

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

August 8, 2024
10:00 AM

Remote via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Application Materials associated with:
 - Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
- [Meeting Packet](#)

In Attendance:

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

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

- The Acting Chair (AC) recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- The AC gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- The AC gave an overview of the agenda.

2) Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:01:21

- Commissioner Roy highlighted an editorial that she had contributed to in the Boston Globe regarding testing and requested to lead an internal working group to provide policy recommendations on the topic. Commissioner Stebbins noted an upcoming meeting with representatives Lindsay Sabadosa and Dawne Shand and discussed the response to the accounts receivable topic which had been put out for public comment. He said that he was continuing to work on the letter to no-towns and had met with Ellen Brown, the newest member of the Cannabis Advisory Board. The AC discussed a meeting with members of the Massachusetts Cannabis Coalition where members



discussed potential regulatory changes related to advertising, badging requirements, the two-driver rule for third party transporters and testing. She stated that the upcoming regulations on Social Consumption may include some of these topics and that she planned on holding regular public listening sessions going forward.

3) Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report – 00:17:33

- Acting Executive Director Debra Hilton-Creek (AED Hilton-Creek) presented an update on internal promotions, recruitment for open positions, and Chapter 180 implementation. Licensing Manager Anne DiMare (Manager DiMare) presented highlights from licensing data and discussed the process for moving from initial application to provisional licensure. Director of Investigations Katherine Binkoski (Director Binkoski) described the process of moving Licensees from provisional to final licensure. The AC discussed stakeholder feedback on the licensing process and that a FAQ had been requested. Director Binkoski stated she would work offline with Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Nomxolisi Khumalo (Chief Khumalo) to determine issues to clarify for Licensees. Associate Enforcement Counsel Olivia Koval (Associate EC Koval) presented an update on Host Community Agreement (HCA) review. She stated that she could have information on the number of Licensees who had used the Model HCA at the next meeting and Commissioner Roy requested data on how long the review process took. Commissioner Camargo said that she had heard feedback from municipalities experiencing difficulty in bringing their HCAs into compliance and asked what the challenges were. Commissioner Stebbins asked about a disparity between Licensees who had requested an extension on submitting a compliant HCA and the number of requests which had been granted and Associate EC Koval explained that there was a ten-day period after the request where the Licensee must pay prorated fees before the request was granted.

4) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 01:13:38

- Licensing Manager Tsuko Defoe (Manager Defoe) presented on behalf of the licensing department the Staff Recommendations for Changes of Ownership, Renewals, Final licenses, and Responsible Vendor Trainer Renewals.

1. Berkshire Kind, Inc.

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo - Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

2. Mayflower Medicinals, Inc.

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership.



- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo - Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

5) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 01:17:32

- Commissioner Stebbins made a motion to approve items numbered 2 – 9 and 11 – 22 as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo - Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal roster of items numbered 2 – 9 and 11 – 22 on the agenda.

1. Alexsofia (MRR206862)

- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division and consider updates to goals for hiring disproportionately harmed individuals to licensee’s Positive Impact Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 and 935 Code Mass. Regs § 500.103(4)(b).
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the renewal subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo - Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.

2. I.N.S.A. (MRR206927)

- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, consider updates to licensee’s Positive Impact Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 and 935 Code



Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b) and Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8.k and 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b) with respect to Host Community of Salem and nearby areas of disproportionate impact and contact CCC Licensing Division with any updates.

- Commissioner Roy experienced technical difficulties and Commissioners agreed to a short recess. (Returned at 01:40:14).
- Commissioner Stebbins repeated his condition for I.N.S.A.'s renewal.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the renewal subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo - Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy noted the difficulty in hiring from disproportionately impacted areas and stated that she looked forward to receiving an updated diversity plan from Green Flash Delivery LLC and updated Positive Impact Plan from JimBuddys Rec Shop, Inc.

6) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 01:45:05

1. Lunar Xtracts, Inc. (#MP282247), Marijuana Product Manufacturer
2. New Leaf Enterprises, Inc. (#MR283203), Marijuana Retailer
3. UC Retail, LLC (#MR284774), Marijuana Retailer

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Final License roster from one through three as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo - Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Final License roster from one through three.

7) Responsible Vendor Training Trainer Renewal – 01:47:03



1. Grass Ceiling, LLC (#RVR453148)

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo - Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- Commissioner Stebbins suggested reviewing the Responsible Vendor Training (RVT) requirements in light of upcoming regulatory changes. The AC stated that a topic for a future meeting should be determining what regulatory changes the Commission should focus on.

8) Commission Discussion and Votes – 01:52:05

1. Executive Director Search – Subcommittee and Membership Update

- AED Hilton-Creek presented an update on the timeline for the Executive Director (ED) search. She explained how the virtual screens would begin on August 12th and first round interviews would be scheduled from September 1st to September 15th before the final round of interviews in a Public Meeting from October 1st to October 15th. Commissioner Camargo asked if there had been preparations to onboard the new ED. AED Hilton-Creek responded that she had begun preparing for the onboarding which had been informed by staff feedback. She stated that the process would be presented to Commissioners for their approval.

9) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 02:10:34

- The AC stated that there was no new business which was not anticipated at the time of posting. Commissioner Stebbins stated that he had spoken with a Registered Agent who felt that she was having a hard time getting approved for a mortgage due to working in the industry and pointed out that this situation may be addressed by federal rescheduling of cannabis.

10) Next Meeting Date – 02:13:27

- The AC stated that the next meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2024.

11) Adjournment – 02:15:22

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes



- AC Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.

