

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

October 14, 2021

10:00AM

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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Application materials associated with:
 - Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - Higher Purpose Corporation
 - J-B.A.M., Inc.
 - Tree Market Lynn, LLC
 - Tree Market Taunton, LLC
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 - Staff Recommendations on Renewal
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 - Buddies Ice Cream, Inc. (#MBR169274)
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 - Canna Provisions Inc. (#MCR140093)
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 - Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MPR243667)
 - Coastal Cultivars, LLC (#MCR140040)
 - Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#MRR205868)
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 - Deerfield Naturals, Inc. (#MCR140087)
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 - Deerfield Naturals, Inc. (#MRR205877)
 - Four Score Holdings LLC (#MCR140084)
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 - Four Score Holdings LLC (#MRR205874)
 - High Hopes (#MRR205856)
 - Impressed LLC (#MCR140098)
 - KRD Growers, LLC (#MPR243668)



- Liberty Market (#MRR205826)
- Mass Wellspring LLC (#MRR205878)
- Mill Town Agriculture, LLC (#MCR140102)
- ReLeaf Alternative Inc. (#MRR205881)
- The Blue Jay Botanicals, Inc. (#MRR205833)
- The Green Harbor Dispensary, LLC (#MRR205879)
- Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MCR140069)
- Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MPR243669)
- Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MRR205859)
- ACK Natural, LLC (#RMD1627)
- Alternative Therapies Group, Inc. (#RMD1530)
- Apothca, Inc. (#RMD345)
- Bask, Inc. (#RMD445)
- Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#RMD3193)
- HVV Massachusetts, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD1185)
- Life Essence, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (Holyoke – Cambridge)
- Life Essence, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (Holyoke – Holyoke)
- Life Essence, Inc. (#RMD1365)
- Middlesex Integrative Medicine, Inc. (#RMD1025)
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 - New England Treatment Access, LLC (#MR283065), Retail
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- The Botanist, Inc. (#MP281672), Product Manufacturer
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 - 620 Industries, Inc. (#MCN283511), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
 - East Boston Local Roots, LLC (#MRN284117), Retail
 - Faded, LLC (#MPN282090), Product Manufacturer
 - Faded, LLC (#MXN281395), Transporter with Other ME License
 - Fish Road, LLC (#MCN283477), Cultivation, Tier 6 / Indoor
 - Forest Wilde, LLC (#MPN282058), Product Manufacturer
 - Forest Wilde, LLC (#MRN284185), Retail
 - GreenGrab, Inc. (#MDA1263), Marijuana Delivery Operator
 - Highdration, LLC (#MPN282070), Product Manufacturer
 - Highmark Provisions, LLC (#MCN283492), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
 - KG Collective Brockton (#MRN281374), Retail
 - Massachusetts Green Retail, Inc. (#MRN284144), Retail
 - Standish Green Group, LLC (#MCN283502), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
 - Standish Green Group, LLC (#MPN282080), Product Manufacturer
 - The Green Lady Dispensary II, Inc. (#MRN284161), Retail
 - Wise Man Genetics, LLC (#MBN281858), Microbusiness
- [Meeting Packet](#)
- Job Description for Constituent Service Manager
- Responsible Vendor Training Materials
 - Bartucca Consulting
 - Cannabis Trainers
 - Medical Marijuana 411
 - Stoker Consulting
 - Quality Control Analytics
- Research Report: Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Cannabis and Effects on the Human Body: More Research Needed
- Cannabis Control Commission: Fourth Annual Activities Report

In Attendance:

- Chairman Steven Hoffman
- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo



- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

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

2) Chairman's Comments and Updates

- The Chairman noted the Commission's efforts to seek help and clarification from the Legislature related to ambiguity in its enabling legislation and consider extending its authority to help the Commission meet its equity and inclusion mandate. The Chairman acknowledged and thanked Co-chairs Donahue, and Chang-Diaz, and all the members of the Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy for taking up several matters, including the social equity fund, host community agreements as well as social consumption, and noted the Commission's willingness to help in any way it can.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked staff for their hard work in preparation for the October meeting and acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Commissioner Concepcion echoed the Chairman's comments related to the Commission's legislative agenda and signaled that the Legislature should not interpret this as a signal to not move forward with any necessary legislative action. Commissioner Concepcion also thanked the Director of the Massachusetts Drug Recognition Program Sergeant, Decker, for the September cannabis drug recognition training. Commissioner Concepcion thanked Nicole Snow and the other members of the Cannabis Commissions Advisory Board Public Health Sub-Committee for welcoming her to the September meeting and noted that there are continued conversations that she looks forward to having.
- Commissioner Roy thanked the Massachusetts Sherrieff Association and all the sheriffs in the Commonwealth for allowing the Cannabis Control Commission to attend and present an overview of the Commission, as well as opportunities to partner with the sheriffs as it relates to reentry, employment opportunities in the cannabis industry, and recidivism. Commissioner Roy also thanked Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Yaw Gyebi and his team, Chief Communication Officer Cedric Sinclair (Chief Sinclair), and Director of Equity Programming and Community Outreach Kevin Sibley (Director Sibley) for their presentation at the Massachusetts Sherrieff Association meeting. She also thanked Director of Research Dr. Julie Johnson (Dr. Johnson) and her team for their work on the *Research Report: Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Cannabis and Effects on the Human Body: More Research Needed* and her continued help related to public health issues related to cannabis.
- Commissioner Stebbins thanked staff, Chief People Officer Erika White, Dr. Johnson for their hard work in preparation for the October meeting.
- The Chairman gave an overview of the agenda.



3) Minutes for Approval – 0:07:07

- The Chairman gave an overview of the topic.
- September 17, 2021
 - The Chairman 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 September 17, 2021, Commission public meeting.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the September 17, 2021, Commission public meeting.

4) Executive Director's Report – 0:08:15

- The Executive Director gave an overview of licensing data, as laid out on page 211 of the [meeting packet](#).
- Commissioner Roy asked a question regarding the increase of the Independent Testing Laboratory and whether the rise has had a positive impact on quality control testing and the supply chain.
 - The Executive Director noted the positive impact that the increase of Independent Testing Laboratories has had on the supply chain and quality control testing. The Executive Director also explained the specific considerations related to Independent Testing Laboratories, as they are for-profit and independent but subject to the Commission's licensing and regulations.
- The Chairman asked a question regarding the number of applications deemed complete: awaiting 3rd party responses related explicitly to background checks and whether the shutdown and the pandemic had a negative impact on the response times from organizations.
 - The Executive Director noted that the response time slowed during the height of the pandemic primarily due to the access to information but noted that the response has improved over time. The Executive Director pointed out that response time is something that the Commission Continues to monitor and further noted the improvements caused by changes to how the Executive Office of Safety and Security and the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) take and process fingerprints and the addition of Commission staff.
- The Chairman asked a clarifying question regarding the geographic distribution of the Independent Testing Labs.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that there had not been a concentration in a specific area of the Commonwealth and noted that some are in Western



Massachusetts and further said that geographic trends are something that the Commission continues to monitor.

- Commissioner Roy requested a future report where the Marijuana Cultivators are categorized by tiers and indoor or outdoor grow.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that the differences in indoor and outdoor cultivators are satisfied by the following slide and confirmed that his future presentations would contain a tiered breakdown.
- Commissioner Camargo asked a clarifying question regarding the Craft Marijuana Cooperative license type and the low number of cooperatives in the Commonwealth.
 - The Executive Director noted the specific challenges these licensees face and welcomed any feedback from the industry on the challenges faced by this license type.
- Commissioner Roy asked a question regarding change of ownership and if it has caused any changes to the equity status of licensees.
 - The Executive Director noted that changes of ownership have not caused a shift in equity status and pointed out that this is something that the Commission must and actively monitor.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding a change of ownership in a Marijuana Delivery Operator License Types related to the exclusivity period.
 - Executive Director noted that it would implicate the change of ownership that would not be allowed within that three-year exclusivity period.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked a question regarding common reasons why a licensee would change location.
 - The Executive Director provided an overview of how changes of locations have occurred in the past and noted that the Commission requirements related to changes of location.
- The Chairman asked a question regarding the increase in changes of ownership and asked how long it takes the Commission on average to process these changes given the rise in volume.
 - The Executive Director noted the complexity of these changes and how the Commission has handled these in the past. He further noted the increase in productivity related to adding investigators and licensing specialists to the Commission staff.
- The Executive Director provided an update on the Telehealth Waivers process and noted the need for providers to request an updated waiver.
- The Executive Director noted the Portuguese translation of the Commission Regulations and Guidance on Licensure are available on the Commission's website.
 - Commissioner Roy thanked the staff and Executive Director for translating the Commission Regulations and Guidance on Licensure into Portuguese as she is of Portuguese descent.
- The Executive Director provided an update on the updated Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources (MDAR) guidance on hemp that occurred on October 4th, 2021.



- The Chairman thanked both the Executive Director and General Counsel Christine Baily for their collaboration with MDAR and leadership on the topic.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question regarding the need for an MDAR license to sell hemp products.
 - The Executive Director noted that Commission licensees need to buy hemp products from farmers who have an MDAR license to cultivate hemp to comply with MDAR regulations. The Executive Director further clarified that Commission licensees do not need MDAR licensure to sell hemp products if the hemp is purchased from an MDAR licensed hemp farmer.
- Commissioner Camargo commended the Chairman for championing equity throughout his tenure and noted the work being done at the State House related to the Social Equity Program and Social Equity Fund.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the 318 Social Equity Program (SEP) applications being categorized as Reopened – More Information Requested, and whether a trendline exists that a guidance document would facilitate.
 - The Executive Director noted a variance in why an application is considered in that category but indicated that address documentation is one of the top reasons. The Executive Director stated that he would work with Director Sibley to clarify further. The Executive Director provided further clarity into the Social Equity Program application and noted the narrative bubbles that guide applicants through the process. The Executive Director pointed applicants to Social Equity Applicants FAQs found on the Commission’s website and noted that he would keep Commissioner Roy’s feedback in mind and make changes where necessary.
- The Chairman asked a clarifying question regarding the high number of SEP applicants that identified the entrepreneur track as their primary track of interest and whether this trendline was evident in the previous two Social Equity Program cohorts.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that most applicants also identified the entrepreneur track as their primary track of interest in the previous two cohorts.
- Commissioner Camargo noted the ancillary track, encouraged folks to learn about the benefits of the non-plant touching side of the industry, and emphasized the Commission's work to educate folks of that side of the industry.
- Commissioner Stebbins echoed Commissioner Camargo’s sentiment and noted the work that Director Sibley is doing to clarify opportunities in the ancillary industry.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the Executive Director and staff for partnering with Elevate Northeast on the Social Equity Program.
 - The Executive Director noted the work of staff, Director Sibley, and Chief Sinclair as it relates to the Social Equity Program.
- The Executive Director gave a hiring update, including with respect to the Constituent Service Associates, Research Analyst, Associate Enforcement Counsel, Executive Assistant, Desktop Support Analyst and Director of Testing.
- Commissioner Camargo asked a question related to outreach and promotion for the Director of Testing position.
 - The Executive Director noted the work of Chief People Office Erika White and Chief Sinclair related to the outreach and promotion of the position and other



positions. The Executive Director also noted the position closure date and pointed out that the position will reopen if the applicant pool is not sufficient to fill the position.

- Commissioner Roy noted the importance of all the posted positions and noted the impact that the Director of Testing will have on the industry.

a) Fiscal Year 2022 Update

- The Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Adriana Leon (CFAO Leon) gave an overview of the fiscal year 2022 budget update and close out.
- The Chairman noted that fees collected by the Commission far outweigh the operating budget in the last three fiscal years and particularly in the previous two.
 - CFAO Leon confirmed that fees collected by the Commission outweigh the operating budget in the last three fiscal years.
- The Chairman asked a question related to the timeline for the operating budget for fiscal year 2023.
 - The Executive Director provided background for the ongoing internal budget process and buildout.
 - CFAO Leon provided background on the Legislative budget process.
- The Chairman noted that historically the Legislature and Governor have supported the Commission's request for funding and commended CFAO Leon for her work and leadership on the process.
- Commissioner Roy noted that the payroll had gone up as fines revenues and licenses have grown, and emphasized the importance of compliance, and requested that the slide illustrate the correlation and the fact that growth in the industry offsets the rise in payroll.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked CFAO Leon for her work related to the operating budget at the Commission and leadership on the topic. She noted the importance of staff and compensating staff as it relates to performance. She further noted the need to define and explain what the Marijuana Regulation Fund is and what it entails.
- The Chairman further thanked CFAO Leon for her work and her leadership on the topic.
- The Executive Director noted and congratulated Dr. Johnson and the Research department for the report entitled: *A Scoping Review of Data Sources for the Conduct of Policy-Relevant Substance Use Research* that was published in the Public Health Report, which is the official journal of the United States Surgeon General as well as the United States Public Health Service.
- The Executive Director noted and congratulated Commissioner Camargo for being named to the Boston Business Journal Power 50.

The Commission took a break until 11:40 A.M (1:39:55).

5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership



a. Higher Purpose Corporation

- Licensing Manager Tsuko Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

b. J-B.A.M., Inc.

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

c. Three Market Lynn, LLC

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.



d. Three Market Taunton, LLC

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

e. Van Garden Cannabis, LLC fka CannAssist, LLC

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

6) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 1:47:32

- Commissioner Camargo noted that she reviews Renewals and looks forward to the renewals portion of the meeting because it is an opportunity as new Commissioner to see how licensees have evolved after opening their doors, as well as it allows her to ensure that licensees are living up to the Commission's equity mandate, concerning Positive Impact Plans and Diversity Plans. Commissioner Camargo gave a shout-out to Central Ave Compensation Care, Inc., Four Score Holdings LLC, High Hopes, Liberty Market, and Mass Wellspring LLC for their work contributing to their communities.
- The Chairman noted that Renewals would be considered as one or more rosters, subject to a commissioner's request for individual treatment. The Commission will consider each for which a commissioner requested individual treatment and then will consider the remaining applications in two rosters: (1) all other Adult-use applications; (2) the other medical-use renewals.



- Adult-Use Roster
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the remaining roster of adult-use Renewals.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the remaining roster of adult-use Renewals.

- Medical-Use Roster
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the roster of medical-use Renewals.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of medical-use Renewals.

- a. 617 Therapeutic Health Care, Inc. (#MCR140031)
- b. BKPN LLC (#MRR205850)
- c. Buddies Ice Cream, Inc. (#MBR169274)
- d. Canna Provisions Inc. (#MCR140091)
- e. Canna Provisions Inc. (#MCR140093)
- f. Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MCR140068)
- g. Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MPR243667)
- h. Coastal Cultivars, LLC (#MCR140040)
- i. Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#MRR205868)
- j. Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#MCR140076)
- k. Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#MPR243677)
- Commissioner Camargo requested a condition to apply to all three Curaleaf Massachusetts Inc. applications.
 - Proposed condition: Within 90 days the licensee shall provide an update on how many staffers attended trainings stated in their Diversity Plan update dated 8/18/21.



- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Renewals, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Camargo.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved all three Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. Renewals, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Camargo.

- l. Deerfield Naturals, Inc. (#MCR140087)
- m. Deerfield Naturals, Inc. (#MPR243683)
- n. Deerfield Naturals, Inc. (#MRR205877)
- o. Four Score Holdings LLC (#MCR140084)
- p. Four Score Holdings LLC (#MPR243681)
- q. Four Score Holdings LLC (#MRR205874)
- r. High Hopes (#MRR205856)
- s. Impressed LLC (#MCR140098)
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- w. Mill Town Agriculture, LLC (#MCR140102)
- x. ReLeaf Alternative Inc. (#MRR205881)
- y. The Blue Jay Botanicals, Inc. (#MRR205833)
- z. The Green Harbor Dispensary, LLC (#MRR205879)
- aa. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MCR140069)
- bb. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MPR243669)
- cc. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MRR205859)

- Commissioner Camargo requested a condition to apply to all three Theory Wellness, Inc. applications.
 - Proposed condition: Within 90 days licensee to update and resubmit their Positive Impact Plan uploaded on 8/4/2018 to include their ongoing social equity program plans and future outcomes.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Renewals, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Camargo.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes



- Commissioner Roy – Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
- Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved all three Theory Wellness, Inc. Renewals subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Camargo.

dd. ACK Natural, LLC (#RMD1627)

ee. Alternative Therapies Group, Inc. (#RMD1530)

ff. Apothca, Inc. (#RMD345)

gg. Bask, Inc. (#RMD445)

hh. Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#RMD3193)

ii. HVV Massachusetts, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

jj. HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD1185)

kk. Life Essence, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (Holyoke – Cambridge)

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mm. Life Essence, Inc. (#RMD1365)

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oo. Nature Medicines, LLC (#RMD1045)

pp. FFD Enterprises fka PCMV (#RMD1165)

qq. Patriot Care Corp. (#RMD265)

rr. Patriot Care Corp. (#RMD727)

ss. The Green Harbor Dispensary, LLC (#RMD1305)

tt. The Heirloom Collective, Inc. (#RMD825)

7) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 01:57:44

- The Chairman noted that the Commission considers Final Licenses as a roster unless a commissioner requests otherwise. There is one roster; (1) all adult-use licenses; and the sole medical-use license.
- Adult-Use Roster and the Sole Medical-Use License.
 - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the roster of adult-use and the sole medical-use Final Licenses.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes



- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of adult-use and the sole medical-use Final Licenses.
- a. Ascend Mass, LLC (#MR282837), Retail
 - b. Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc. (#MR282339), Retail
 - c. Hidden Hemlock, LLC (#MB281355), Microbusiness
 - d. Mellow Fellows, LLC (#MR281811), Retail
 - e. New England Treatment Access, LLC (#MR283065), Retail
 - f. QPS Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. (#MC281517), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
 - g. QPS Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. (#MP281696), Product Manufacturer
 - h. The Botanist, Inc. (#MP281672), Product Manufacturer
 - i. Uma Flowers, LLC (#MR283143), Retail
 - j. New England Treatment Access, LLC (#RMD3028), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- 8) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 1:59:15
- The Commission will consider each Provisional License application individually and work to reconcile any duplicative conditions requested by Commissioners.
 - Commissioner Stebbins noted that several provisional applicants had very similar Diversity Plans incorporated into their applications, and others had similar Positive Impact Plans. Commissioner Stebbins emphasized the strong intent of the Commission’s enabling statute to promote social equity and diversity and described his discontent when reading similar plans from applicants at opposite ends of the Commonwealth. He noted that applicants show a variety in background and professional experience. So, it was surprising that some allowed standard templated plans to become part of their applications, thus not giving him confidence that they would pursue their objectives in the future. Commissioner Stebbins pointed to the updated Diversity Plan Guidance, which was drafted to help applicants find the tools to meet the Commission’s expectations.
 - Commissioner Roy echoed Commissioner Stebbins's comments related on plans and noted that different communities have different needs. So, the Commission looks for the Positive Impact Plans to fit the needs of the host communities.
- a. 617 Therapeutic Health Care, Inc. (#MRN283963), Retail
 - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final application for Licensure, please provide the Commission with an update of your proposed creation of a 501 (c)(3) charitable non-profit as stated in your Positive Impact Plan, namely under programs, section



3. To include the name of said non-profit, board members, EIN number, articles of incorporation and mission statement.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested two conditions.
 - Proposed conditions:
 - Upon organization of proposed non-profit organization, applicant will provide charter documentation and confirmation on letterhead that the organization will receive donations.
 - Prior to Final Application for Licensure, contact CCC Licensing Division for an update to confirm your training and recruitment partners eligibility to support your activities.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.
- b. 620 Industries, Inc. (#MCN283511), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Requested condition: Prior to Final application for Licensure, please update Diversity Plan under program section, namely bullet one to also include veterans publications/job sites and other veteran outreach strategies when advertising employment opportunities.
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Requested condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, verify that diversity hiring goals are intended to be the same as diverse spending goals.
 - Commissioner Roy commended the licensee for their goal related to the veteran's outreach but noted that the proposed condition is intended to help the licensee meet its goal as related to veterans' outreach when advertising employment opportunities.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes



- Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.
- c. East Boston Local Roots, LLC (#MRN284117), Retail
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested two conditions.
 - Requested Condition:
 - Prior to Final Application for Licensure, identify additional sources for promoting opportunities and recruiting diverse employee base.
 - Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review diversity hiring goals based on statistics of community and region and not just based on overall state statistics.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- d. Faded, LLC (#MPN282090), Product Manufacturer
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and any strategy for outreach to residents of nearby Disproportionate Impact designated communities of Worcester and Spencer for employment and provide any update.
 - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes



- Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- e. Faded, LLC (#MXN281395), Transporter with Other ME License
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- f. Fish Road, LLC (#MCN283477), Cultivation, Tier 6 / Indoor
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure applicant to resubmit their Positive Impact Plan, to include more than hiring and that “promotes and encourages full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 in Massachusetts.”
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Camargo.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Camargo.



g. Forest Wilde, LLC (#MPN282058), Product Manufacture

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for both Forest Wilde, LLC Provisional Licenses, subject to separate votes.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo requested a condition to apply to both Forest Wilde, LLC licenses.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure, applicant to submit additional information for goal #2 of their Positive Impact Plan. Clarify, location of workshops, and how many workshops they plan to conduct and if any community outreach besides advertisement on the Berkshire Eagle is intended.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition to apply to both Forest Wilde, LLC licenses.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review diversity hiring goals based on statistics of community and region and not just based on overall state statistics.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Stebbins.

h. Forest Wilde, LLC (#MRN284185), Retail

- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Stebbins.

i. GreenGrab, Inc. (#MDA1263), Marijuana Delivery Operator



- The Chairman noted that GreenGrab, Inc is the first Provisional License application up for Commission vote and consideration for the Marijuana Delivery Operator license type.
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition:
 - Requested condition: Prior to Final application for Licensure, please update Diversity Plan under program section, namely bullet one to also include veterans publications/job sites and other veteran outreach strategies when advertising employment opportunities.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

j. Highdration, LLC (#MPN282070), Product Manufacturer

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, consider a goal for Positive Impact Plan with a focus on employment opportunities for Disproportionate Impact community of Lowell.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.



k. Highmark Provisions, LLC (#MCN283492), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final application for Licensure, please update Diversity Plan namely Goal 1: Hiring and Diversity, paragraph two under bullet five to also include veterans publications/ job sites and other veteran outreach strategies when advertising employment opportunities.
- Commissioner Roy commended the licensee for the goal of having 10 percent of veterans hired and noted that the requested condition is intended to help the licensee meet its goal.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

l. KG Collective Brockton (#MRN281374), Retail

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final application for licensure, provide additional information on how two security guards will be utilized during the described 12 hours per day 7 days per week schedule.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, contact CCC Licensing Division for an update to confirm your training and recruitment partners eligibility to support your activities.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Concepcion and Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes



- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Concepcion and Commissioner Stebbins.
- m. Massachusetts Green Retail, Inc. (#MRN284144), Retail
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- n. Standish Green Group, LLC (#MCN283502), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for both Standish Green Group, LLC Provisional Licenses, subject to separate votes.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo requested a condition to apply to both licenses.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, applicant to submit additional information on what if any community outreach will be conduct besides advertisement in the Lowell Sun as part of their Positive Impact Plan programs.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to both licenses.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final application for Licensure, please update Diversity Plan under programs section, namely bullet one to also include veterans publications/job sites and other veteran outreach strategies when advertising employment opportunities.
 - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Camargo and Commissioner Roy.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Roy.



- o. Standish Green Group, LLC (#MPN282080), Product Manufacturer
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Roy.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Roy.
- p. The Green Lady Dispensary II, Inc. (#MRN284161), Retail
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Requested condition: Consumer Education Compliance condition: Prior to final licensure, and upon receiving a commence operations notice, the applicant shall ensure full compliance with all consumer education material requirements applicable to its license type in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6) which will include the addition of current omitted subsections; (c), (d), (e), (f) (g) and (j).
 - Commissioner Roy commended the licensee for having consumer education but noted that being in 100 percent compliance means meeting all consumer education material requirements laid out in 935 CMR 500.140 (6).
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- q. Wise Man Genetics, LLC (#MBN281858), Microbusiness
- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
 - The Chairman asked for questions or comments.



- Commissioner Camargo requested a condition.
 - Requested condition: Prior to final licensure, applicant to submit a partnership letter from Project New Hope in Worcester to provide donations to support veterans and their families.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, identify purpose and goal of donation to Project New Hope.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Camargo and Commissioner Stebbins.

The Commission took a break until 1:31 P.M (3:30:40).

9) Commission Discussion and Votes

a. Research Report: High Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Cannabis and Effects on the Human Body: More Research Needed

- The Chairman asked whether the topic was the last of the legislatively mandated reports.
 - Dr. Johnson confirmed that the topic is the last of the three one-time research agenda items outlined in Session Laws – Acts of 2017 Chapter 55. She further noted that the ongoing research agenda items codified in M.G.L c. 94G would continue annually.
- Dr. Johnson gave an overview of the topic.
- Commissioner Stebbins thanked Dr. Johnson and her team for their work and leadership on the topic and asked whether other jurisdictions are researching the topic and, if so, how they have answered the policy question of placing restrictions on the potency of TCH in cannabis and cannabis products.
 - Dr. Johnson confirmed that other states are also working to address the policy question at hand. She further noted that Washington and Colorado have published reports on the topic and concluded that more research is needed. Dr. Johnson further stated that looking at data of what patients are using for their medical diagnosis and what concentrated products are being used in the market can be used to conduct research and base guidelines on those products.
- Commissioner Roy thanked Dr. Johnson and her team for their work and leadership on the topic and asked whether anything over 5 mg would be considered high.



- Dr. Johnson confirmed that anything over 5 mg would be considered high.
- Commissioner Roy asked a follow-up question regarding whether a spectrum of what is considered high would be possible.
 - Dr. Johnson noted that data limitations inhibit the ability to create a range of what is considered high THC content but noted that further research into the topic would make a range possible.
- Commissioner Roy asked a question regarding the current highest level of THC within the current product catalog.
 - Dr. Johnson noted that she is unsure but is confident she could reach the answer at a later date.
- Commissioner Concepcion thanked Dr. Johnson for her work and leadership on the topic and for coordinating Sergeant Decker's cannabis drug recognition training. Commissioner Concepcion asked a question regarding the difference between the cannabis grown by the University of Mississippi and the cannabis sold by retailers.
 - Dr. Johnson noted that the University of Mississippi is the only legalized federal cultivator that provides research out of the National Institute of Drug Abuse Drug Supply Program. She stated that the University produces flower and edibles but lack the variation and plant varietal found in the different markets across the United States. So, products found in the legalized market are not necessarily being produced or developed by the University of Mississippi for research purposes. Therefore, the products that retailers are selling are very different from those studied by researchers and getting funding through national institutes of health.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked a follow-up question regarding whether the differences between the cannabis grown by the University of Mississippi and the cannabis sold by retailers are mainly in the variation of Indica and Sativa strains.
 - Dr. Johnson confirmed that the lack of variation of strains is part of the difference but noted that the quality of cannabis grown at the University is not as good as what is sold by retailers.
- Commissioner Roy asked a question regarding what Canada is doing in terms of research with high THC cannabis and whether it has implemented any restrictions.
 - Dr. Johnson confirmed that similar research is being done in Canada and referenced research by Dr. David Hammond at the University of Waterloo and noted that the Commission has contracted with him and his team to get data from 2019 and 2021.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Dr. Johnson for her work and leadership on the topic and for making the report digestible. Commissioner Camargo asked how the report will be used in the future, what steps the Commission will take to submit the report to Legislature, and how the report will affect the industry.
 - The Executive Director noted that the report would be shared directly with the Legislature, especially the Chairs of the Joint on Cannabis Policy, other stakeholders, and regulators. The Executive Director stated that the report laid out some considerations that support the Commission's efforts related to high THC cannabis products. He further noted that other jurisdictions could use research



conducted by Dr. Johnson to build their data sets further, and their research will further the Commission's understanding of the topic.

- The Chairman asked a question regarding the approach that New York State is taking by matching consumption and potency with medical conditions and how New York has dealt with patient privacy concerns.
 - Dr. Johnson noted that she is unsure but will follow up with the Chairman on that question.
- The Chairman stated that he finds this topic incredibly frustrating. There is no research on the topic, mainly due to the Federal ban on cannabis research, and the medical community has not engaged in the topic. The Chairman hopes that with the help of other states, research can begin to occur to help the collective understanding of the topic. The Chairman noted the enormous untapped potential for medical cannabis to help improve the quality of life across all age groups. The Chairman thanked Dr. Johnson for her work and leadership on the topic.

b. Annual Activities Report

- The Executive Director gave an overview of the topic.
- The Chairman asked a clarifying question regarding the need for the Commission to vote before submission to the Legislature.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that in previous years the Commission has voted to approve the report before submitting it to the Legislature.
- Commissioner Camargo asked a question regarding the process of submitting this report to the Legislature.
 - The Executive Director outlined the process of submitting such reports to the Legislature and noted that the report would also be published on the Commission's website and the House and Senate Clerks website. The Executive Director also noted that the report will be shared with legislatures as needed and includes as a material part of the onboarding process of new staff and Commissioners.
- Commissioner Camargo asked that the report be sent to the two Chairs of the Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy.
 - The Executive Director noted that this is something that the Commission already does as a part of the process of submitting it to the Legislature.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked whether the report is shared with the Cannabis Advisory Board.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that the report would be shared with the Cannabis Advisory Board.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked a question related to the revenue collected from the number of fines in the previous year.
 - The Executive Director confirmed that fines are covered within the 25.1 million of non-tax revenue and confirmed that the revenue collected from the number of fines could be a specific clause in that section.
- Commissioner Stebbins recommended for clarity's sake that the non-tax revenue be further described by making fines a separate clause.



- Commissioner Roy thanked the Executive Director and staff for their work on the report and noted that the Fourth Annual Activities Report is well written and provides a comprehensive overview of the state of the cannabis industry and what the Commission has been doing.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Fourth Annual Activities Report subject to the recommendation by Commissioner Stebbins relative to further describing non-tax revenue and once the change has been made, authorize the submission to the Legislature and explicitly to the two Chairs of the Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Fourth Annual Activities Report subject to the recommendation by Commissioner Stebbins.

c. Job Description: Constituent Services Manager

- The Executive Director gave an overview of the topic and job description.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the job description.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the job description.

d. Responsible Vendor Training Applicants

- Research Project Coordinator Olivia Laramie (Project Coordinator Laramie) gave an overview of the topic and each applicant.
- The Chairman noted that all four applications would be considered as a roster.
 - i. Bartucca Consulting
 - ii. Cannabis Trainers
 - iii. Medical Marijuana 411
 - iv. Stoker Consulting
 - v. Quality Control Analytics
- The Chairman asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the curriculum that each applicant is providing as it relates to whether, they are teaching the same curriculum.



- Project Coordinator Laramie confirmed that all vendors are teaching the same Responsible Vendor Training (RVT) curriculum.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the need to have multiple RTV trainers provide the same curriculum.
 - Project Coordinator Laramie noted that the Commission certifies the RVT vendors, and the need for multiple vendors is a market consideration for the vendors to decide.
- Commissioner Camargo asked a clarifying question regarding how the Commission measures these RVT vendors' performance related to training of front-line workers.
 - Project Coordinator Laramie noted what has been done in the past to measure the RVT vendor's performance.
- Project Coordinator Laramie noted that she would follow up with Commissioners to provide a refresher on the Responsible Vendor Training certification process.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the roster of Responsible Vendor Training applications.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Responsible Vendor Training.
- The Chairman thanked Project Coordinator Laramie for her work and leadership on the topic.

The Commission took a break until 2:40 P.M (4:39:50).

e. Disproportionately Impacted Areas

- Commissioner Camargo gave an overview of the topic.
- Director of Government Affairs and Policy Matt Giancola (Director Giancola) updated the Commission on outreach to the City of Lawrence and Mayor Kendrys Vasquez and confirmed that Commission received a letter of support from the mayor. Director Giancola further noted that the city of Lawrence is reviewing the data the Commission needs to incorporate their dataset to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), a data format used by other municipalities.
- Commissioner Camargo noted that the Commission received letters of support from State Representatives Frank Maran and Marcos Devers related to the Commission's efforts. Commissioner Camargo further stated that she would like to table the discussion until the Commission has collected sufficient data on Lawrence and received public feedback on the disproportionately impacted area designated.



- Commissioner Roy thanked Director Giancola and Commissioner Camargo for their work and leadership on the topic and asked a clarifying question regarding the expected timeline for the city of Lawrence to ascertain and provide the data to the Commission.
 - Commissioner Camargo noted that Director Giancola is working with the research department to formulate what data the Commission needs and stated the process that the city of Lawrence must undertake to collect the data.
- Commissioner Roy noted that Boston conducted a similar exercise when collecting comparable data and asked whether it would be helpful to reach out to the city to understand the process.
 - Commissioner Camargo noted the best approach would be to let Director Giancola and Dr. Johnson decide if outreach to Boston would be helpful.
 - The Chairman echoed Commissioner Camargo's sentiment and approach.
- Commissioner Stebbins thanked Director Giancola and Commissioner Camargo for their leadership on the topic and noted his September public meeting comment regarding whether a postponement limits staff's ability to do outreach in communities like Lawrence and whether that would limit participation in cohort 3 of the Social Equity Program. Commissioner Stebbins noted the work of the Communications team and Director Sibley related to outreach in communities like Lawrence to get more folks involved.
- Commissioner Concepcion thanked Commissioner Camargo and Director Giancola for their work and leadership on the topic.
- The Chairman thanked Commissioner Camargo and Director Giancola for their work and leadership on the topic.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the Chairman and her fellow Commissioners for their kind words and noted that it was a data-driven undertaking.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to table until the Commission has collected sufficient data on Lawrence and public feedback on disproportionately impacted area designation. In the meantime, the Commission will continue outreach efforts and educational awareness to Lawrence and other identified areas.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to table until the Commission has collected sufficient data on Lawrence and public feedback on disproportionately impacted area designation.

10) New Business the Chair Did Not Anticipate at the Time of Posting – There were no last-minute items. – (4:51:50)

11) Next Meeting Date



- The Next meeting date will be November 18th, 2021, at 10 A.M
- The Chairman noted that it is the Commission's intent not to hold a December public meeting.

12) Adjournment

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chairman took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chairman Hoffman – Yes
- The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

