

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

August 6, 2020
10:00AM

Remote Participation via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Documents:

- Final Order and Stipulated Agreement for Revolutionary Clinics.
- Licensing Materials relating to:
 - Beacon Compassion, Inc.
 - Ganesh Wellness, Inc.
 - Holyoke Gardens, LLC
 - Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc.
 - Life Essence, Inc.
 - Nova Farms, LLC
 - Emerald Grove, Inc.
 - Boston Bud Factory (#MRR205592)
 - Boston Bud Factory (#MPR243527)
 - LC Square, LLC (#MCR139881)
 - Curaleaf Massachusetts Inc. (#MRR205603)
 - Curaleaf Massachusetts Inc. (#MRR205605)
 - Commcann, Inc. Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
 - Commcan, Inc. (#RMD1445)
 - Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc. (#RMD785)
 - Good Chemistry of Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD725)
 - Rise Holdings, Inc. (#RMD645)
 - Apothca, Inc. (#MR282730), Retail
 - ARL Healthcare, Inc. (#MC281622), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor
 - ARL Healthcare, Inc. (#MP281681), Product Manufacturer
 - ARL Healthcare, Inc. (#MR282382), Retail
 - Boston Bud Factory, Inc. (#MP281397), Product Manufacturer
 - BWell Holdings, Inc. (#MR282825), Retail



- Community Growth Partners, Great Barrington Operation, LLC (#MR282695), Retail
- Green Biz, LLC (#MR281490), Retail
- Holistic Health Group, Inc. (#MC282488), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Outdoor
- Holistic Industries, Inc. (#MR282605), Retail
- JustinCredible Cultivation, LLC (#MC281313), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MR282062), Retail
- Mission MA, Inc. (#MC281288), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Mission MA, Inc. (#MP281312), Product Manufacturer
- Mission MA, Inc. (#MR281259), Retail
- The Heirloom Collective, Inc. (#MR283029), Retail
- Western Front, LLC (#MR281907), Retail
- Holistic Industries, Inc. (#MTC1526), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MTC1527), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- The Green Lady Dispensary (#MTC885), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- 1622 Medical, LLC. Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- ACK Natural, LLC (#MCN281850), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- ACK Natural, LLC (#MPN281557), Product Manufacturer
- ACK Natural, LLC (#MRN282038), Retail
- Apotho Therapeutics Plainville, LLC (#MRN282388), Retail
- Atlas Marketplace & Delivery, LLC (#MTN281393), Third-Party Transporter
- Buddies Ice Cream, Inc. (#MBN281755), Microbusiness
- Bud's Goods and Provisions Corp. (#MCN282717), Cultivation, Tier 9 / Outdoor
- Calyx & Pistils, Inc. (#MCN281797), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- CCC Wellfleet NV, LLC (#MRN282685), Retail
- Cloud Creamery (#MPN281412), Product Manufacturer
- G7 Lab, LLC (#ILN281334), Independent Testing Laboratory
- Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MRN282740), Retail
- Green Theory Cultivation, LLC (#MCN282665), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- Green Theory Cultivation, LLC (#MPN281848), Product Manufacturer
- Green Thumb Growers, LLC (#MBN281692), Microbusiness
- GTE Taunton, LLC (#MRN282958), Retail
- High Five, Inc. (#MCN282478), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Higher Purpose Corporation (#MCN281756), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Higher Purpose Corporation (#MPN281514), Product Manufacturer
- HumboldtEast, LLC (#MPN281679), Product Manufacturer



- I.N.S.A., Inc. (#MRN282632), Retail
- J & L Enterprises, Inc. (#MCN282392), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- KRD Growers, Inc. (#MCN282173), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- KRD Growers, Inc. (#MPN281683), Product Manufacturer
- KRD Growers, Inc. (#MRN282670), Retail
- Mainely Productions, LLC (#MCN281899), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- Mainely Productions, LLC (#MPN281751), Product Manufacturer
- MedMen Boston, LLC (#MRN282091), Retail
- Neamat, LLC (#MCN282693), Cultivation, Tier 9 / Outdoor
- New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRN283367), Retail
- New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRN283416), Retail
- NS AJO Holdings, Inc. (#MRN283095), Retail
- Pleasant Hill Growers, LLC (#MBN281781), Microbusiness
- Solar Therapeutics, Inc. (#MRN282948), Retail
- Southcoast Apothecary, LLC (#MRN283075), Retail
- Team Green, LLC (#MRN281281), Retail
- The Holistic Concepts, Inc. (#MRN283012), Retail
- Turning Leaf Centers Otis (#MCN282213), Cultivation, Tier 7 / Indoor
- Turning Leaf Centers Otis (#MPN281704), Product Manufacturer
- Turning Leaf Centers Otis (#MRN282126), Retail
- Uma Flowers, LLC (#MRN283143), Retail
- Vedi Naturals, LLC (#MRN283056), Retail
- Western Front, LLC (#MRN283179), Retail
- Z & T, Inc. (#MRN283213), Retail
- Middlesex Integrated Medicine
- METRC Guidance
- Social Equity Program Strategic Goals & Objectives
- Regulatory Petition Delegation

In Attendance:

- Chairman Steven Hoffman
- Commissioner Jennifer Flanagan
- Commissioner Britte McBride
- Commissioner Shaleen Title

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

- The Chairman recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- The Chairman gave notice that the meeting was being recorded.



2) Chairman's Comments and Updates

- The Chairman gave an overview of the agenda and the format for the meeting discussions.

3) Executive Director's Report – 4:10

- The Executive Director gave an actual vs. budget analysis for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020.
- The Executive Director gave an overview of the budget enacted through October 31 and budgeting considerations for the remainder of the year.
- The Chairman asked whether the budget is still uncertain.
 - The Executive Director confirmed this.
- The Executive Director gave highlights from licensing data.
- The Chairman asked if there is still been growth in patient registration?
 - The Executive Director said those registrations have somewhat leveled off.
- The Executive Director discussed the vaping quarantine, including the steps taken, the steps required to reclaim the product, directing the public to information on the Commission's website.
- Commissioner Flanagan thanked the Executive Director and staff for the work that has been done on vaping quarantine.

4) Enforcement Actions

a. Revolutionary Clinics – 35:45

- Associate Enforcement Counsel Carter presented the final order and stipulated agreement.
- Commissioner McBride asked why there was a lag between September 24 communications and the October 18 request that a notice be sent.
 - Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Gyebi indicated that it took that time for the Commission to recognize the violation.
 - Commissioner McBride indicated that the responsibility lies with the licensee to give that notice and licensees should not wait for Commission Staff to identify that need.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the order and stipulation agreement.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the order and stipulation agreement.

5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 46:39

a. Beacon Compassion, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for the Change of Ownership.



- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

b. Ganesh Wellness, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for the Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

c. Holyoke Gardens, LLC

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for the Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

d. Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for the Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

e. Life Essence, Inc.

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for the Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

f. Nova Farms, LLC

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for the Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

6) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Location – 54:55

a. Emerald Grove, Inc.



- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for the Change of Location.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Change of Location.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Location.

7) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 56:47

- The Chairman noted that renewals are considered as a roster, unless a Commissioner has requested individual consideration. There will be two rosters, first consisting of adult use Renewals and the second consisting of medical-use Renewals.

a. Boston Bud Factory (#MRR205592)

b. Boston Bud Factory (#MPR243527)

c. LC Square, LLC (#MCR139881)

d. Curaleaf Massachusetts Inc. (#MRR205603)

e. Curaleaf Massachusetts Inc. (#MRR205605)

- Commissioner Flanagan requested two universal conditions for all Renewals.
 - Proposed Conditions:
- Within 90 days of the removal of the State of Emergency declaration all adult use licensees must notify the Cannabis Control Commission of updated actions taken on the Plans to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People.
- Within 90 days of the removal of the State of Emergency declaration all adult use licensees must notify the Cannabis Control Commission of updated actions taken on the Diversity Plans.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the roster of Renewals, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Renewals, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

f. Commcann, Inc. Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

g. Commcann, Inc. (#RMD1445)

h. Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc. (#RMD785)

i. Good Chemistry of Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD725)

j. Rise Holdings, Inc. (#RMD645)

- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the roster of Renewals.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Renewals.

8) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 1:00:40



- The Chairman noted that Final Licenses are considered as a roster, unless a Commissioner asks for individual consideration. Final Licenses will be considered as a two rosters roster: first, those for which Commissioner Title asked to be recused, and second, the remainder of Final Licenses.

- a. Apothca, Inc. (#MR282730), Retail
- b. ARL Healthcare, Inc. (#MC281622), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor
- c. ARL Healthcare, Inc. (#MP281681), Product Manufacturer
- d. ARL Healthcare, Inc. (#MR282382), Retail
- e. Boston Bud Factory, Inc. (#MP281397), Product Manufacturer
- f. BWell Holdings, Inc. (#MR282825), Retail
- g. Community Growth Partners, Great Barrington Operation, LLC (#MR282695), Retail
- h. Green Biz, LLC (#MR281490), Retail
- i. Holistic Health Group, Inc. (#MC282488), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Outdoor
- j. Holistic Industries, Inc. (#MR282605), Retail
- k. JustinCredible Cultivation, LLC (#MC281313), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- l. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MR282062), Retail
- m. Mission MA, Inc. (#MC281288), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor

n. Mission MA, Inc. (#MP281312), Product Manufacturer

o. Mission MA, Inc. (#MR281259), Retail

- The Chairman asked for questions and Comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the roster of Final Licenses.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commissioner voted to approve the roster of Final Licenses by a vote of three in favor (Flanagan, Hoffman, McBride) and one abstention (Title).

- p. The Heirloom Collective, Inc. (#MR283029), Retail
- q. Western Front, LLC (#MR281907), Retail
- r. Holistic Industries, Inc. (#MTC1526), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- s. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MTC1527), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- t. The Green Lady Dispensary (#MTC885), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Title moved to approve the roster of Final Licenses.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Final Licenses.



9) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 1:05:39

- a. 1622 Medical, LLC. Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
 - Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- b. ACK Natural, LLC (#MCN281850), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- c. ACK Natural, LLC (#MPN281557), Product Manufacturer
- d. ACK Natural, LLC (#MRN282038), Retail
 - Director Potvin presented the staff recommendations for the three ACK Natural, LLC applications.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested three conditions.
 - Proposed conditions:
 - Resubmit plan to include more than just a donation.
 - Include in plan which cohort you are seeking to impact.
 - Clarification on how a donation to CultivatEd will directly benefit that cohort.
 - Commissioner McBride asked questions about the Securities and Exchange Commission settlement with the licensees here.
 - Director Potvin gave additional information with respect the settlement and the following disclosures made.
 - Commissioner McBride asked if these disclosures were made in response to a Commission Request.
 - Director Potvin confirmed this was the case.
 - Commissioner McBride asked if there was a suitability review under table 1 in Section 935 CMR 500.801.
 - Director Potvin said that it was determined that a suitability issue was avoided because the licensee made the disclosures.
 - Commissioner McBride said that at issue is that information required to be provided under 935 CMR 500.101 (1)(b)(3) by the applicant was deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity and because of the omission and ambiguity the applicant has been determined to be unsuitable pursuant to any one or more of the factors listed in 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration* and 500.801: *Suitability Standard for Licensure*.
 - Commissioner Title asked, If an applicant is before us and does not meet the standard for suitability, but we want to make sure the applicant has the opportunity to demonstrate that they are suitable, what do you think would be the best way to proceed?



- Director Potvin gave an overview of the suitability process and Suitability Review Committee and noted that the ultimate disclosures negated any suitability issue.
- Commissioner McBride reinforced that the obligation to provide disclosures is on the applicant, not on the Commission to seek them.
- Commissioner McBride moved that the application be remanded for a further determination on suitability because the application is not supported by sufficient and credible evidence and is not in compliance with the regulations.
- Commissioner Title said she supports the motion and that she thinks that both the disclosure and the underlying disposition were suitability concerns.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously voted to remand the application.

- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 1:35:26).

- e. Apotho Therapeutics Plainville, LLC (#MRN282388), Retail
 - Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Title requested two conditions.
 - Proposed conditions:
 - Revise diversity plan goals including goal to “intend to have at least 15.5% of yearly new hires be women” to be objectively reasonable
 - Specify the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in The Enterprise and The Mansfield News Journal will promote diverse hiring.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Clarify how a donation to the Joe Andruzzi Foundation will directly benefit residents in Mansfield, Fall River and/or Brockton.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Title and Flanagan.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Title and Flanagan.

- f. Atlas Marketplace & Delivery, LLC (#MTN281393), Third-Party Transporter
 - Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested two conditions.
 - Proposed conditions:
 - Clarify professional development seminars/trainings.
 - What are the specific topics?
 - Clarify how a donation to the ACLU will directly benefit residents of Abington, Taunton, and Brockton.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License.



- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- g. Buddies Ice Cream, Inc. (#MBN281755), Microbusiness
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Resubmit Positive Impact plan to include more than a hiring plan.
 - Commissioner McBride requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: prior to final licensure, applicant shall provide or make available for inspection additional information on the procedures referenced in the plan to restrict access to age 21 years or older, Section 1134.
 - Commissioner Title requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to “increase women representation to 20%” to be objectively reasonable.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan, McBride, and Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan, McBride, and Title.
- h. Bud’s Goods and Provisions Corp. (#MCN282717), Cultivation, Tier 9 / Outdoor
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- i. Calyx & Pistils, Inc. (#MCN281797), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Title requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to “hire a team of employees consisting of at least 15% women” to be objectively reasonable.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- j. CCC Wellfleet NV, LLC (#MRN282685), Retail



- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

k. Cloud Creamery (#MPN281412), Product Manufacturer

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride requested a condition noting that this is essentially the standard condition put on the license by staff modified to be specific to this applicant given their unique circumstances.
 - Proposed condition: amending existing condition 5 as recommended by staff and included in the final summary. Final licensure is conditioned on applicant providing to Commission staff upon inspection with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms and sizes of packaging, colors and flavors.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner McBride.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner McBride.

l. G7 Lab, LLC (#ILN281334), Independent Testing Laboratory

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested three conditions.
 - Proposed conditions:
 - Resubmit plan to include more than a donation
 - Specify which cohort you are seeking to impact
 - Clarification on how a donation to MRCC will directly impact the cohort
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition:
 - Revise diversity plan goal to “achieve at least 10% of our staffing needs from women (5%) and minorities (5%)” to be objectively reasonable.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and Title.

m. Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MRN282740), Retail



- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- n. Green Theory Cultivation, LLC (#MCN282665), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- o. Green Theory Cultivation, LLC (#MPN281848), Product Manufacturer
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for both Green Theory Cultivation, LLC applications for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve both of the Provisional Licenses.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved both of the Provisional Licenses.
- p. Green Thumb Growers, LLC (#MBN281692), Microbusiness
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- q. GTE Taunton, LLC (#MRN282958), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Clarify how a donation to SAFE will directly impact residents of Taunton and Mansfield.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- r. High Five, Inc. (#MCN282478), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Title requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, explain how retail positions are relevant to a cultivation license, and specify the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in The Athol Daily News and The Greenfield Recorder are a way to recruit women and veterans.



- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Title.
- s. Higher Purpose Corporation (#MCN281756), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- t. Higher Purpose Corporation (#MPN281514), Product Manufacturer
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for both Higher Purpose Corporation applications for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Clarify involvement with Holyoke Community College intern program.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve both of the Provisional Licenses, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved both of the Provisional Licenses, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- u. HumboldtEast, LLC (#MPN281679), Product Manufacturer
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Title requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan to seek to hire 20% or more from various groups including women to be objectively reasonable.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- v. I.N.S.A., Inc. (#MRN282632), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested two conditions.
 - Proposed conditions:
 - Resubmit list of organizations INSA will be donating to, excluding C3RN.
 - Clarify how each donation will directly impact residents of Springfield and Lynn.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.



- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- w. J & L Enterprises, Inc. (#MCN282392), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Title requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Revise diversity plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, explain how retail positions are relevant to a cultivation license, and specify the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in The Athol Daily News and The Greenfield Recorder are a way to recruit women and veterans.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Title.
- x. KRD Growers, Inc. (#MCN282173), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- y. KRD Growers, Inc. (#MPN281683), Product Manufacturer
- z. KRD Growers, Inc. (#MRN282670), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for all three KRD Growers, Inc. applications for Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Flanagan requested two conditions.
 - Proposed conditions:
 - Resubmit plan to include more than a donation.
 - Clarify how a donation to CultivatEd will directly benefit residents in Worcester.
 - The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
 - Commissioner McBride moved to approve all three of the Provisional Licenses, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved all three of the Provisional Licenses, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- aa. Mainely Productions, LLC (#MCN281899), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- bb. Mainely Productions, LLC (#MPN281751), Product Manufacturer
- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for both Mainely Productions, LLC applications for Provisional License.



- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: resubmit positive impact plan to include more than hiring.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve both of the Provisional Licenses, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved both of the Provisional Licenses, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

cc. MedMen Boston, LLC (#MRN282091), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Clarify how a donation to CultivatEd will directly benefit members from the chosen cohort in the City of Boston
- Commissioner McBride requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, and at the earliest reasonable time, the applicant shall provide a list of the names and titles or affiliations of current Executives and Board members of the parent company MM Enterprises USA LLC and shall update the list to maintain the most current, active Executives and Board members.
- Commissioner Title commented that she felt she was missing information that would be necessary in order to vote in favor of a provisional license. Specifically, because the Commission is charged with creating an inclusive industry and with making an positive impact on disproportionately harmed communities, and because there had never been an applicant with a similar pattern of allegations of past practices, she felt there would need to be an additional statement from or conversation with the applicant to address these concerns. The statement should address how the applicant is changing moving forward if there were past practices that were problematic and explain the verifiable steps that the company is taking internally to minimize the changes of similar problems in Massachusetts. Commissioner Title noted that there may have been sufficient changes in management or practices to address these concerns, but a statement from the Company would be needed to clarify and confirm that appropriate steps have been taken to address potential suitability concerns.
- Commissioner Flanagan noted that she thought the applicants Positive Impact Plan was very good but noted that at renewal she expects there to be substantial progress. Commissioner Flanagan noted that it's important for out of state operators to understand the standard of doing business in Massachusetts and writing a check is not sufficient if there is not a positive impact on the community members of an Area of Disproportionate Impact.
- Commissioner McBride expressed her support for the comments made by both Commissioners Title and Flanagan.
- The Chairman noted that there may be issues with respect to past practices or particular individuals associated with this applicant, there is not a legal basis for denial.



- The Chairman asked for additional questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and McBride.
- The Chairman seconded the motion.
- The Commission approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Flanagan and McBride, by a vote of three in favor (Flanagan, Hoffman, McBride) and one against (Title).

dd. Neamat, LLC (#MCN282693), Cultivation, Tier 9 / Outdoor

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

ee. New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRN283367), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- Commissioner Flanagan commented that while the positive impact plan meets the requirements, there are components, including corporate responsibility and creating a diverse workplace, are the minimum expectations of the Commission and do not necessarily add to a positive impact plan.
- The Chairman asked for additional questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

ff. New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MRN283416), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- Commissioner Flanagan noted that her previous comment applied to this applicant as well.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

gg. NS AJO Holdings, Inc. (#MRN283095), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.



hh. Pleasant Hill Growers, LLC (#MBN281781), Microbusiness

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

ii. Solar Therapeutics, Inc. (#MRN282948), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

jj. Southcoast Apothecary, LLC (#MRN283075), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission voted to approve the Provisional License by a vote of three in favor (Hoffman, McBride, Title) with one abstention (Flanagan).

kk. Team Green, LLC (#MRN281281), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

ll. The Holistic Concepts, Inc. (#MRN283012), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

mm. Turning Leaf Centers Otis (#MCN282213), Cultivation, Tier 7 / Indoor

nn. Turning Leaf Centers Otis (#MPN281704), Product Manufacturer

oo. Turning Leaf Centers Otis (#MRN282126), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.



- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

pp. Uma Flowers, LLC (#MRN283143), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

qq. Vedi Naturals, LLC (#MRN283056), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Clarify how a donation from CultivatEd will directly benefit residents in Worcester.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Flanagan.

rr. Western Front, LLC (#MRN283179), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

ss. Z & T, Inc. (#MRN283213), Retail

- Director Potvin presented the staff recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions and comments.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

The Commission took a lunch recess. (Returned at ~3:20:00)

- The Chairman noted that there would be a motion to reconsider MedMen Boston, LLC and clarified that his initial comments with respect to the licensee were his own views and not the official position of the Commission.



- Commissioner Title moved to reopen consideration of MedMen Boston, LLC.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission voted in favor of reopening consideration of MedMen Boston, LLC by a vote of 3 in favor (Hoffman, McBride, Title) and one against (Flanagan).
- Commissioner Title noted that earlier she had referenced a pattern of allegations of misconduct and for the record, she specified that the pattern includes at least one employee suit alleging labor violations, a law suit alleging derogatory statements about Black people, LGBTQ+ people, overweight people, and women, alleged breach of fiduciary duty, public removal from a trade association over allegations of discriminatory behavior.
- Commissioner Title requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Submit a statement from company leadership responding to a pattern of allegations of misconduct and steps the company will take toward preventing that pattern from continuing in Massachusetts.
- Commissioner Title moved to approve the license, subject to the condition requested in addition to the conditions previously requested by Commissioners Flanagan and McBride.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission voted to approve the motion on a vote of three in favor (Flanagan, McBride, and Hoffman) and one against (Title), subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Title, Flanagan, and McBride.

10) Commission Discussion and Votes

a. Middlesex Integrated Medicine – 3:27:50

- The Executive Director gave an overview of the issue.
- The Executive Director proposed that the time frame be extended with respect to a condition put on the license of Middlesex Integrated Medicine in March.
- Commissioner Title moved to modify the condition to require that the licensee complete all construction and buildout of the dispensary facility, obtain a certificate of occupancy for the dispensary, and complete all required inspections of the dispensary by September 1, 2020. If the licensee is unable to complete these requirements by September 1, 2020 related to unforeseen circumstances related to the state of emergency, the Executive Director may reasonably extend this date upon notification to the Commission.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

b. METRC Guidance – 3:32:00

- The Executive Director gave an overview of the revised seed-to-sale guidance.
- Commissioner Title thanked the staff and asked whether this vote could be considered at the next meeting to allow for more time for review or consideration.
- Commissioners McBride and Flanagan indicated that they prefer to vote on the guidance at this meeting.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the revised METRC Guidance.



- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the revised METRC Guidance.
- c. Social Equity Program Strategic Goals & Objectives – 3:38:20
- The Chairman introduced and framed the topic, clarifying a misconception with respect a lack of funding for equity programming.
 - Commissioner Flanagan shared perspective with respect to the progress of the program over time and the external limitations the program faces. Commissioner Flanagan outlined her goals for the program, including being geographically inclusive, greater outreach, greater clarity about the various roles of municipalities and the Commission, following the progress of program participants, establishing networking opportunities for program participants.
 - Commissioner Title discussed where she thought the confusion lied, with a distinction between assessing what was appropriated for equity and later assessing what was actually needed and seeking to adjust the initial number.
 - Commissioner McBride stated that she wants to gather more information from SEP participants on what their expectations are for the program in order to drive curriculum development, and the resources needed to discussion. Commissioner McBride also noted that it could be helpful to understand the other course work prior to the program to help gear the programming to varying education level. Commissioner McBride agreed with Commissioner Flanagan that collecting information/data with respect to the post-program progress, including finding locations, finding capital.
 - Commissioner Title discussed her goals and expectations for the social equity program, noting that she is specifically focused on the statutory mission, namely with respect to things that the Commission can do and control, as much as there may be areas, like getting capital, that the Commission may want to help with. She referenced previous Social Equity presentations at Commission meetings outlining goals, expectations and metrics. Goals include four statutory requirements (recruitment of minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned business enterprises to become licensed in marijuana-related businesses; development of workforce training for minorities, women, and veterans to enter into marijuana-related businesses; creation of employer training to attract minorities, women, and veterans into the workforce; and outreach to disadvantaged groups, including consultations with state agencies and providing education and training opportunities.) She noted that overall her expectations are that we would handle these obligations in the same way that we handle any other statutory obligation described with “The Commission shall...,” namely that we should be figuring out how to do it, the resources it will take to do it, asking for those resources, and then doing it
 - Commissioner Title noted that gathering information on the progress of participants is part of the plan, but staffing resources have limited that ability. Commissioner Title agreed that outreach will be crucial.
 - The Chairman said that he thinks the statutory mission, some of which the Commission is doing successfully, but that there are some objectives for which there is opportunity,



including seeking additional data/information from participants and then asking staff to determine what is needed to accomplish that and, balance among all the commissions priorities, how to allocate resources to accomplish it. Rather than discussing underfunding or over funding, the Chairman wanted to discuss what needs improvement, and then find a way to fund it.

- Commissioner Flanagan expressed concern about pulling resources away from running the program.
- Commissioner Title indicated that the key issue is staff resources.
- Commissioner McBride agreed with Commissioner Title’s assessment and that filling the currently empty position, and then figuring out what additional support is needed. Commissioner McBride also shared that planning ahead for the third cohort now makes sense.
- The Executive Director gave some contextual information about the development of the program to date and noting how the feedback can be used. With respect to filling the vacant position, it was important to ensure there was not a large shift in direction coming out of this discussion. The Executive Director also gave an overview of the plans and materials provided to the Commissioners.
- Commissioner McBride suggested that providing an ongoing forum or networking resource for all “alumni” and participants of the program in order to help folks navigate “next steps” after completing the program.
- The Executive Director noted that a smaller scale version was planned, but cancelled due to Covid-19
- The Chairman said it sounds like the first step to fill the vacant position to then turn and assess next steps and build a longer term plan.
- Commissioner Flanagan echoed that once we have the position filled and then build the plan.
- The Executive Director indicated that based on the discussion that the job can be posted soon with only minor modifications of the job description and is a priority.
- Commissioner Title said that she wants to be sure the Commission doesn’t fall into a pattern of discussion goals and program ideas, and then the resources aren’t sufficient to set those goals and ideas up for success, but Commissioner Title said that hiring the position to help determine what will result in success is a good approach.

d. Regulatory Petition Delegation – 4:41:45

- The Executive Director gave an overview of the petition and the underlying regulations.
- Commissioner McBride said that she believed the delegation is appropriate.
- Commissioner Title asked the Executive Director whether he envisions consulting external stakeholders and experts on the topic of the petition.
 - The Executive Director indicated that the petition at hand was very technical and clearly written by someone with expertise but noted the internal expertise the Commission had on the topic in Laboratory and Testing Analyst Geneive Hall-Frison, but it is an area that the Commission can always seek outside expertise on.



- Commissioner McBride moved under 935 CMR 500.830 and 935 CMR 501.830 both of which concern petitions for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations, to delegate to the Executive Director to review the petitions for regulatory change, to determine whether a petition should be resolved with or without a recommendation to the full Commission, and take actions consistent with this regulatory process.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

11) Next Meeting Date

- The Chairman gave an overview of the regulatory review process and upcoming meetings.

12) Adjournment

- Commissioner Flanagan moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn.

