LLC (#MRR206343)
- 34. Lazy River Products, LLC (#MCR140423)
- 35. Legacy Foundation Group, LLC (#ILR267917)
- 36. Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MRR206333)
- 37. Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MPR243923)
- 38. Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MCR140409)
- 39. Local Roots NE Inc. (#MRR206366)
- 40. Mass Cannabis Growers Cooperative (#COR129711)
- 41. Massbiolytics Corp (#ILR267916)
- 42. Mellow Fellows LLC (#MRR206313)
- 43. Morando Brands LLC (#MPR243917)
- 44. Peak Limited LLC (#MPR243846)
- 45. Peak Limited LLC (#MPR243845)

- 46. Peak Limited LLC (#MCR140301)
- 47. Peak Limited LLC (#MCR140300)
- 48. RC Cultivation LLC (#MCR140453)
- 49. Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206372)
- 50. Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206345)
- 51. Solar Therapeutics Inc (#MCR140419)
- 52. STANDISH GREEN GROUP, LLC (#MCR140456)
- 53. The Headyco LLC (#MCR140433)
  - o Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition to apply to this license.
    - Proposed Condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division for an update to identify any goals for hiring veterans, residents with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people under licensee's Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b).
- 54. TYCA Green (#MRR206317)
- 55. TYCA Green (#MPR243912)
- 56. TYCA Green (#MCR140395)
- 57. UC Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140445)
- 58. Urban Grown Inc. (#MCR140381)
- 59. YouCanBeCo LLC (#MPR243935)
- 60. Z&T Inc (#MRR206358)
- 61. Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#RMD585)
- 62. Holistic Industries, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Cannabis (#RMD1526)
- 63. In Good Health, Inc. (#RMD3305)
- 64. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#RMD1527)
- 8) Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals 02:50:08
  - 1. 420 Trainers, LLC
    - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation on the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
    - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
    - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
    - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
    - The Chair took a roll call vote:
      - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
      - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
      - o Commissioner Roy Yes
      - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes
      - o Chair O'Brien Yes

Commissioner Roy moved to take a thirty-minute lunch recess.

- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:



- o Commissioner Camargo Yes
- o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
- o Commissioner Roy Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a thirty-minute lunch recess, returning at 1:33 (02:52:07)

#### 9) Commission Discussion and Votes –

- 1. Discussion on Standards Laboratories
  - Commissioner Roy presented the topic of Standards Laboratories and gave an
    overview. She advocated for implementing a Standards Laboratory in Massachusetts.
    She noted that there is a Standards Laboratory license type and that there is not one
    application in the queue. She proposed examining other states to better understand
    how to improve this license type's pathway to enter the market. She asked the ED if
    he would add this license back to the spreadsheet for all licenses presented at public
    meetings.
    - O The ED confirmed that he would add the license to the list of licenses presented on the slide at public meetings. He noted that there are currently no applicants for that license and was unsure whether the license type is enticing enough to business owners because of the cost to enter the market.
  - The Chair asked the ED how much it would cost to enter the market for this license.
    - o The ED noted that reference lab or standards lab are terms that he uses interchangeably. He commented about the need in Massachusetts and across the country. He noted the viability of labs serving the licensees but expressed that a standards lab would only serve the Commission as its one client. He commented that this model may not be attractive enough for business owners.
  - The Chair reiterated her question about potential costs of the license.
    - The ED responded that it costs multiple millions of dollars. He estimated that it would take \$2-3 Million to build out the facility and in addition to operational costs. He noted the expensive equipment and maintenance required to operate the business.
  - The Chair asked if costs would be similar to establishing a private lab.
    - o The ED confirmed.
  - The Chair asked if the ED knew how much revenue these labs could generate.
    - The ED noted his hesitancy to give a number as an answer to the question because he felt it could be incorrect. He mentioned scale clearly correlated to the amount of revenue the lab would be able to generate because of larger processing capabilities. He noted the increased competition in the market now due to more labs coming online and discussed the accreditation process. He noted the importance of creating testing methodology and how a standards lab could help in that regard. He commented about the difficulties of changing methodologies because labs would have to go through the accreditation process again and potentially go offline. He commented that some states had



- dictated standards to be used but noted that Massachusetts has not taken that step.
- The Chair asked what states utilize their schools of higher education for testing.
- o The ED mentioned California, Washington, and Colorado.
- The Chair asked if they had the same problems with testing that we would have if we implemented it at UMass.
- The ED noted the meaningful relationship that the Commission has established with UMass but noted his concern that the contract would not be valuable enough for people to seek this license. He noted that he did not believe the idea would work out practically but discussed examples of when it would have been helpful to have a standards lab.
- The Chair asked if the ED thought that there could be a business model for this license.
- The ED did not believe a business model existed for a standalone reference lab and elaborated that it might work if the Commission allowed for other testing to occur at the facility.
- Commissioner Roy summarized that a standards lab should be considered for consumer and patient safety to improve the integrity of the testing results in the industry.
- The Chair expressed that she wanted to learn more about the higher education programs mentioned to understand their functions.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy for raising the issue. She commented that she was unsure who would police the standards labs and asked other questions on implementation.
- The ED brainstormed ideas for implementing either a private or public standards lab. He discussed the different parts of the plant being tested. He noted the work being done already regarding public safety and accuracy in testing. He discussed the contracts existing with labs about mislabeled test results. He noted the awkward situation of being both the lab's regulator and its client when it comes to testing products. ED noted that hemp is federally legal and that the difference between hemp and marijuana is a legal definition. He discussed using hemp as an example to help understand how this process would function with marijuana.
- The Chair explored the idea of partnering with another agency to enact a standards lab and getting feedback from stakeholders to improve the license.
- Commissioner Camargo asked how this license would work operationally.
- The ED discussed the difficulties of implementing a standards lab when marijuana is still federally illegal. He noted that these testing requirements would normally be tested at the federal level and the issues that are raised because of the prohibition.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked whether it would be helpful for a working group to review this policy and felt this conversation needed to be examined further.
- The ED agreed.
- Commissioner Roy hoped this discussion would remind the public about the existence of this license type and that there was a pathway.



- The Chair noted potential changes to the regulations to make the license more feasible.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked what the goal was of raising the discussion.
- Commissioner Roy noted her goal was to creatively think about it with the other Commissioners and engage the public on the issue. She noted the ISO accreditation issue and the benefits of moving that requirement to later in the licensing application.
- The Chair commented that she would be willing to bring in stakeholders for the discussion.
- Commissioner Stebbins reflected this discussion was a great example of why he believes the Commissioners need an opportunity to set the agenda. He noted the importance of the discussion but hoped to have an opportunity in the future where Commissioners could discuss the agenda before the meeting.
- Commissioner Camargo noted this discussion was a practice run for future policy discussions between the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted the importance of the topic and discussed the issues with this license type. He discussed the relevance of working through this issue via the hemp plant and the potential for students to use the plant to learn. He suggested contacting an Independent Testing Lab to see if Commission staff could use their space and equipment.
- The ED responded that Commissioner Stebbins' suggestion would be beneficial as far as this procedure would not require buildout of a facility. He discussed the positive and negative aspects of the idea.
- Commissioner Stebbins commented about his way of thinking about regulations and whether the burden is on the Commission or the business. He discussed ways that the Commission could help set the bar for this discussion to protect public safety, increase access to student opportunities, and provide a viable license for businesses.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy again for bringing the
  conversation early to Commissioners. She noted that Commissioners had one week to
  review the slides and the difficulty that came with that timing. She questioned
  whether Commissioner Roy would be taking up this issue during the regulatory
  process and what the next steps would be.
- Commissioner Roy thanked Commissioner Camargo for her comments and agreed that this conversation was the beginning of the discussion. She noted her willingness to take on the issue with a working group or through another alternative. She commented that she felt this issue was a missing piece in the industry to improve health, safety and welfare and hoped to make improvements in Massachusetts. She commented about the recent Boston Globe editorial. She mentioned the vote in the Research Subcommittee of the Cannabis Advisory Board and rebutted supported the notion that the Commission already performs one of the recommendations called the secret shopper program.
  - o The ED confirmed.
- The Chair asked whether the Commission secret shops the testing laboratories.
  - o Commissioner Roy said yes.
  - o Commissioner Stebbins questioned the practice and said he believed the program only included retail stores.



- o Commissioner Camargo asked what else was included in the editorial.
- The ED replied that he preferred not to speak about ongoing matters and apologized for being cryptic.
- Commissioner Roy suggested another option might be to quarterly audit laboratories and noted the additional staff hired to perform these functions at the Commission. She commented about the steps being taken at the Commission to address these issues of testing despite not having a standards lab.
  - The ED noted the additional staff allows for the Commission to bolster its regulatory capability in compliance and policy. He noted the valuable staff recently hired to help with testing and expressed excitement about the Commission's capabilities.
  - Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy for including staff who have expertise in this process.
  - Commissioner Stebbins offered his assistance to help with this project and hoped to improve the process where Commissioners discuss policies with fellow Commissioners. He noted that he would like to see these discussions shared with the Commissioners as soon as possible.
  - o Commissioner Roy noted she submitted it days ago.
  - Commissioner Concepcion said she believed Commissioner Stebbins was speaking generally.
  - o The Chair noted the change for the future.
  - Commissioner Roy said she appreciated the slide deck having been completed in time for the meeting. She apologized for not getting Commissioners the information before.
  - o Commissioner Stebbins mentioned part of the issue is the Open Meeting Law and the inability for Commissioners to communicate offline.
  - Commissioner Camargo noted that today was less significant because there
    was no vote required. She commented that Commissioners received the Public
    Meeting Packet one week before the meeting but commented that she was not
    able to review the slides until yesterday.
- Commissioner Concepcion raised the issue of the two-driver rule for delivery licenses and commented about the frequency that she hears of the issue. She asked Commissioner Camargo to assist her in reviewing the policy. She commented about her predecessor's role in crafting the policy and discussed her review of the regulations. She noted the high cost of compliance with the license and questioned the practicality of the policy for Social Equity applicants. She commented about the time being right to review the policy after two years of having delivery licenses that have Commenced Operations. She noted the current number of delivery couriers as being 9 and pointed out that a year ago the number was 6. She believed there is an issue with that number and a change is required for the delivery licenses. She hoped to have a larger conversation on the issue with the Commissioners soon.
- The Chair compared this issue with the prior conversation. She pointed out that both conversations referenced a license type that is not sought after because the business plan is not lucrative. She welcomed the conversation with stakeholders and the potential conversation about regulatory changes.



- Commissioner Stebbins discussed that a licensee at the public meeting pursued a Delivery Operator License but also had a Delivery Courier application and questioned whether the business would proceed.
- The Chair asked for further questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy thanked the other Commissioners for the discussion.

# 2. 2022 ED Performance Evaluation

- Commissioner Stebbins gave an update on the performance evaluation.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked staff for their work and discussed a communication from a licensee. She expressed her desire to meet with staff so she can ask questions.

# 10) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 04:35:45

• The Chair asked for additional questions or comments.

# 11) Next Meeting Date- 04:35:51

• The Chair noted the next meeting would be on April 14th, 2023.

# 12) Adjournment – 04:36:48

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



#### CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

# April 24, 2023 10:00 AM

# Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live\*

#### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

### **Documents:**

• N/A

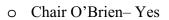
## In Attendance:

- Chair Shannon O'Brien
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

# Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
  - The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
  - The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session Mediation Regarding Commission Governance 00:00:34
  - The Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after its Executive Session Deliberations.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Concepcion 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 Camargo seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - o Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - o Commissioner Roy Yes
    - o Commissioner Stebbins Yes





• The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:27).



### 220 O'NEIL LLC 0220-COO-01-0323

### CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

220 O'Neil LLC

License Number	License Type
MR284345	Retail

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

Individual	Role
Samvel Arustamyan	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
John Ferreira	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
William A. Flanagan	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

- 4. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.
- 5. 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.
- 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.

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- 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.



# Baked Beans Farm, LLC 0213-COO-03-0123

### CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Baked Beans Farm, LLC

License Number	License Type
MP282045	Product Manufacturer

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

Individual	Role
Mark Crockett	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Cliff Ancona	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Downeaster Cannabis Holding Company, LLC	Entity 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.
- 7. 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**

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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:

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# Haze of Grafton, LLC 0218-COO-03-0223

### **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW**

1. Licensee Information:

Haze of Grafton, LLC

License Number	License Type
MR282399	Retail

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

Individual	Role
Olga Clark	Person with Direct or Indirect Authority

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

Entity	Role
Mumu Haze, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Authority

- 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.
- 7. 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

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### CATDOGG, LLC

MPN282258

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

CATDOGG, LLC d/b/a Sublime Cannabis 800 Falmouth Road, Unit B1A, Mashpee, MA 02649

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

**Product Manufacturing** 

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Mashpee

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

Individual	Role
Robert Catania	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Evan Lehrer	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:



### General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 10, 2023.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 25, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Mashpee on April 20, 2023 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Provide mentoring and business development assistance to residents of
	Holyoke, Greenfield, Pittsfield, Walpole, Taunton, and Mansfield.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

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

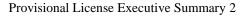
### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

- 15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

# Goal
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1	Recruit 20% women, 20% minorities, 20% LGBTQ+ members, 20% veterans,	
	and 20% those with disabilities for its hiring initiatives.	
2	Provide job satisfaction surveys, annually, or upon exit.	
3	Promote at least 50% of employees who are women, minorities, LGBTQ+,	
	veterans, and individuals with disabilities within its first year of operations.	
4	Engage with at least one (1) diversely owned supplier from the SDO supplier	
	list.	

### 17. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

#	Product
1	Solventless Cannabis Concentrates
2	Ice-water Hash
3	Filling vape cartridges
4	Pre-rolls

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





### CATDOGG, LLC

MRN284871

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

CATDOGG, LLC d/b/a Sublime Cannabis 800 Falmouth Road, Unit 102 A, Mashpee, MA 02649

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

Retail

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Product Manufacturing	Application Submitted	Mashpee

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

Individual	Role
Robert Catania	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Evan Lehrer	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant



- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 10, 2023.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 25, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Mashpee on April 18, 2023 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal	
1	Provide mentoring and business development assistance to residents of	
	Holyoke, Greenfield, Pittsfield, Walpole, Taunton, and Mansfield.	

### BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% women, 20% minorities, 20% LGBTQ+ members, 20% veterans,
	and 20% those with disabilities for its hiring initiatives.



2	Provide job satisfaction surveys, annually, or upon exit.	
3	Promote at least 50% of employees who are women, minorities, LGBTQ+,	
	veterans, and individuals with disabilities within its first year of operations.	
4	Engage with at least one (1) diversely owned supplier from the SDO supplier	
	list.	

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





### **Elevated Access Center, Inc.**

MCN283520 MPN282074

### APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Elevated Access Center, Inc. 400 Cordwainer Drive, Lot #9, Norwell, MA 02061

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

Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.) Product Manufacturing

The application was reopened three (3) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

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

Individual	Role
Robert Proctor	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant



- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 30, 2020.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 29, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Norwell on February 24, 2023. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit a minimum of 50% Latino/Latina residents from the City of Brockton
	for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide business educational tours and workshops, monthly, to residents from
	underserved neighborhoods.
3	Community outreach and engagement within the neighborhoods of Brockton
	to educate residents on the Social Equity program and industry opportunities.
4	Provide food and clothing drive on-site for non-monetary donations to the
	local food bank and charitable clothing services, quarterly.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

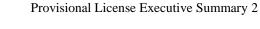
- 11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
- 12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within one (1) year of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	Open 24 hours

15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.





16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal	
1	Hire and maintain a workforce comprise of women (60%), minorities (50%),	
	veterans (10%), LGBTQ+ (10%), and persons with disabilities (10%).	
2	Offer opportunities for employees to shadow their immediate supervisor to help	
	develop skills and gain knowledge that will help with career advancement, once	
	a week for three months.	

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

#	Product
1	Flower
2	Concentrates (shatter, wax, distillate, live resin)
3	Capsules
4	Chewable Tablets (Strawberry)
5	Gummies (watermelon)
6	Lozenges (Cherry, Lemon, Mint)
7	Chocolate (dark, milk and white)
8	Seltzer (unflavored)
9	Vapor cartridges
10	Tinctures

#### 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 providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors.
- 4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





### **ELEVATION RETAIL LLC**

MRN284765

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

ELEVATION RETAIL LLC d/b/a CANA Craft Cannabis 0 Phillips Road, New Bedford, MA 02740

2. Type of license sought and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed license are also associated with other adult-use retail licenses under the names of Elevation Retail II, LLC and Solar Retail Norton, LLC.

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

Individual	Role	
Andre Arzumanyan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor	

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:



### General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 6, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 1, 2022, and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City of New Bedford on February 10, 2023. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 10% of its workforce that are past or present residents of the
	geographic ADI which have been defined by the Commission, specifically
	New Bedford and Fall River, Commission-designated Economic
	Empowerment Priority applicants, Commission-designated Social Equity
	Program participants, Massachusetts residents who have past drug
	convictions, and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have
	drug convictions.
2	Provide at least four (4) one-hour industry-specific educational seminars,
	annually.
3	Hold at least one (1) annual informational session regarding the process for
	sealing and expunging criminal records.

#### BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



- 15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal	
1	Recruit women (50%), racial minorities (30%), veterans (15%), persons with	
	disabilities (15%), LGBTQ+ (15%) for its hiring initiatives.	
2	Develop training programs that will increase the number of individuals that are women, racial minorities, veterans, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ in	
	management and executive positions.	
3	Provide industry-specific training to at least four (4) individuals, annually.	

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products:

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





### **GVLP Corporation**

MRN284839

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

GVLP Corporation d/b/a Vida Verde 320 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150

2. Type of license sought and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

Please note that individuals associated with the proposed license are also associated with another adult-use retail license named East Coast Remedies, Corp.

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

Individual	Role	
Gladys Vega	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	
Leah Piantidosi	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	
Jamie Crumb	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	
Peter Piantidosi	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	

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

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



6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 30, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 17, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City of Chelsea on March 7, 2023, stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Provide at least 30 hours per week to participate in a service day per year in
	Chelsea.
2	Provide a minimum of \$1,000 on an annual basis to at least three
	organizations or organizational areas that address the collateral consequences
	of disproportionate enforcement, such as malnutrition, poverty, access to
	educational programs, and substance abuse, in Chelsea.
3	Prioritize hiring of Chelsea residents who have past drug convictions or
	parents or spouses with past drug convictions.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

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

### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
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- 15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal	
1	Recruit minorities (30%), women (60%), veterans (20%), people with	
	disabilities (10%), individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ (30%).	
2	Provide cultural training on cultural sensitivity and recognizing unconscious bias	
	at least once per year.	
3	Contract with La Colaborativa (20%), SE and EE (40%), woman-owned (20%),	
	minority-owned (30%), veteran-owned (20%), persons with disabilities-owned	
	(15%), LGBTQ+-owned (15%) businesses for its purchasing needs.	

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products:

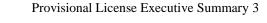
The applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

### RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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







### **Holistic Industries, Inc.**

MRN281787

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Holistic Industries, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Cannabis 304 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

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

Retail

The application was reopened more than four (4) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor	Final License	Monson
(10,001 - 20,000  sq. ft.)		
Product Manufacturing	Final License	Monson
Retail	Commence Operations	Springfield
Retail	Commence Operations	Easthampton
MTC	Commence Operations	Monson-Somerville
MTC	Commence Operations	Monson-Easthampton

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

Individual	Role
Joshua Genderson	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Richard Genderson	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
David Cohen	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Beni Golani	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control



David Leider	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Zeeshan Hyder	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Jason Goldblatt	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
John Byrnes	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Adam Verner	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Kirk Posmantur	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

**MTC** Priority

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 20, 2020.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 29, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Somerville on January 27, 2023. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Donate \$2,500, annually, to Monson Free Public Library to assist the library
	to purchase additional books and equipment and to develop and provide
	additional programs that will directly benefit the residents of Monson.
2	Donate \$2,500, annually, to Monson Council on Aging, to assist elderly
	residents of Monson to continue to receive free transportation to medical
	appointments and other errands, while also funding other programs that will
	positively benefit Monson's seniors.
3	Develop, organize, fund, and hold public educational sessions within an area
	of disproportionate impact, specifically Monson.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.



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

### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within four (4) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit Black or African Americans (3%), Hispanic or Latino (6%), Women
	(49%), LGBTQ+ (1%), Veterans (2%), and Persons with Disabilities (2%) for its
	hiring initiatives.
2	Utilize CCC's list of licensees that have been designated as DBE's and will take
	affirmative steps to develop relationships with, and purchase products from,
	these suppliers.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products:

The applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments and partial inventory will derive from their existing cultivation and product manufacturing establishments.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.



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

MPN282234

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Jolly Green, Inc. 246 Suffolk Lane, Gardner, MA 01440

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

**Product Manufacturing** 

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor	Commence Operations	Winchendon
(up to 5,000 sq. ft.)		
Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor	Provisional License	Gardner
(10,001 - 20,000  sq. ft.)		

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

Individual	Role
Kyle Higgins	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:



### General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 14, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 7, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Gardner on February 24, 2023. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit individuals from Fitchburg for its hiring initiatives.
2	Contract with 50% of vendors who are from Fitchburg

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

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

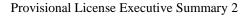
### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	Open 24 hours

- 15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

# Goal
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1	Recruit veterans (30%), women (30%), minorities (20%), persons with
	disabilities (10%), and LGBTQ+ (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Utilize the SDO to contract with six (6) or more vendors who are women,
	veteran, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ owned.

### 17. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

#	Product		
1	Isolates/Distillates		
2	Concentrates (dry sift, kief, rosin, wax, shatter, bubble has, live resin, vape		
	cartridges)		
3	Pre-rolls		
4	Soft-gel capsules		
5	Lotions/Ointments		
6	Transdermal patches		
7	Pet health products		
8	Brownies		
9	Chocolates		
10	Gummies		
11	Infused edible oils and capsules		

### **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 providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors.
- 4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





### **BB Botanics, LLC**

MC282817

### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

BB Botanics, LLC 242 John Wise Avenue, Essex, MA 01929

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

Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Final License	Essex

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on November 19, 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): January 19, 2023.

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- 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.
- No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana
   Establishment 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. <u>Inventory and Storage</u>

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

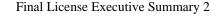
Enforcement staff verified that all cultivation operations were in compliance with the Commission's regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

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

#### d. 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 cultivate, harvest, possess, 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.





### Delivered, Inc

MD1303

### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Delivered, Inc 75 Green Street, Suite 4, Clinton, MA 01510

2. Type of final license sought:

Marijuana Delivery Operator

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Marijuana Delivery Operator	Provisional License	Holyoke

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation and delivery licenses including Tripps Tree Farm, LLC and Florencia, LLC.

### **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on November 10, 2022.
- 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).

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#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): April 11, 2023
- 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 Marijuana Establishment 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. <u>Transportation</u>

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 acquire, possess, and warehouse marijuana and marijuana products, but shall not sell or deliver marijuana or marijuana products 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.





## **Debilitating Medical Condition Treatments Centers**MC283486

### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers 7 River Rd, Whately, MA 01093

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

Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Type	Status	Location
Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Whately
Cultivation, Tier 10/Outdoor	Commence Operations	Whately
(80,001 – 90,000 sq. ft.)		
Retail	Provisionally Approved	Whately
Product Manufacturing	Provisionally Approved	Agawam
MTC	Provisional License	Whately-Agawam

### **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on June 17, 2021.
- 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).

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#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): April 11, 2023.
- 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 Marijuana Establishment 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:

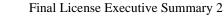
- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

#### 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. 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, 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.





# Flower Power Growers, Inc.

MC283122 MP281983

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Flower Power Growers, Inc. 180 Industrial Boulevard, Montague, MA 01420

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

Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.) Product Manufacturing

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

#### **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on April 16, 2021.
- 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 29, 2023.

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- 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 Marijuana Establishment 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. <u>Inventory and Storage</u>

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. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

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

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ii. Safety, sanitation, and security of the area and products.

#### e. 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 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.



# **High Street Cannabis Group, LLC**

MR284602

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

High Street Cannabis Group, LLC d/b/a Primitiv Group 200 High Street, Boston, MA 02110

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

Retail

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on August 11, 2022.
- 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).
- <u>7.</u> 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): April 12, 2023.
- 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 Marijuana Establishment 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.



# Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc.

MR284246

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. 130 Pioneer Drive, Leominster, MA 01453

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

Retail

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location	
Cultivation, Tier 8/Indoor	Commence Operations	Fitchburg	
(60,001 – 70,000 sq. ft.)			
Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Fitchburg	
Retail	Final License	Somerville	
MTC	Commence Operations	Fitchburg-Cambridge	
MTC	Commence Operations	Fitchburg-Somerville	
MTC	Commence Operations	Fitchburg-Cambridge	

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with a Marijuana Delivery Operator license under the name of Trevor Express, Inc.

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on January 20, 2022.
- 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).



<u>7.</u> 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): April 19, 2023.
- 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 Marijuana Establishment 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



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 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.





# Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc.

MR284210

#### ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. 130 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801

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

Retail

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location	
Retail	Commence Operations	Brookline	
Retail	Commence Operations	Gardner	
Cultivation, Tier 5/Indoor	Commence Operations	Littleton	
(30,001 – 40,000 sq. ft.)			
Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Littleton	
MTC	Commence Operations	Littleton-Woburn	
MTC	Commence Operations	Littleton-Gardner	
MTC	Commence Operations	Littleton-Danvers	

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with a Marijuana Delivery and Marijuana Courier license under the name of Cannvas, LLC.

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on February 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): April 19, 2023.
- 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.
- No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana
   Establishment 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

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 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.





### The Haven Center, Inc.

MR282481

#### ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

The Haven Center, Inc. 4018 Main Street, Brewster, MA 02631

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

Retail

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Provisional License	Fall River
Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor	Provisional License	Wareham
(5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)		
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Wareham
MTC	Provisional License	Bourne-Fall River
MTC	Provisional License	Bourne-Bourne
MTC	Provisional License	Bourne-Brewster

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on June 27, 2019.
- 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).
- <u>7.</u> 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): April 12, 2023.
- 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 Marijuana Establishment 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.





### Western Front, LLC

MR284389

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

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

2. Type of final license sought:

Retail

3. The licensee is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Commence Operations	Cambridge
Retail	Commence Operations	Chelsea
Marijuana Courier	Provisional License	N/A

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on November 10, 2022.
- 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).
- <u>7.</u> 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): April 5, 2023
- 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.

- No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana
   Establishment 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.

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# MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT RENEWALS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMISSION MEETING: MAY 11, 2023

#### **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	Baked Beans Farm LLC	MP282045	MPR243975	Beverly	\$0.00
2	Bostica, LLC	MP281664	MPR243981	Lynn	\$0.00
3	Bostica, LLC	MC282139	MCR140490	Lynn	\$0.00
4	Calyx Peak of MA, Inc.	MR283842	MRR206408	Swampscott	\$0.00
5	CNA Stores, Inc.	MC282190	MCR140474	Amesbury	\$0.00
6	CNA Stores, Inc.	MP281691	MPR243965	Amesbury	\$0.00
7	Community Care Collective, Inc.	MR282974	MRR206440	Billerica	\$0.00
	Community Growth Partners Great Barrington Operations	1500000	15000000	Great	<b>\$0.00</b>
8	LLC	MR282695	MRR206261	Barrington	\$0.00
9	Diem Lynn, LLC	MR283369	MRR206405	Lynn	\$0.00
10	Emerald Grove, Inc.	MR282808	MRR206416	Eastham	\$0.00
11	Erba C3 Dorchester LLC	MR284013	MRR206412	Boston	\$0.00
12	Evergreen Strategies, LLC	MR281834	MRR206353	Worcester	\$0.00
13	Evergreen Strategies, LLC	MR282032	MRR206352	North Adams	\$0.00
14	EVG FARMS LLC	MR284535	MRR206435	Boston	\$0.00
15	Frozen 4 Corporation	MR282881	MRR206424	Marshfield	\$0.00
16	Frozen 4 Corporation	MP281749	MPR243976	Marshfield	\$0.00
17	Ganesh Wellness, Inc.	MP281634	MPR243957	West Boylston	\$0.00
18	Ganesh Wellness, Inc.	MR282519	MRR206397	West Boylston	\$0.00
19	Greenjeans Farms, LLC	CO281706	COR129712	Whately/Belch ertown	\$0.00

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20	Grow One Inc.	MP281810	MPR243915	Lowell	\$0.00
21	Grow One Inc.	MC282527	MCR140400	Lowell	\$0.00
22	Grow Team Gardens LLC	MB281521	MBR169308	Lowell	\$0.00
23	Health Circle, Inc.	MC281787	MCR140448	Rockland	\$0.00
24	Home Grown 617 LLC	MR281626	MRR206423	Cambridge	\$1,771.59
	Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA				
	Nature's Remedy of				
25	Massachusetts, Inc.)	MR282118	MRR206371	Tyngsborough	\$0.00
	Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA				
26	Nature's Remedy of	MD201524	MDD 242044	Lakawilla	¢0,00
26	Massachusetts, Inc.) Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA	MP281524	MPR243944	Lakeville	\$0.00
	Nature's Remedy of				
27	Massachusetts, Inc.)	MC281482	MCR140442	Lakeville	\$0.00
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	Nature's Remedy of				
28	Massachusetts, Inc.)	MR281553	MRR206413	Millbury	\$0.00
29	LDE Holdings, LLC.	MC281262	MCR140376	Wareham	\$55,717.00
30	LDE Holdings, LLC.	MP281436	MPR243921	Wareham	\$55,717.00
31	LDE Holdings, LLC.	MR281689	MRR206281	Wareham	\$55,717.00
32	Mederi Inc.	MP281806	MPR243953	Holliston	\$0.00
33	Milkmen Cultivation LLC	MC283474	MCR140463	Clinton	\$0.00
34	Milkmen Cultivation LLC	MP282065	MPR243990	Clinton	\$0.00
35	Munro Associates LLC	MR282527	MRR206427	Worcester	\$0.00
36	Munro Associates LLC	MR282814	MRR206426	Webster	\$0.00
	Northempton Enterprises,				
37	Inc.	MR282356	MRR206386	Northampton	\$0.00
38	NS AJO Holdings Inc.	MR282618	MRR206421	Boston	\$0.00
	Ocean Breeze Cultivators				
39	LLC	MP281663	MPR243995	Gloucester	\$0.00
40	Ocean Breeze Cultivators	N. C201000	NGD140407	CI.	ΦΩ ΩΩ
40	LLC	MC281908	MCR140487	Gloucester	\$0.00
41	Olde World Remedies, Inc.	MR282742	MRR206411	Lynn	\$0.00
42	Platinum HydroLab, Inc	MP281540	MPR243973	Lowell	\$0.00
43	Power Fund Operations (fka) Silver Therapeutics, Inc.	MR281910	MRR206391	Orange	\$0.00
44	River Valley Growers Inc	MC283296	MCR140489	Hatfield	\$0.00
45	SOLAR THERAPEUTICS	MR281817	MRR206402	Somerset	\$0.00
46	Solurge Inc.	MP281591	MPR243977		\$0.00
-				Holyoke	
47	The Corner Emporium LLC. Thrive Cultivation &	MR281408	MRR206431	Worcester	\$0.00
48	Dispensary, LLC	MP281928	MPR243960	Shirley	\$0.00

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	Thrive Cultivation &				
49	Dispensary, LLC	MC282968	MCR140467	Shirley	\$0.00
	Thrive Cultivation &				
50	Dispensary, LLC	MR283714	MRR206404	Shirley	\$0.00
51	Zip Run, Inc.	MD1260	MDR272551	Boston	\$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: May 11, 2023

## **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)
52	Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc.	RMD1506	Fitchburg	Fitchburg
53	Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc.	RMD145	Ayer	Ayer
54	Theory Wellness, Inc Chicopee	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.





# Major Bloom, LLC

MPR243897

#### **MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT RENEWAL INFORMATION:**

1. Name and address of Marijuana Establishment:

Major Bloom, LLC 76 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA 01610

2. Affected License Number:

MP281879

3. Type of license renewal sought:

**Product Manufacturing** 

4. The Marijuana Establishment licensee did not submit a certificate of good standing from the Department of Revenue.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend denial of the renewal of the license based on the following:

- The licensee is not in compliance with 935 CMR 500.103(4), which establishes the regulatory requirements for renewal of licensure. Specifically, compliance with the requirement set forth in 935 CMR 500.103(4)(e) remains outstanding: "The Marijuana Establishment shall submit as a component of the renewal application certification of good standing from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the DOR, and the DUA. Certificates of good standing will be valid if issued within 90 days of the submittal of the renewal application."
- The Commission's statutory mandate to issue a renewal license under G.L. c. 94G, § 6(b) to licensees in good standing who have also filed any required tax returns is not applicable to the present renewal application. As a licensing agency subject to G.L. c. 62C, §49A(b), the Commission must confirm that an applicant is in good standing with

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respect to all returns due and taxes payable to the Department of Revenue and is prohibited from renewing a license without first confirming tax compliance. The Commissioner of Revenue has not issued a waiver exempting the Commission from its obligation to confirm an applicant's good tax standing prior to renewing licensure. Because a Certificate of Good Standing is required by Commission regulations and G.L. c. 62C, §49A(b), failure to produce the Certificate of Good Standing constitutes full and adequate grounds for denying a renewal application, as stated in 935 CMR 500.450(3)e: "The Marijuana Establishment has failed to comply with any requirement of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, or 935 CMR 500.000, or any applicable law or regulation including, but not limited to, the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, child support, workers' compensation, and professional and commercial insurance coverage."



#### Memorandum

**To:** Commissioners

Cc: Shawn Collins, Executive Director

From: Andrew Carter, Associate General Counsel

Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy

**Date:** May 11, 2023

**Subject:** Social Consumption Pilot Program Regulations

PURPOSE: This memo provides an overview of the Commission's social consumption regulations, specifically the Pilot Program.

#### BACKGROUND:

#### Legal Authority

The Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) enjoys broad legal authority with "all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate its purposes." G. L. 94G, § 4(a). The Commission's authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to promulgate regulations that are "consistent with this chapter [94G] for the administration, clarification and enforcement of laws regulating and licensing marijuana establishments." G. L. 94G, § 4(a1/2). The Commission has the express authority to implement, clarify, and enforce the laws regulating adult and medical use cannabis.

Pursuant to this authority, the Commission promulgated regulations establishing a Social Consumption Pilot Program (Pilot), which creates "a limited number of Social Consumption Establishments, specifically Social Consumption Establishments, in certified municipalities." 935 CMR 500.002. The Pilot currently limits up to twelve (12) municipalities that may serve as a host community for Social Consumption Establishments. *See* 935 CMR 500.050(6).

It is worth noting that the Legislature, when it revised the cannabis laws in August 2022, set forth a process for municipalities to opt into social consumption license types, either through a ballot question or ordinance. *See* Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022: An Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry (the "Act"). The Act does not require the Commission to set limits on the number of municipalities that may host social consumption licensees.





#### Current Licensing Process

The current regulations require the Commission to set criteria for selecting municipalities, considering geographic location, socioeconomic characteristics, and population size of municipal applicants. *See* 935 CMR 500.050(6). After the Commission sets criteria, municipalities would be required to apply for entry into the pilot program. *Id.* The Commission would then, assuming municipalities apply, select the municipalities which may participate in the Pilot and develop a pre-approval process for license applicants. *Id.* After that review, the Commission would then review of applicants who are located in the twelve municipalities selected and begin the normal course of licensing and inspections (i.e. provisional license, final license, commence operations).

#### Policy Considerations

The Commission, as part of its policymaking function, may wish to consider whether to maintain, amend, or rescind the Pilot regulations. Specifically, the Commission may consider the policy implications of the Pilot on:

- **Equity** Participation by communities disproportionally harmed during cannabis prohibition.
- Public Health, Safety, and Welfare- Product, consumer, and workplace safety.
- Applicants and Licensees- Business planning, economic opportunity, and job creation.
- Municipalities- Bylaws, land use, and siting.
- **The Commonwealth** Collection of tax and non-tax revenue, economic development, and investment.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and discussion of the Commission's Pilot regulations.





#### Memorandum

**To:** Municipalities

**From:** Cannabis Control Commission

**Date:** May 11, 2023

**Subject:** Initial Policies and Procedures for Municipalities to Promote and Encourage Full

Participation in the Regulated Marijuana Industry by Disproportionately Harmed

Communities

Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022: An Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry ("Chapter 180") was passed by the Massachusetts Legislature and signed by Governor Baker on August 11, 2022. Under Chapter 180, the Cannabis Control Commission ("Commission") has been tasked with ensuring that communities disproportionately harmed by the prohibition and enforcement of marijuana are guaranteed fair, transparent, and equitable access to the regulated marijuana industry; with the hope of promoting their full and meaningful participation. Chapter 180 mandates that municipalities encourage full participation of these communities in the cannabis industry by establishing a transparent and objective selection process. Further, local communities should adopt options to support equity applicants within their Host Community Agreements ("HCAs") selection scoring assessment. Municipalities are required to adopt initial policies and procedures related to municipal equity must be adopted by July 1, 2023.

The Commission provides this memorandum to inform municipalities of options and/or strategies to accomplish this requirement. This document is a description of best practices that communities should consider adopting. The Commission must promulgate or amend regulations as required by Chapter 180 no later than November 9, 2023, at which time, a more robust regulatory framework will be issued to further clarify what communities "must" do to meet the requirements of Chapter 180.

To meet this new mandate, communities should focus on finding ways to support applicants who qualify as Social Equity Businesses, as defined in Chapter 180. This includes applicants who would qualify as Social Equity Program Participants or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants ("EEA") under Commission regulations. Communities may be eligible to receive a distribution from the Department of Revenue if they host a marijuana retailer that is a Social Equity Business. If communities have questions, they should contact the Department of Revenue.





To date, over 800 people have participated in the Commission's Social Equity Program ("SEP"). Further, 112 individuals have qualified for and participated in the Commission's time limited Economic Empowerment Program. Past participants or qualifying applicants would be eligible to fulfill the municipality's equity mandate. Below municipalities will find a brief description of the criteria that applicants must possess to qualify for these programs, therefore making them qualified under any municipal equity process.

# Applicants are eligible for the Social Equity Program if they demonstrate they meet at least one of the criteria below:

- Income that does not exceed 400% of Area Median Income and residency in a Disproportionately Impacted Area, as defined by the Commission, for at least five of the past ten years;
- Residency in Massachusetts for at least the past 12 months and a conviction or continuance without a finding for an offense under M.G.L. c. 94C or an equivalent conviction in Other Jurisdictions:
- Residency in Massachusetts for at least the past 12 months and proof that the SEP applicant was either married to or the child of an individual convicted or continuance without a finding for a M.G.L. c. 94C offense or an equivalent conviction in Other Jurisdictions:
- Any individual listed as an owner on the original certification of a Certified Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant who satisfies one or more the following criteria:
  - Lived for five of the preceding ten years in a Disproportionately Impacted Area, as determined by the Commission;
  - Experience in one or more previous positions where the primary population served were disproportionately impacted, or where primary responsibilities included economic education, resource provision or empowerment to disproportionately impacted individuals or communities;
  - o Black, African American, Hispanic or Latino descent; or
  - Other significant articulable demonstration of past experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in a Disproportionately Impacted Area.

If you need to verify whether someone participated in or would qualify for the Social Equity Program, you can request guidance from the Commission at <u>Equity@CCCMass.com</u> or (774) 415-0200.

In accordance with state law, the Commission provided priority licensing review to Certified Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants between April 1, 2018 and April 15, 2018. EEA status was granted to applicants who demonstrated at least three of the following six criteria:





- Majority of ownership belongs to people who have lived in Disproportionately Impacted Areas for five of the last 10 years.
- Majority of ownership has held one or more previous positions where the primary population served were disproportionately impacted, or where primary responsibilities included economic education, resource provision or empowerment to disproportionately impacted individuals or communities.
- At least 51% of current employees/subcontractors reside in Disproportionately Impacted Areas and will increase to 75% by first day of business.
- At least 51% of employees or subcontractors have drug-related CORI but are otherwise legally employable in a cannabis-related enterprise.
- A majority of the ownership is made up of individuals from Black, African American, Hispanic, or Latino descent.
- Owners can demonstrate significant past experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in Disproportionately Impacted Areas.

If you need to verify if someone participated in or would qualify as an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant, you can request guidance from the Commission at <u>Equity@CCCMass.com</u> or (774) 415-0200.

With these definitions in mind, it is the Commission's hope that the options listed below will give municipalities the initial tools they need to establish a base program for equity and inclusion in their respective cannabis policies and lay the groundwork for the upcoming mandates from Chapter 180. All options listed are suggestions meant to allow municipalities to satisfy the requirements for the July 1, 2023 deadline; and should not be construed as legal advice.

Below are some policies a municipality might consider utilizing to satisfy the equity mandates of Chapter 180:

#### Lower fees for equity applications to reduce barriers to entry.

- Consider a waiver or reduction of fees associated with the municipal HCA approval process zoning review process.
- Rebate or reduction of Community Impact Fee.

# Improved transparency and efficiency in the approval process reduces barriers to entry and lowers costs.

Make improvements to municipal web sites to clearly outline the steps needed to gain approval for an HCA (including zoning and other sign offs needed including, but not limited to fire chief, health department, police chief). This can also be achieved by creating a written roadmap that can be accessed on a public bulletin board or in a packet handed out to applicants. This document





or web site should provide a clear picture of the steps needed for approval, and the relevant contacts within municipal government who are responsible for approval. Include links to all needed application documents or create a package of documents needed for HCA/Zoning approval, meeting dates, submission deadlines, associated fees, information and contacts for all parties involved in the cannabis business application process.

Be aware that state cannabis regulations require that a community outreach meeting must occur within 6 months prior to an application being submitted to the Commission. Once the application is deemed complete by the Commission, notice is sent to the municipality requesting confirmation that an applicant is compliant with local ordinances and bylaws. Therefore, communities should expedite their response to the Commission's request for confirmation.

#### Other items to consider either on a web site or in a roadmap document include:

- The most up to date local cannabis ordinance.
- Zoning map that outlines areas where cannabis activity is allowed.

Create a clearly defined HCA approval process that includes the criteria decision makers will consider when choosing successful applications. Determine how equity will be included in this evaluation process. Some communities have required prior participation in the regulated cannabis market, this can discourage equity applicants or smaller entrepreneurs. Consider reducing the weight of this factor when scoring applications.

Publicize all HCA applications as well as any written scoring or evaluation made by municipal participants responsible for reviewing applicants for approval.

Two municipalities that provide good examples for other communities to consider include Newton and Somerville. While all municipalities may not have the same resources as these larger communities, their web sites provide many examples of policies and procedures that promote transparency, objectivity and inclusion of equity that communities might consider adopting

**Newton** includes equity as one criterion when considering HCA applications. They provide clear details into the special permit process. The zoning map includes an overlay of allowed areas for applicants to assess; and incorporates special limitations the community has adopted (e.g. requiring half mile separation between siting of individual licensees). It includes relevant contact information, and the HCA application is accessible online. Newton publicizes HCA decisions including how reviewers weighed the applicant against the stated criteria.



• <a href="https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/development-review/high-interest-projects/marijuana-uses">https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/development-review/high-interest-projects/marijuana-uses</a>

**Somerville** not only includes equity in its scoring process, but has created a numerical grade for each criterion, and lists all relevant application fees. These scores and a written description offer even greater transparency, making it easier for all applicants and the community to see how decisions are made and further promote confidence that equity applicants enjoy a fair opportunity to compete.

• <a href="https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/adult-use-marijuana-establishments">https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/adult-use-marijuana-establishments</a>

Here are some links to helpful resources available through The Commission website:

- <a href="https://masscannabiscontrol.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Guidance-for-Municipalities-on-Equity-and-Host-Community-Agreements-1.pdf">https://masscannabiscontrol.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Guidance-for-Municipalities-on-Equity-and-Host-Community-Agreements-1.pdf</a>
- https://masscannabiscontrol.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Guidance-for-Municipalities.pdf
- https://masscannabiscontrol.com/wp-content/uploads/062020\_Guidance\_Equity.pdf

If you have any questions on this memorandum, please contact the Commission at Commission@cccmass.com.





#### Memorandum

To: Chair O'Brien, and Commissioners, Camargo, Concepcion, Roy, and Stebbins

**Cc:** Shawn Collins, Executive Director

Steve Laduzinski, Associate General Counsel

From: Michael Baker, Associate General Counsel

Sabiel Rodriguez, Paralegal

**Date:** May 11, 2023

Subject: May 2023 Public Meeting - Tri-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and

Recommendation to Withhold Minutes

– FOR INFORMATION

**Summary Recommendation:** As part of the Commission's tri-annual review process of executive session minutes,<sup>1</sup> the Legal Department reviewed seventeen sets of minutes not previously disclosed to the public. We recommend that these minutes continue to be withheld because the purpose of the executive session remains in effect.

October 8, 2020. The Commission entered executive session under Purpose 7, which allows the Commission to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law. In this executive session, the Commission discussed matters subject to the Second Amended Protective Order (Protective Order) entered in the matter of <u>United States</u> v. <u>Jasiel F. Correia, II & another</u>, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts Criminal Action No. 18-cr-10364-DPW.

*Recommendation*: Withhold. Because the minutes address matters subject to the Protective Order, we recommend withholding the minutes.

<u>November 19, 2020</u>. The Commission entered executive session under Purpose 7, which is described above, specifically to discuss matters subject to the protective order and that involved Nature's Medicine, Agricultural Healing, and Northeast Alternatives, Inc.

*Recommendation*: Withhold for the reasons stated above.

<u>June 23, 2022 - Present</u>. The Commission entered executive session fifteen times under Purpose 9, which allows it to meet or confer to confer with a mediator, as defined in G. L. c. 233, § 23C. The Commission is relying on this purpose to develop a governance charter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This process satisfies the Commission's statutory obligations to review executive session minutes. G. L. c. 30A, § 22 (g) (1).



*Recommendation*: Withhold. The development of a governance charter is still in process and therefore, there is a continuing basis for withholding these minutes.



#### Memorandum

**To:** Commissioners

Cc: Shawn Collins, Executive Director; Cedric Sinclair, Chief Communications Officer

From: Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy

**Date:** May 11, 2023

**Subject:** May 2023 Government Affairs Update

#### Massachusetts State House Update

Chair Shannon O'Brien, Executive Director Shawn Collins, and Government Affairs and Policy staff met with Senate President Karen Spilka to discuss the Commission's FY 2024 budget request and share general updates on cannabis issues.

Commissioner Nurys Camargo, Executive Director Shawn Collins, and Government Affairs and Policy staff met with Sen. Lydia Edwards to discuss the Commission's FY 2024 budget request and share general updates on cannabis issues.

#### Executive Branch Update

Commissioner Kimberly Roy met with staff from the Office of the Governor to share general updates on the Commission's work.

Commissioners Nurys Camargo and Bruce Stebbins met with staff from the Office of the Governor to share general updates on the Commission's work.

#### Municipal Update

Commissioners Nurys Camargo, Bruce Stebbins and staff from the Social Consumption Working Group met with officials from the Cities of Chelsea and Holyoke to discuss and receive feedback regarding social consumption regulations.

#### **Municipal Law Unit**

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

<u>Town of Shelburne:</u> The MLU approved articles adopted at the Town's Annual Town Meeting in June 2022 that amended zoning by-laws making several changes related to licensed Marijuana Establishment siting.



<u>Town of Boxborough (Disapproved):</u> The MLU disapproved an article adopted at the Town's Special Town Meeting in November 2022 relating to an updated definition of "Registered Marijuana Dispensary" (RMD) that required all RMDs to be non-profit corporations. Municipal definitions and regulations shall not be more restrictive than those of the Commission.





# Cannabis Control Commission

Monthly Public Meeting

May 11 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Via Microsoft Teams



#### Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Commissioners' Comments and Updates
- 3. Minutes for Approval
- 4. Executive Director's Report
- 5. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
- 6. Staff Recommendations on Approval of Provisional Licenses
- 7. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
- 8. Staff Recommendations on Approval of Renewal Licenses
- 9. Staff Recommendations on Denial of Renewal License
- 10. Commission Discussion and Votes
- 11. New Business that the Chair did not Anticipate at the Time of Posting
- 12. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment





### Executive Director's Report

#### Highlights from Licensing Data\*

- 8 applications awaiting first review
- 21 applications awaiting supplemental review
- 8 applications for Provisional License consideration
- 10 licensees for Final License consideration
- 94,792 certified active patients





The totals below are number of approvals by stage.

Type	#
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	195
Provisionally Approved	184
Provisional License	507
Final License	51
Commence Operations	531
Total	1,468



\* Note: This represents the increase since May 2022

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



Of 1,468 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	40	158	28	195
Provisionally Approved	16	28	42	184
Provisional License	31	78	101	507
Final License	1	3	5	51
Commence Operations	20	35	55	531
Total	108	302	231	1,468

0%

2.4%

0.6%

\* Note: This represents the increase since May 2022



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

#### The 1,690 applications represent 930 separate entities

Type	#
MTC Priority	256
Economic Empowerment Priority	122
Expedited Review	626
General Applicant	686
Total	1,690

Type	#
Expedited: License Type	76
Expedited: Social Equity Participant	306
Expedited: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	179
Expedited: Two or More Categories	65
Total	626



Туре	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	-	0	0	4	0	0	6
Marijuana Courier License	12	-	0	0	11	1	9	33
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	11	97	0	-	-	-	-	108
Independent Testing Laboratory	1	-	0	2	5	0	13	21
Marijuana Cultivator	56	-	2	68	175	20	107	428
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	8	-	0	0	24	0	7	39
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	14	96	0	-	-	-	-	110
Marijuana Microbusiness	5	-	0	8	15	2	9	39
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	37	-	1	54	134	12	92	330
Marijuana Research Facility	6	-	0	1	1	0	0	8
Marijuana Retailer	52	-	1	47	135	16	286	537
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	4	-	0	4	2	0	3	13
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	5
Third Party Transporter	8	-	0	0	1	0	4	13
Standards Laboratory	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	218	195	4	184	507	51	531	1,690



#### **Cultivation Applications | May 11, 2023**

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	5	5	1	5	16
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	18	0	11	34	2	19	84
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	8	0	20	49	7	26	110
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	6	2	12	41	3	18	82
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	6	13	2	10	32
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	4	0	9	6	3	8	30
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	3	8	1	6	21
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	1	4	0	4	11
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.)	9	0	4	15	1	6	35
Total	56	2	73	180	21	112	444
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	2,050,000	N/A	1,840,000	4,675,000	555,000	3,340,000	

<sup>61%</sup> 

13%



<sup>\*</sup> Note: percentage is of "Total" commence operations licenses

#### MMJ Licensing and Registration Data | May 11, 2023

MTC Licenses	#
Provisional	42
Final	1
Commence Operations	101
License Expired	45
Total	189

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

MMJ Program	#
Certified Patients	100,954 (-767)
Certified Active Patients	94,792 (-867)
Active Caregivers	7,310 (-153)
Registered Certifying Physicians	316 (NC)
Registered Certifying Nurse Practitioners	117 (NC)
Registered Physician Assistants	1
Ounces Sold	96,800



#### **Commission Updates**

- FY24 Budget Update
  - Final House Budget:
    - 1070-0840: Operations \$17,412,004
    - 1070-0841: Public Awareness \$0
    - 1070-0842: MMJ \$3,684,738
    - Total: \$21,096,742
  - Senate Ways & Means Budget:
    - 1070-0840: Operations \$16,312,004
    - 1070-0841: Public Awareness \$0
    - 1070-0842: MMJ \$3,451,738
    - Total: **\$19,763,742**



#### **Commission Updates**

- Social Equity Program Advance Course Curricula
  - Raising Capital Strategies
  - Targeting the Right Investors
  - Building a Sustainable Organization and HR Structuring
  - Creating Brand Awareness
- **Responsible Vendor Training** Advance Core Applications Live
- COVID-19 Agent Reporting
- **Industry Webinars/Trainings** Exploring Options





#### **Commission Updates**

- RingCentral Telephone System Rollout
  - New system aimed at providing better call quality and service to constituents
    - Metrics and dashboarding into call volume/types of calls
  - May  $18^{th}$  Go Live
    - Commission phones may experience interruption on that date, please check Commission social media channels for updates.





### Hiring Update

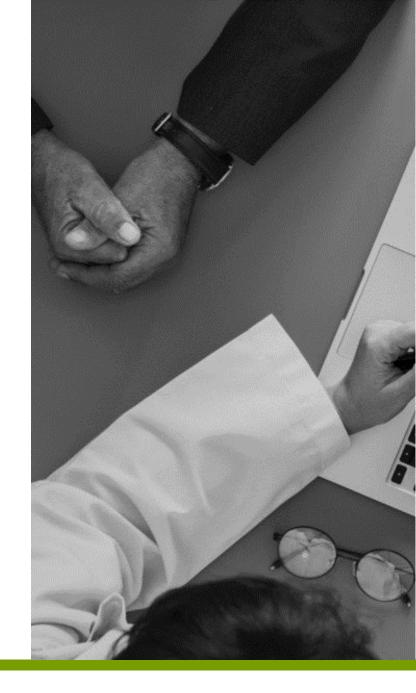
- Human Resources Generalist
- Research Analyst
- Enforcement Paralegal
- Policy Analyst
  - Onboarded
- Temporary Desktop Support Analyst
- Project Coordinator
- Policy Analyst
- Laboratory and Testing Analyst
- Receptionist
  - Final candidates' stage





### Hiring Update

- Temporary Project Coordinator, Communications
- Temporary Legal Assistant
- Licensing Specialist
- Licensing Analyst
- Deputy General Counsel
- Associate General Counsel
- Associate Enforcement Counsel
  - Screening / Interview stage





#### Hiring Update

- Project Coordinator, Investigations & Enforcement
- Director of IT Security
- Desktop Support Analyst
- Developer / Power Platform Administrator
- Investigator(s)
- Constituent Services Associate
- Legal Assistant
- Paralegal
- Chief People Officer
  - Open positions (all positions are posted until filled)







# Staff Recommendations on Licensure

## Staff Recommendations: Changes of Ownership

- 1. 220 O'NEIL LLC
- 2. Baked Beans Farm, LLC
- 3. Haze of Grafton, LLC





#### Staff Recommendations: Provisional License Approvals

- 1. CATDOGG, LLC d/b/a Sublime Cannabis (#MPN282258), Product Manufacturing
- 2. CATDOGG, LLC d/b/a Sublime Cannabis (#MRN284871), Retail
- 3. Elevated Access Center, Inc. (#MCN283520), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- 4. Elevated Access Center, Inc. (#MPN282074), Product Manufacturing
- 5. ELEVATION RETAIL LLC d/b/a CANA Craft Cannabis (#MRN284765), Retail
- 6. GVLP Corporation d/b/a Vida Verde (#MRN284839), Retail
- 7. Holistic Industries, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Cannabis (#MRN281787), Retail
- 8. Jolly Green, Inc. (#MPN282234), Product Manufacturing



## Staff Recommendations: Final Licenses

- 1. BB Botanics, LLC (#MC282817), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- 2. Delivered, Inc. (#MD1303), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 3. Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#MC283486), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- 4. Flower Power Growers, Inc. (#MC283122), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- 5. Flower Power Growers, Inc. (#MP281983), Product Manufacturing
- 6. High Street Cannabis Group, LLC d/b/a Primitiv Group (#MR284602), Retail
- 7. Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. (#MR284246), Retail
- 8. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#MR284210), Retail
- 9. The Haven Center, Inc. (#MR282481), Retail
- 10. Western Front, LLC (#MR284389), Retail





#### Staff Recommendations: Renewal Approvals

- 1. Baked Beans Farm LLC (#MPR243975)
- 2. Bostica, LLC (#MPR243981)
- 3. Bostica, LLC (#MCR140490)
- 4. Calyx Peak of MA, Inc. (#MRR206408)
- 5. CNA Stores, Inc. (#MCR140474)
- 6. CNA Stores, Inc. (#MPR243965)
- 7. Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRR206440)
- 8. Community Growth Partners Great Barrington Operations LLC (#MRR206261)
- 9. Diem Lynn, LLC (#MRR206405)
- 10. Emerald Grove, Inc. (#MRR206416)
- 11. Erba C3 Dorchester LLC (#MRR206412)
- 12. Evergreen Strategies, LLC (#MRR206353)
- 13. Evergreen Strategies, LLC (#MRR206352)
- 14. EVG FARMS LLC (#MRR206435)
- 15. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MRR206424)
- 16. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MPR243976)

- 17. Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MPR243957)
- 18. Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MRR206397)
- 19. Greenjeans Farms, LLC (#COR129712)
- 20. Grow One Inc. (#MPR243915)
- 21. Grow One Inc. (#MCR140400)
- 22. Grow Team Gardens LLC (#MBR169308)
- 23. Health Circle, Inc. (#MCR140448)
- 24. Home Grown 617 LLC (#MRR206423)
- 25. Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MRR206371)
- 26. Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MPR243944)
- 27. Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MCR140442)
- 28. Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MRR206413)



#### Staff Recommendations: Renewal Approvals

- 29. LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MCR140376)
- 30. LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MPR243921)
- 31. LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MRR206281)
- 32. Mederi Inc. (#MPR243953)
- 33. Milkmen Cultivation LLC (#MCR140463)
- 34. Milkmen Cultivation LLC (#MPR243990)
- 35. Munro Associates LLC (#MRR206427)
- 36. Munro Associates LLC (#MRR206426)
- 37. Northempton Enterprises, Inc. (#MRR206386)
- 38. NS AJO Holdings Inc. (#MRR206421)
- 39. Ocean Breeze Cultivators LLC (#MPR243995)
- 40. Ocean Breeze Cultivators LLC (#MCR140487)
- 41. Olde World Remedies, Inc. (#MRR206411)
- 42. Platinum HydroLab, Inc (#MPR243973)
- 43. Power Fund Operations (fka) Silver Therapeutics, Inc.

(#MRR206391)

- 44. River Valley Growers Inc (#MCR140489)
- 45. SOLAR THERAPEUTICS (#MRR206402)
- 46. Solurge Inc. (#MPR243977)
- 47. The Corner Emporium LLC. (#MRR206431)
- 48. Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MPR243960)
- 49. Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MCR140467)
- 50. Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MRR206404)
- 51. Zip Run, Inc. (#MDR272551)
- 52. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#RMD1506)
- 53. Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#RMD145)
- 54. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#RMD1567)



#### Staff Recommendations: Renewal Denials

1. Major Bloom (#MPR243897)





## The Commission is in recess until 1:30



# The Commission is in Executive Session



# Commission Discussion & Votes



# Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

#### Commission Discussion & Votes

- 1. Regulatory Review Discussion: Social Consumption Pilot Program
- 2. Regulatory Review Discussion: Municipal Equity Memo
- 3. Periodic Review of Executive Session Minutes
- 4. Executive Director 2022 Performance Review and Salary Recommendation





#### Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

#### **Next Meeting Date**

June 8, 2023

Monthly Public Meeting Remote via Teams 10:00am Public Meeting dates are tentative and subject to change

2023 Public Meetings*	
July 13	October 12
August 10	November 9
September 14	December 14





### Additional Licensing Data

The totals below are all license applications received to date.

Туре	#
Pending	218
Withdrawn	1,270
Incomplete	7,770
Denied	4
Approved: Delivery Pre-certifications	193
Approved: Delivery Endorsements	3
Approved: Licenses	1,272
Total	10,730



The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	4
Marijuana Courier	21
Marijuana Delivery Operator	31
Independent Testing Laboratory	20
Marijuana Cultivator	370
Marijuana Microbusiness	34
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	291
Marijuana Research Facility	2
Marijuana Retailer	485
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	5
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	9
Total	1,272



Status	#
Application Submitted: Awaiting Review	8
Application Reviewed: More Information Requested	178
Application Deemed Complete: Awaiting 3rd Party Responses	24
All Information Received: Awaiting Commission Consideration	8
Applications Considered by Commission (includes Delivery Pre-Cert)	1,472
Total	1,690





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)	12
Delivery-Only Pre-Certification (Part 1)	11
Independent Testing Laboratory	1
Marijuana Cultivator	56
Marijuana Delivery Operator Provisional License (Part 2)	8
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification (Part 1)	14
Marijuana Microbusiness	5
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	37
Marijuana Research Facility	6
Marijuana Retailer	52
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	4
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	2
Third Party Transporter	8
Total	218



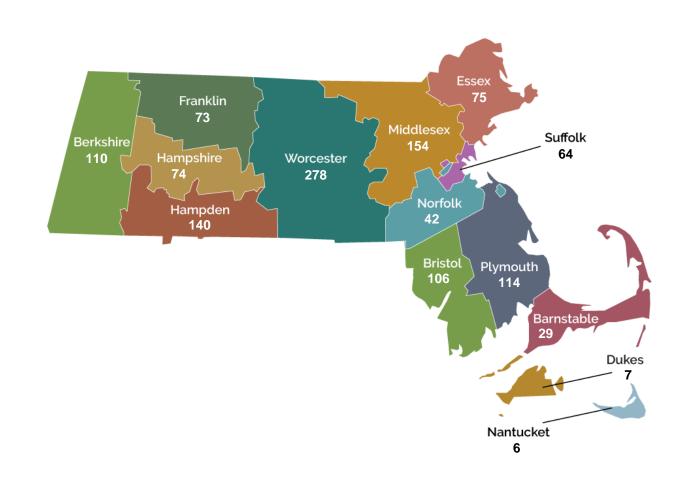
Туре	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	12	-	1	63	159	16	85	336
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	44	-	1	5	16	4	22	92
Total	56	-	2	68	175	20	107	428



#### Marijuana Establishment Licenses | May 11, 2023

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

County	#	+
Barnstable	29	0
Berkshire	110	0
Bristol	106	0
Dukes	7	0
Essex	75	0
Franklin	73	0
Hampden	140	3
Hampshire	74	0
Middlesex	154	3
Nantucket	6	0
Norfolk	42	0
Plymouth	114	0
Suffolk	64	3
Worcester	278	4
Total	1,272	13

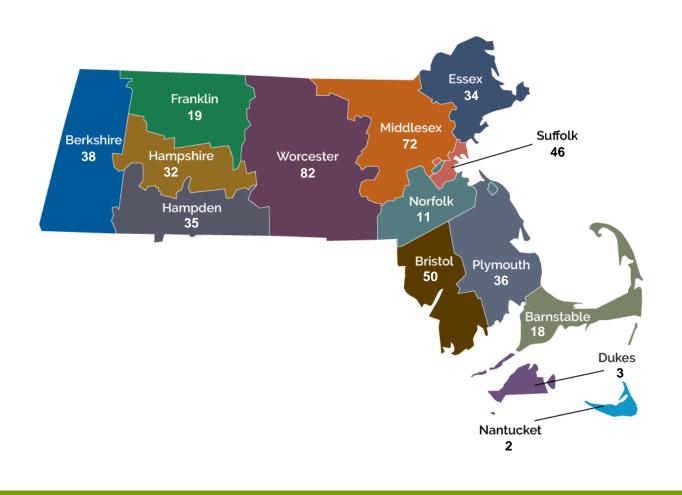




#### Marijuana Retailer Licenses | May 11, 2023

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

County	#	+/-
Barnstable	18	0
Berkshire	38	0
Bristol	50	0
Dukes	3	0
Essex	34	0
Franklin	19	0
Hampden	36	1
Hampshire	32	0
Middlesex	74	2
Nantucket	2	0
Norfolk	11	0
Plymouth	36	0
Suffolk	48	2
Worcester	83	0
Total	484	5

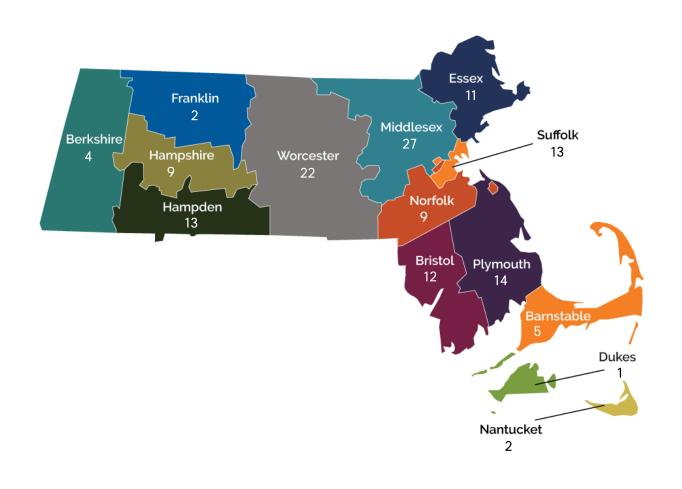




#### Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses (Dispensing) May 11, 2023

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

County	#
Barnstable	5
Berkshire	4
Bristol	12
Dukes	1
Essex	11
Franklin	2
Hampden	13
Hampshire	9
Middlesex	27
Nantucket	2
Norfolk	9
Plymouth	14
Suffolk	13
Worcester	22
Total	144

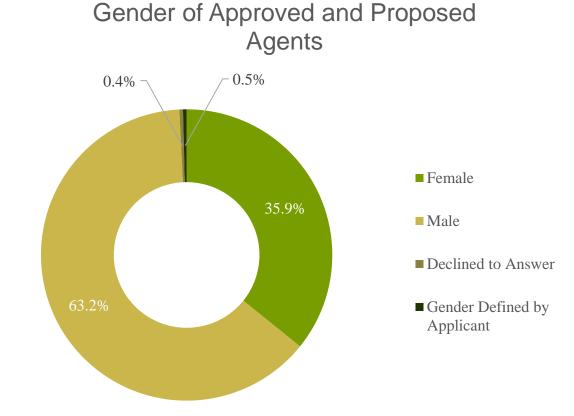




#### Agent Applications | May 11, 2023

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	7,976	35.9%
Male	14,019	63.2%
Declined to Answer	92	0.4%
Gender Defined by Applicant	107	0.5%
Total	22,194	100%



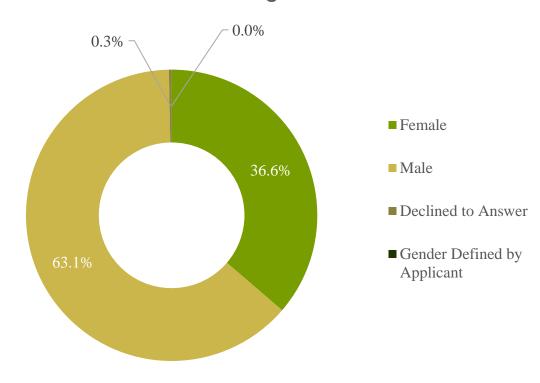


#### Agent Applications | May 11, 2023

Demographics of Approved and Pending Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	3,042	36.6%
Male	5,257	63.1%
Declined to Answer	26	0.3%
Gender Defined by Applicant	0	0.0%
Total	8,325	100%

### Gender of Approved and Proposed MTC Agents



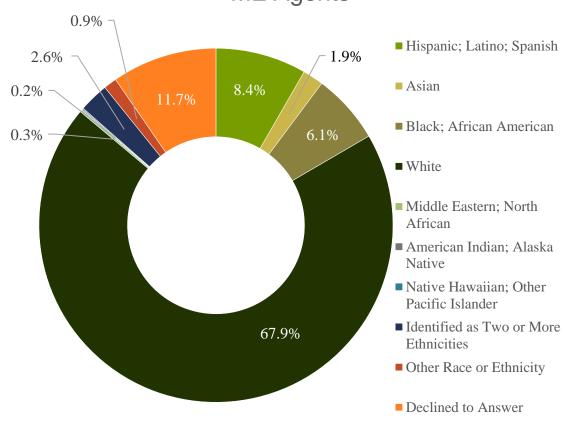


#### Agent Applications | May 11, 2023

Demographics of Approved and Pending ME Agents

Race/Ethnicity	#	0/0
Hispanic; Latino; Spanish	1,859	8.4%
Asian	415	1.9%
Black; African American	1,358	6.1%
White	15,060	67.9%
Middle Eastern; North African	59	0.3%
American Indian; Alaska Native	37	0.2%
Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander	25	0.1%
Identified as Two or More Ethnicities	581	2.6%
Other Race or Ethnicity	204	0.9%
Declined to Answer	2,596	11.7%
Total	22,194	100%

## Race/Ethnicity of Approved and Proposed ME Agents

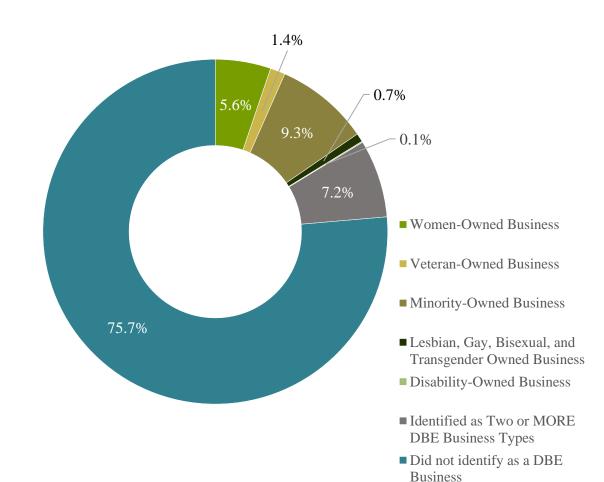




Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statistics for Approved Licensees

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	82	5.6%
Veteran-Owned Business	21	1.4%
Minority-Owned Business	136	9.3%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	11	0.7%
Disability-Owned Business	2	0.1%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	105	7.2%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,111	75.7%
Total	1,468	100%

#### **DBE Statistics Approved Licensees**

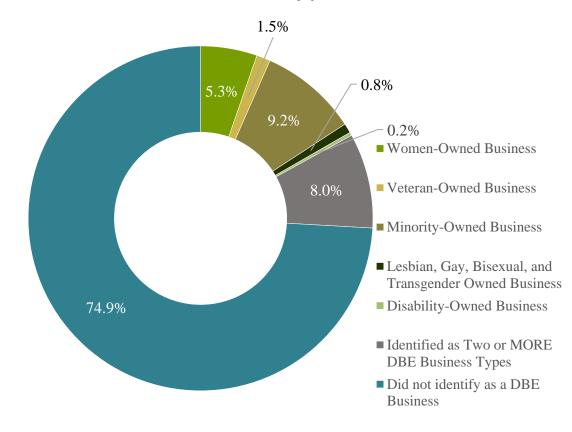




Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Statistics for Pending and Approved License Applications

Туре	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	89	5.3%
Veteran-Owned Business	26	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	155	9.2%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	14	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	4	0.2%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	135	8.0%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,263	74.9%
Total	1,686	100%

### DBE Statistics for Pending & Approved License Applications





#### Adult Use Agent Applications | May 11, 2023

#### **59,474 Total Agent Applications:**

- 197 Total Pending
  - 188 Pending Establishment Agents
  - 9 Pending Laboratory Agents
- 2,919 Withdrawn
- 2,411 Incomplete
- 3,617 Expired
- 28,326 Surrendered
- 6 Denied / 1 Revoked
- 21,997 Active

#### Of the 197 Total Pending:

- 14 not yet reviewed
- 179 CCC requested more information
- 4 awaiting third party response
- 0 review complete; awaiting approval



#### Medical Use Agent Application | May 11, 2023

The total number of MTC agent applications received by status.

MTC Agent Application	#
Pending MTC Agent Applications	49
Pending Laboratory Agent Applications	0
Incomplete	42
Revoked	13
Denied	31
Surrendered	15,035
Expired	2,468
Active	8,276
Total	25,914

