

# January Monthly Public Meeting

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#### January 10, 2023

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

## CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

#### January 12, 2023 10:00AM

#### Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live\*

## PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates
- III. Minutes for Approval
- IV. Executive Director's Report
- V. Staff Recommendations on Previously Remanded License Applications
  - 1. Greenfield Greenery LLC (#0174-COO-01-0522), Change of Ownership
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  - 3. BeWell Organic Medicine, Inc. (#MRN284729), Retail
  - 4. CNA Stores, Inc. (#MRN283460), Retail
  - 5. Enlite Cannabis Dispensary, LLC (#MRN284651), Retail



- 6. Enroot Home Delivery LLC (#MDA1302), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 7. Gracious Greens, LLC (#MRN284257), Retail
- 8. House of Ermias, LLC (#MRN284346), Retail
- 9. In Good Health (#MRN284655), Retail
- 10. Kur Retailers, LLC (#MRN284652), Retail
- 11. Medicine Man Solutions (#MPN281839), Product Manufacturer
- 12. Medicine Man Solutions (#MDA1318), Marijuana Delivery Operator
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- 14. Speedy Cannabis, LLC (#MDA1295), Marijuana Delivery Operator
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- VIII. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
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  - 2. Election of Commission Secretary and Treasurer
  - 3. 2023 Executive Director Goals
  - 4. Periodic Review of Executive Session Minutes
  - 5. Job Description: Deputy Executive Director
  - 6. Job Description: Microsoft Dynamics Administrator Developer
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#### CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

#### November 10, 2022

#### 10:00 AM

#### Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live\*

#### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

#### **Documents**:

- Application Materials associated with:
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    - Ember Gardens Cape Cod, LLC
    - Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC
  - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
    - Curaleaf Processing, Inc. (#REN281303), Marijuana Research Facility
    - Delivered, Inc. (#MDA1303), Marijuana Delivery Operator
    - Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#MRN281621), Retail
    - Ember Gardens Production, LLC (#MCN283722), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
    - Ember Gardens Production, LLC (#MPN282196), Product Manufacturer
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    - I & I Rose Garden, LLC (#MRN284031), Retail
    - Natural Agricultural Products, LLC (#MRN284177), Retail
    - Northeastcann, Inc. (#MRN284438), Retail
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    - Western Front, LLC (#MRN284389), Retail
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- Green Meadow Farm, LLC (#MR284280), Retail
- Green River Cannabis Company, Inc. (#MR282175), Retail
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- Morando Brands, LLC (#MP281488), Product Manufacturing
- Root 2 Naturals, LLC (#MB281675), Microbusiness)
- Rooted In, LLC d/b/a Rooted in Roxbury (#MR284261), Retail
- Sira Naturals, Inc. (#MP281613), Product Manufacturing
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- Other Side Agronomy, Inc. (#MCR140342)
- Pepperell Roots, LLC (#MCR140366)
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- Power Fund Operations (fka) Silver Therapeutics, Inc. (#MCR140375)
- ProVerde Laboratories, Inc. (#ILR267910)
- Pudding Hill Farm LLC (#MCR140374)
- Smokey Leaf (#MRR206257)
- TDMA LLC (#MRR206236)
- Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#MPR243870)
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- Memorandum re: Draft Executive Director Performance Review Tool
- Job Description: Senior IT Support Specialist
- Memorandum re: Consideration of New Host Community Agreement Requirements

## In Attendance:

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

## Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
  - The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
  - The Chair gave notice that the meeting was being recorded.
  - The Chair gave an overview of the agenda.
- 2) Chair's Comments and Updates 00:01:40
  - Commissioner Concepcion noted that she looked forward to Access and Equity group's discussion on Disproportionately Impacted Areas. She emphasized the importance of the topic and extended her gratitude to the group for their work and leadership in compiling the information for today's discussion.
  - Commissioner Camargo stated that she was grateful to hear that people were applying for the new Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board and noted that the deadline was extended to November 15, 2022. She encouraged all interested to apply and explained that more information was available at masstreasury.org. She echoed Commissioner Concepcion's comments on the Access and Equity group's presentation on the Area of Disproportionate Impact Study and thanked stakeholders for submitting public comment on the matter. She thanked the Commission's Legal Department and the Executive Director for their work and leadership in working with Commissioners to discuss the operational side of the regulatory review and promulgation process. She also noted the Commission's petition process. She encouraged the public to learn about the process and use it to ensure that the Commission gets feedback as it embarks on a regulatory review and promulgation process.
  - Commissioner Roy thanked veterans and reflected on the Veteran's Day Holiday. She noted that the Research Sub-Committee, of which she is the liaison for the Commission, will soon be focusing on veterans and helping them remove barriers to access of medical cannabis. She noted that on November 21, 2022, the Sub-Committee would convene, deliberate, and vote on recommendations to remove said

barriers. Specifically, if approved, these recommendations would include the following: (1) allow Veterans to register as qualifying patients with proper documentation from the VA healthcare system, in lieu of having a medical cannabis certifying physician; (2) allow Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers to offer discounts and donation for Veterans and other programs to increase access. She also noted that the Commission could further support for Veterans by adding a Veteran Justice Leadership Category to the current Leadership Rating program; (3) to add PTSD and Opioid Use Disorder to the list of Debilitating Medical Conditions to constitute a Qualified Medical Patient; (4) to add a Veteran liaison to the Massachusetts Cannabis Advisory Board. She also noted that, for more information, a link could be found on the Commission's Website. She thanked the Commission's staff and the IT Department.

- Commissioner Stebbins echoed Commissioner Concepcion and Camargo's comments and noted that he also looked forward to discussing important topics on the agenda. He shared an update regarding a trip he recently took with Commissioner Camargo to Springfield, where they visited the marijuana retailer 6Bricks. He noted that the business is a black-owned and family-owned enterprise. He explained that they met with the Mayor of Springfield, his staff, and the Latino Economic Development Corporation and discussed the importance of the social equity program and new legislation. Commissioner Stebbins noted his excitement that the first research and development facility was on the agenda for the Commission's consideration and vote. He indicated that he was pleased that Massachusetts was leading the way in that regard. He also noted the Veteran's Day Holiday and thanked all Veterans for their service. He noted some of the opportunities in the industry for Veterans, encouraged licensees to recruit Veterans to the cannabis workforce, and include these priorities in their renewal application.
- Chair O'Brien echoed Commissioner Stebbins' comments related to 6Bricks. The Chair announced there would be two new appointing authorities to the Commission: new Governor Maura Healey and the new Attorney General Andrea Campbell and noted that she looked forward to working with them, especially regarding the Cannabis Social Equity Fund. The Chair thanked State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg for her work receiving applications for the new Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Boards that will ensure the new fund's success. The Chair also thanked Commission's staff for their work.
- 3) Minutes for Approval 00:15:45
  - September 15, 2022
    - The Chair asked if the Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes and whether there were questions or edits.

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes for September 15, 2022, Commission public meeting.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the September 15, 2022, Commission public meeting.
- 4) Executive Director's Report 00:16:40
  - The Executive Director gave an overview of licensing data, starting on page 211 of the <u>Meeting Packet</u>.
    - Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question regarding the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) status. Specifically, who does it encompass, and what are the benefits related to DBE status.
      - The Executive Director noted, per the regulations, that the DBE status includes women, veteran, and minority-owned businesses. That designation is granted by the Supplier Diversity Office. He explained that the Supplier Diversity Office grants that designation, and the way to qualify for this status would be to first take the class through the Supplier diversity office. He also noted that DBE allows for expeditated review, which is considered lower than priority review. He mentioned that there are also fee waivers for DBE businesses.
    - Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question related to the research license, the differences between the licensing and permitting process for the research agenda, and how this information will be delivered to the commission.
      - The Executive Director stated that the information would be relayed in a subsequent slide in his presentation. He explained the two-part process of licensing a research facility; one is the actual licensing of the entity or of the facility where the business is located, but the second piece is considering their proposed research. The Executive Director stated that the reason is that the research was for the public good, and the Commission wanted to create a process by which the members of the Commonwealth could access this knowledge and understand it. He said that the Commission does not have an

institutional review board that would require a review of this nature. Therefore, this review would ensure adequate research was being conducted to benefit the state. He noted the lack of research being conducted around the country and pointed out this license will help to prove specific arguments through these permits.

- Commissioner Roy noted that cannabis had outpaced cranberries as the state's number one export.
  - The Executive Director said he believed that it was reflection of the market's maturity in Massachusetts. He attributed the industry's growth to the fact that the cannabis industry was ingrained into the local economy.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked a clarifying question regarding the difference between Certified Patients and Certified Active Patients.
  - The Executive Director explained the difference is that Certified Patients had gone to a provider, the provider had entered them into our system and had been recommended for cannabis. Certified Active Patients had finished that registration process, uploaded their identification, filled out the form and had been issued their registration.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question about what the +0 means on the MMJ Licensing and Registration Data slide.
  - The Executive Director explained that it meant no additional Registered Certifying Physicians or Nurse Practitioners were added in the last month. He explained that next month he plans to bring a year over year statistic for his presentation.
- Chair O'Brien asked a clarifying question as to how the Commission had reached out to Nurse Practitioners and Registered Certifying Physicians to ensure adequate supply and access for patients.
  - The Executive Director said there are formal occupational groups like the Massachusetts Medical Society, and others. He noted that these groups lobbied for oversight of the medical industry in Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017. He mentioned, however, that only one person is a Registered Physician Assistant. He welcomed suggestions from others on ways to reach more Physician Assistants. He mentioned that the hesitation to participate in the industry may stem from the federal prohibition and people's association with healthcare facilities or institutions that receive federal money. He explained that these circumstances create an environment where practices specialize in cannabis specific clients and who may rely on those high fees for

business. The Executive Director said he believed bringing in more healthcare providers into the field might require some form of alternative payment methods. He expressed his frustration that traditional medicine seems to not have embraced medical cannabis today in Massachusetts. He also noted that there is not enough scientific consensus to understand how cannabis interacts with other medications. He noted the Medical Marijuana Patients cancer treatment and the desire to better understand this interaction for these patients and their treatment. He ended his comment by welcoming feedback on ways to better outreach to the healthcare industry.

- Chair O'Brien said she appreciated the ED's response and that it offered her greater clarity and mentioned she would be happy to help with outreach.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question about more information on the end-of-life care and how that is reflected in our regulations.
  - The Executive Director said there are two ways: one is access for residents, and two for end-of-life care for out of state patients. He also noted the reality that patient numbers fluctuate because of these endof-life care options and that it is a privilege to be able to offer this care to these patients.
- Commissioner Camargo asked a clarifying question about expired MTC licenses and their status.
  - The Executive Director explained those are licensees who chose not to renew their license for various reasons depending on the business.
- The Director of Equity Programming and Community Outreach, Silea Williams (Director Williams), provided an overview of the Commission's Equity Programming and Community Outreach, starting on page 219 of the Meeting Packet.
  - Commissioner Roy thanked Director Williams for her presentation and asked a clarifying question about when she could receive the toolkit literature discussed in the presentation.
    - Director Williams responded that her team was working with the Communications Department to print the toolkits and will be made available as the Commissioners move through the list of communities,
  - Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question on when the Toolkits would be made available.
    - Director Williams noted that she did not have a proposed timeline but would confirm and follow up with the Commission.
  - Commissioner Stebbins thanked Director Williams for her presentation and noted that he is always impressed with the energy she brings to the job and her

great work. Commissioner Stebbins asked how communities could be engaged in facilitating social equity. He also stated that he was happy to hear about program participants and their ability to send feedback. He noted that there were a number of applicants in cohort three who did not reach the acceptance stage and asked if plans were implemented to engage some of those participants in cohort four.

- Director Williams noted that those applicants would be reengaged for cohort four.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted his reasoning for asking the question.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted his support to change the ancillary track name because he felt that it does not adequately capture what the track does.
- Commissioner Concepcion thanked Director Williams for her presentation and work. She asked how many people have participated in all three social equity cohorts.
  - Director Williams noted that just over 800 participants had gone through the Social Equity Program.
  - Commissioner Camargo noted that the exact number was 871.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked, out of the 871, how many participants were from areas of disproportionate impact.
  - Director Williams responded that she did not have the information and would follow-up with the Commissioner when she found the specific number.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if Director Williams knew what was the most common qualifying criteria seen for the Social Equity Program.
  - Director Williams said that living in an area of disproportionate impact in combination with not exceeding 400% of the medium area income were the most common qualifying criteria.
  - Commissioner Concepcion asked for the next most common qualifying criteria.
  - Director Williams noted that she did not have the answer and would follow up with the Commissioner.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Director Williams for her presentation and her work and leadership on the topic. She also noted that Director Williams had begun her tenure at the Commission in HR but had been promoted to lead the Equity Department. She echoed Commissioner Stebbins comments related to a name change of the ancillary tracts and explained that the ancillary track of the Social Equity Program allowed more folks to get involved in the Cannabis industry. She noted that small businesses like cleaning and painting companies are needed for cannabis businesses to operate. She asked a

clarifying question related to the survey of previous Social Equity Participants.

- Director Williams said she had previously precured that information through certain vehicles by surveying through the advanced coursework.
- Commissioner Camargo said municipalities are still not understanding the Commission's equity mandate and asked how the Commission was educating cities and towns about the mandate. She also expressed her frustration at the inequities occurring at the municipal level.
  - Director Williams said she was working with the Director of Government Affairs and Policy to develop a municipal engagement strategy. She stated this would be rolled out with the cohort four recruitment efforts.
- Commissioner Camargo noted her time in Springfield with the Mayor and her hope that folks would reach out to the Commission if they have any questions. She also explained that she hoped local officials realized they could be a barrier to entry to the market for these licensees.
  - The Executive Director noted the new legislation includes a provision requiring the Commission to issue regulations on minimum standards for Host Community Agreements to help standardize the process and create a model HCA. The Executive Director noted this change is late, but now there is a ripe opportunity to help fix these issues.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the Executive Director for his work in building out the social equity program.
  - Chief Communications Officer Cedric Sinclair (Chief Sinclair), noted that his team had been meeting regularly with municipalities and Boston and were looking to expand that discussion across the state.
- Commissioner Roy asked whether there would be live physical events where the Commission brings people together or if it was going to remain virtual.
  - Director Williams said they are assessing that question now and whether parts of the Social Equity Program could be in person.
- Commissioner Roy recommended reaching out to the Justice Supports Centers across the state or reentry centers and create a portal where the Commission could pair folks with jobs in the industry.
- Chair O'Brien asked what the Commission was doing to accommodate for people who do not have a smart phones or laptops and asked a clarifying question about outreach to those communities.

- Director Williams noted the use of the Community Outreach Toolkit and or printed cards to conduct outreach to various communities. She also noted other forms of media used to conduct outreach.
- Chair O'Brien expressed her desire to work with Director Williams to reach those hard-to-reach communities.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked why there was such an uptick in applicants for this cohort despite being virtual.
  - Director Williams said she had yet to survey the Social Equity program participants but noted additional promotional efforts and vast awareness of the Commission, leading to high demand for the program.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted that in a previous meeting there was a conversation of there not being any caps on this program and her understanding that it was tied to the fact that this program was virtual.
  - Director Williams said they were considering caps if in-person classes resume.
  - Chief Sinclair said part of the conversation is that the program has capacity in some areas but noted that the entrepreneurial track is full and might require a cap in the future, while other tracks have lots of space. He also noted that they might have to put in second sessions of specific courses or provide videos modules that could be self-paced.
- Commissioner Roy asked if the curriculum would be updated because of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022.
  - Director Sinclair said they were constantly refining their coursework and would for this new law.
- Commissioner Roy asked if they surveyed the social equity program participants at the end of their coursework. She also asked if there was a common thread in the responses.
  - Director Williams said there is a survey that participants complete about the course and ways to improve the course. She said they also survey Social Equity Participants who participate in the program through the self-paced module. She mentioned the former Chair did facilitate a course about predatory lending because of the feedback received from stakeholders.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked her fellow Commissioners for talking about the Social Equity Program as a tool in communities. She mentioned the traditional cannabis community is growing. She said the DIA study helped the Commission talk about the Social Equity Program and thought that conversation helped.

- Commissioner Concepcion asked why people were denied from participating in Social Equity program for the third cohort and whether they kept a list of people who were denied.
  - Director Williams noted that they don't use the term denied but that some applicants could not prove eligibility on the set criteria and thus were not accepted into the last cohort. She noted that there is a way to tell if an applicant had re-applied.
- Chair O'Brien thanked the equity team for their presentation and leadership on the topic.

Commissioner Roy moved to take a fifteen-minute recess.

- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved taking a fifteen-minute recess, returning at 11:55 AM (1:55:30)
  - The Executive Director thanked Director Williams and Chief Sinclair for their presentation. He noted one of the driving forces in the large cohort three was the exclusive delivery license. He provided general updates related to the Commission's work and including that that Commission had an open bid through February and encouraged vendors to apply for numerous opportunities at the Commission on COMMBUYS.
    - The Executive Director also addressed a question raised by Commissioner Roy about how the Commission receives feedback from operators and referenced the predatory lending conversation that arose from discussions with operators. He also referenced Commissioner Roy's comment on a portal to licensees like the one done by the state of California and wanted to announce that his team is working on a similar version for Massachusetts and thanked Commissioner Stebbins for helping with that vision.
    - The Executive Director also announced schedule METRC outages for December.
  - The Executive Director gave an update on the regulatory process and prioritizing items required by the new law Ch. 180 of the Acts of 2022.
  - The Executive Director gave an update on the Commission's hiring activity.

- Commissioner Roy asked if the Executive Director could announce who the people who were promoted internally.
- The Executive Director responded that the Senior Press Secretary is Tara Smith, and the Investigator was Olivia Koval.
- The Executive Director listed an update on the hiring process and the jobs that were being interviewed for at the Commission.
- 5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership 02:06:00
  - 1. Ember Gardens Cape Cod, LLC
    - Licensing Manager Tsuko Defoe (Licensing Manager Defoe) presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
    - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
    - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
    - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
    - The Chair took a roll call vote:
      - Commissioner Camargo Yes
      - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
      - Commissioner Roy Yes
      - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
      - Chair O'Brien Yes

The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

- 2. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Change of Ownership
  - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.
- 6) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses 02:08:30

- 1. Curaleaf Processing, Inc. (#REN281303), Marijuana Research Facility
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Diversity Plan and clarify goal of 420 new diverse suppliers and organizations as provided on Page 1 and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c) 8k.
  - Commissioner Camargo asked a clarifying question regarding Commissioner Stebbins condition.
    - Commissioner Stebbins confirmed the condition was regarding the licensee's in-state activity.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- 2. Delivered, Inc. (#MDA1303), Marijuana Delivery
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License. The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy proposed a condition.
    - Proposed condition: In accordance with 935 CMR 500.146 (5), A Delivery Operator shall make available educational materials about Finished Marijuana Products to Consumers. A Delivery Operator shall have an adequate supply of current educational material available for distribution. Prior to final licensure please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a – j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.

- Commissioner Camargo noted that the applicant was a part of the first SEP program Cohort.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional license, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 3. Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#MRN281621), Retail
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License.
  - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 4. Ember Gardens Production, LLC (#MCN283722), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for both Ember Gardens Production, LLC Provisional Licenses.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy proposed a condition solely to apply to the Cultivation Tier 3/Indoor license.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12), and 935 CMR 500.120(14).

- Commissioner Stebbins Proposed a condition to apply to both Ember Gardens Production, LLC.
  - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and clarify focus on Orleans residents for internship and scholarship programs as provided on Page 2 and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Stebbins.
- 5. Ember Gardens Production, LLC (#MPN282196), Product Manufacturer
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to solely apply to the Product Manufacturer license.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130 (9).
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional Licenses subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - $\circ$  Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes

- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- 6. Greenwayv, Inc. (#MCN283707), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License for both Greenwayv, Inc. Licenses.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to solely apply to the Cultivation Tier 3/Indoor license.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12), and 935 CMR 500.120(14).
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
  - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 7. Greenwayv, Inc. (#MPN282209), Product Manufacturer
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to solely apply to Product Manufacturer license.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your "Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130 (9).
  - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
  - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:

- Commissioner Camargo Yes
- Commissioner Concepcion Yes
- Commissioner Roy Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- o Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 8. I & I Rose Garden, LLC (#MRN284031), Retail
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
  - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
  - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Abstained
  - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 9. Natural Agricultural Products, LLC (#MRN284177), Retail
  - Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
    - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.

- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

10. Northeastcann, Inc. (#MRN284438), Retail

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

11. The Blue Jay Botanicals (#DOA100159), Marijuana Courier

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

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

12. Western Front, LLC (#MRN284389), Retail

- Licensing Manager Defoe presented the Staff Recommendation for Provisional License.
- Commissioner Camargo Recused herself and went off camera.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Recused
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission approved the Provisional License 4-0, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 7) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses 02:32:06
  - The Chair noted that Final Licenses would be considered in two roster (1) Adult-Use Licenses items numbered 1 through 12 and 14, as identified on the agenda, (2) Solurge, Inc.
  - Adult-Use Roster
    - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Final License roster will consist of items numbered 1 through 12, and 14 as identified on the agenda.
    - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
    - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses.
    - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
    - The Chair took a roll call vote:
      - Commissioner Camargo Yes
      - Commissioner Concepcion Yes

- Commissioner Roy Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Adult-Use roster of Final Licenses.
- Solurge, Inc. (#MC281300), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
  - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use roster consists of item numbered 13 as identified on the agenda.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Concepcion asked whether the chair was recusing herself on this license.
    - The Chair noted that she will be abstaining from the vote.
  - o Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Abstained

The Commission approved the Final Licenses with four in favor and one abstention.

- 8) Staff Recommendations on Renewals 02:34:40
  - The Chair noted that Renewals would be considered as one or more rosters; There are two rosters: (1) Adult-use applications, items numbered 1 through 55, as identified on the agenda, (2) Medical-use applications items numbered 52 through 60, as identified on the agenda.
  - Adult-Use
    - The Chair noted that the adult-use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 1 through 51, as identified on the agenda.
    - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
    - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the roster of adult-use Renewals.
    - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
    - The Chair took a roll call vote:
      - Commissioner Camargo Yes
      - Commissioner Concepcion Yes

- Commissioner Roy Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- Chair O'Brien Yes
- $\circ$  The Commission unanimously approved the adult-use Renewals.
- Medical-Use
  - The Chair noted that the Medical-Use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 52 through 60 as identified on the agenda.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the roster of adult-use Renewals.
  - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
    - Chair O'Brien Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of medical -use Renewals.
- 1. 6 Bricks, LLC. (#MRR206151)
- 2. 617 Therapeutic Health Care, Inc. (#MRR206242)
- 3. B.O.T Realty, LLC (#MRR206254)
- 4. Bada Bloom!, Inc. (#MCR140335)
- 5. COASTAL CULTIVARS, INC. (#MCR140343)
- 6. Coil Brothers LLC (#MPR243862)
- 7. Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRR206215)
- 8. Community Growth Partners Northampton Operations LLC (#MCR140349)
- 9. dba EMJ LLC (#MCR140353)
- 10. Emerald Grove, Inc. (#MPR243872)
- 11. Emerald Grove, Inc. (#MCR140338)
- 12. Evergreen Strategies, LLC. (#MRR206248)
- 13. Gibby's Garden LLC (#MBR169298)
- 14. Green Era LLC (#MRR206246)
- 15. Green Era LLC (#MRR206245)
- 16. Green Era LLC (#MRR206217)
- 17. Green Highland LLC (#MCR140347)
- 18. Green Highland LLC (#MPR243883)
- 19. Green Highland LLC (#MRR206255)

- 20. Greenhouse Naturals LLC (#MRR206238)
- 21. Highdration LLC (#MPR243858)
- 22. I & I Rose Garden LLC (#MPR243868)
- 23. Impressed LLC (#MCR140316)
- 24. Just Healthy, LLC (#MRR206264)
- 25. Just Healthy, LLC (#MPR243889)
- 26. Just Healthy, LLC(#MCR140360)
- 27. JustinCredible Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140333)
- 28. Lifted Genetics, LLC (#MCR140320)
- 29. Littleton Apothecary LLC (#MRR206218)
- 30. Mainely Productions LLC (#MCR140357)
- 31. Massachusetts Green Retail, Inc. (#MRR206224)
- 32. New England Cannabis Corporation, Inc. (#MPR243867)
- 33. New England Cannabis Corporation, Inc. (#MCR140328)
- 34. New Green LLC (#MRR206210)
- 35. Nova Farms, LLC (#MPR243869)
- 36. Nova Farms, LLC (#MCR140329)
- 37. Other Side Agronomy, Inc. (#MCR140342)
- 38. Pepperell Roots, LLC (#MCR140366)
- 39. Pepperell Roots, LLC (#MPR243892)
- 40. Power Fund Operations (fka) Silver Therapeutics, Inc. (#MCR140375)
- 41. ProVerde Laboratories, Inc. (#ILR267910)
- 42. Pudding Hill Farm LLC (#MCR140374)
- 43. Smokey Leaf (#MRR206257)
- 44. TDMA LLC (#MRR206236)
- 45. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#MPR243870)
- 46. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#MCR140330)
- 47. Terpene Journey, LLC (#MRR206188)
- 48. The Blue Jay Botanicals, Inc. (#MRR206240)
- 49. The Green Harbor Dispensary, LLC (#MRR206233)
- 50. The Hub Craft, LLC (#MCR140314)
- 51. Volcann LLC (#MRR206253)
- 52. 4BROS, INC. (#RMD1325)
- 53. ACK Natural, LLC (#RMD1627)
- 54. Apothca, Inc. (#RMD1065)
- 55. ARL Healthcare (#RMD1085)
- 56. Cresco HHH, LLC (#RMD686)

- 57. Cultivate Leicester, Inc (#RMD485)
- 58. Ermont, Inc (#RMD225)
- 59. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#RMD605)
- 60. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#RMD1128)

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

- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved taking a thirty-minute lunch recess, returning at 1:10 PM (03:11:11)
- 9) Commission Discussion and Votes
  - 1. Access & Equity Group: Discussion on Disproportionately Impacted Areas
    - The Access and Equity Group consisting of Licensing Specialist Tixa Chukwuezi (Licensing Specialist Chukwuezi), Paralegal Sabiel Rodriguez (Paralegal Rodriguez), and Project Manager Meghan Dube (Manager Dube) gave an overview of 2021 Disproportionate Impact Study and Recommendations starting on page 249 of the Meeting Packet.
    - Commissioner Roy thanked the group and asked if adding the Worcester census track would have to be adopted with all of the recommendations and if the group could talk more about that piece.
      - Paralegal Rodriguez responded in the affirmative and explained that a vote is required to be taken by the Commissioners to change the ADI designation.
      - Commissioner Roy noted that she felt comfortable voting on these recommendations today because the vote is narrow to fix a clerical error.
    - The Chair noted that it was the first time the Commissioners were viewing this material because of the open meeting law and supported voting for the recommendations.
    - Commissioner Stebbins thanked the group for the presentation and their work. He noted his support of the view that the Commission could vote for these recommendations at this meeting. He noted the Gettman study and the method of using census track. Still, he emphasized the need to expand these areas to the

surrounding neighborhoods because these stats can divide streets and communities despite being neighbors. Commissioner Stebbins also asked whether it was worth researching data before 1971.

- Manager Dube responded that this question would be great to incorporate into the Commission's State of the Data Report.
- Commissioner Roy asked whether the Commission would want to subtract any communities from the list.
  - Commissioner Concepcion responded that the question of removing communities remained with the Commissioners.
  - Manager Dube agreed and noted the alternative methods of obtaining a list outside the two studies referenced in the presentation.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the group for the presentation and their work. She asked how the group concluded that the omission of the Worcester Census track was a clerical error.
  - Manager Dube noted the presence of the track in the list of the top poverty areas in Worcester.
  - Paralegal Rodriguez noted that on page four of the study that Dr. Gettman indicated that the Worcester track in question satisfied the criteria to be added to the ADI list because it had the highest rate of unemployment in Worcester.
- Commissioner Camargo asked what implementation would look like regarding the groups recommendation to rerun the report as far as time and resources.
  - The Executive Director thanked the group and said that question needs to be determined with the Research Department.
  - Dr. Julie Johnson, the Director of Research (Dr. Johnson), noted that the Commission is under contract with the UMASS Donahue for the consultation study through December, which she is trying to extend until August to help with further analysis based on these recommendations.
- Commissioner Camargo noted that she brought up the issue of Lawrence last year because she cared about this issue and noted her concern as the fourth cohort will begin soon. She also thanked the group for their presentation and noted that there is still much work to be done with the ADI to get the policy right.
- Chair O'Brien asked Commissioner Camargo what her concerns were going into the fourth cohort and what the commission might be missing in relation to Lawrence?
  - Commissioner Camargo responded that Lawrence was left out of past rounds because of the data and lack of outreach. She noted that last year the SEP program was about to open its process so she advocated for adding Lawrence then because of the high demographics of Latinos in the community. She also noted the unemployment rate is 12% and the area income is 24% lower than the poverty line. She commented her concern that the community was already

left out twice and that adding the census track in Worcester in addition to Lawrence would be a good thing for the Commission going forward.

- The Executive Director noted a number of communities that did not contribute data to the study. He explained that Boston was a known community left out of the study, but efforts were made before the study to bring in that data. The Executive Director explained that it wasn't until after the study was done that he learned which communities were left out. He also noted that there was plenty of anecdotal evidence that suggested Lawrence would qualify, including the fact that it is a gateway city.
- Chair O'Brien asked if all gateway cities included in the list of ADI.
  - The Executive Director didn't believe so but stated the UMass study recommendations would have put them on the list.
  - Dr. Johnson noted that 55 municipalities that were excluded from the study because most communities do not have the resources and tend to be smaller communities.
- Commissioner Camargo added that just like this Worcester track being a clerical error, so was Lawrence not being added to the list of communities that are considered ADI. She noted that this discussion occurred months ago and noted the importance of getting this issue right.
- Commissioner Conception thanked the group for the presentation and work. She noted the gaps in both studies. She referenced the collateral consequences of using the arrest data and quoted the presentation on the subject and its importance. She also pointed out that despite the noted importance, both criteria the impact of conviction, sentencing and other sanctions was not included or considered and noted in some of these recommendations it is also limited to just arrest data. She also noted that the Commission's regulations discussing both arrest and conviction data for cannabis. She commented that both of these studies do not narrow down to just cannabis either as opposed to all drug arrests. She mentioned that the census tracks maybe harmful to use going forward in ways we identify ADIs. She also wanted to ask Dr. Johnson about the first recommendation and whether it was possible to extract the cannabis related data from the Donahue study.
  - Dr. Johnson said it might be, but it would have to be a conservative estimate because the data is not perfectly aligned and so there might be gaps which is why we were inclusive with the number originally. She also noted that after arrest, the data is not always reported by municipalities and because of that the data would be skewed to favor municipalities who have the resources to capture that data.
- Commissioner Concepcion noted the timing difference between the studies with the Gettman study being conducted in a two-month period and the Donahue study being

over a year. She also reminded the Commissioners the reason for choosing NIBRS last March was because it was a part of the procurement process and to be mindful of the importance of the equity mandate to our work which is used as an example.

- Chair O'Brien asked how the Commission would go about deciding the difference between (1) tracks and neighborhoods and (2) why the Commission was spending so much time evaluating Lawrence if it seems to fit in with our criteria for an ADI?
  - Commissioner Concepcion clarified that the census tracks were identified by the Gettman study and continued in the Donahue study and was not something that the Commission evaluated as a tool to use going forward and should have been evaluated.
  - The Executive Director explained the lack of knowledge that Lawrence would be left out of the original survey data. He mentioned that there was a robust discussion about the census tracks with former Commissioners and weighed the considerations on how to set the boundaries. He noted the census track was not redrawn and was carried over into the Donahue study and if the Commission wants to reconsider this issue, he would be happy to help.
- Commissioner Roy made a comment about the fact that arrest data doesn't link back to the area where the person was from but where the arrest took place and offered that point as a suggestion if the Commission is considering looking into a change. She also asked Dr. Johnson about whether additional data can extract cannabis possession verses cannabis distribution.
  - Dr. Johnson explained that all data must be comparable and cannot favor one community over the other. She said she could extract that data, but we cannot extract post-arrest data and therefore it is not comparable across municipalities. She explained that she could do another study to extract that data further.
- Commissioner Roy asked whether the research team was using data from county correctional facilities, department of correction and federal facilities.
  - Dr. Johnson said the data varies once you look at the post-arrest and a lot of those systems are paper records so review would take a lot of time and resources to conduct.
- Commissioner Stebbins thanked Commissioner Camargo for her advocacy for the city of Lawrence. He also asked Dr. Johnson about whether the vendor could work on this issue and extract this data before the contract expires in December.
  - Dr. Johnson said under the current ISA, they are contracted for consultation and not review of data through December. The Legal and Research teams have decided to hold off on the ISA till August and edit the statement so that they would be able to update those data sets.

- Commissioner Camargo moved to adopt the spirit of the group's recommendations and have the Executive Director and staff, including the research team, and the equity program and policy team coordinate with a racially diverse research team to analyze and implement the appropriate data sets, methodologies and research to recommend and update to ADI designation and in the interim she suggested adopting the Gettman study's recommendation, in addition to the Worcester track mentioned and the city of Lawrence.
- Commissioner Stebbins wanted Commissioner Camargo to explain her first motion in greater detail because it seemed to entail additional research agenda items.
- Commissioner Camargo suggested researching this issue in greater detail and discussed utilizing staff and other researchers to discover what else the Commission needs to make accurate ADI. She also referenced her fellow commissioner's questions on additional data and mentioned supporting the spirit of the group's recommendation through this motion.
- Chair O'Brien asked what Commissioner Camargo meant by a diverse research team and whether that would require hiring additional researchers.
- Commissioner Camargo meant when hiring outside vendors, like for the Donahue survey, she felt like there was a lack of a racial lens there and oversight because of it and hopes to change that if this topic is researched again.
- Chair O'Brien expressed concern over the multifaceted motion by Commissioner Camargo and debated on making it two motions.
- Commissioner Roy expressed her opinion that she sees three different concepts and was getting confused that they were being rolled into one motion.
- The Chair asked the General Counsel for clarity on the current motion before the Commissioners.
- General Counsel Christine Baily (General Counsel Baily) said her understanding is there is a current motion before the Commissioners that Commissioner Camargo is asking you to take a vote on the motion. In this case, someone can seek to amend the motion and debate the amendment but as of right now there are not amendments offered and the motion is on the floor as read by Commissioner Camargo.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted that the motion had yet to be seconded, which indicates that the motion can still be amended.
- Chair O'Brien asked the commissioner to repeat her motion.
- Commissioner Camargo repeated her motion.
- Chair O'Brien asked whether this motion was clear to everyone.
- Commissioner Roy asked to clarify the "racially diverse research team" language and whether she meant that requirement for the external research team.
- Commissioner Camargo responded in the affirmative and said she was concerned with the research going back in time and that is why she suggested that provision.

- Commissioner Stebbins asked whether Commissioner Camargo would be amendable to breaking up her motion into three motions and expressed his desire to discuss different aspect of these three issues.
- Commissioner Camargo said she was not amendable to changing her motion.
- Commissioner Stebbins said he appreciated that feedback and her motion's spirit. He said he had different thoughts about Lawrence as opposed to the Worcester track. He also noted his desire to rethink the census tracks as opposed to adding this single track in Worcester and hopes the Commission will revisit this discussion around using census tracks in the future.
- Commissioner Roy noted she also felt more comfortable breaking down this motion to three different motions and conversations about each.
- Commissioner Camargo said that we know the census track is not perfect and there could be another way until we run this report and figure out another way to designate these areas, but we are stuck with this methodology until we do that work.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
  - Commissioner Roy Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins Yes
  - Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- 2. Draft Executive Director Performance Review Tool
  - Commissioner Stebbins provided an overview on the topic. He explained that the Commission updated the Executive Director Performance Evaluation and Compensation Process last year. He noted that the process focused on transparency and offered a meaningful perspective from Commissioners.
- 3. Access Job Description: Senior IT Support Specialist
  - The Executive Director presented the job description.
  - Commissioner Roy made a motion to approve the creation of the new Senior IT Support Specialist.
  - Commissioner Stebbins Seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - $\circ$  Commissioner Roy Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins Yes

- Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the creation of the new role.
- 4. Consideration of New Host Community Agreement (HCA) Requirements
  - The Executive Director and General Counsel Baily gave an update and overview on the topic.
  - Commissioner Stebbins thanked the Executive Director and General Counsel and noted his support for the prudent approach. He explained the perceived confusion regarding the new law between both licensees and municipalities and said he appreciates the clarification.
    - The Executive Director responded that one additional area of the legislation would allow municipalities to waive the HCA requirement and the Commission would need to create a form to handle that process.
  - Commissioner Roy said she received many questions about HCA regulation and wondered whether this decision would be distributed to municipalities.
    - The Executive Director said this information was in the Public Meeting Packet, and the Commission was currently working with cities and towns to understand this process. He also explained that he was seeking the Commission's support for this change and hoped the Commissioners would support him in this effort and, if approved, would work with Massachusetts Municipal Association to get the information out to members.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the Executive Director for this motion and said she knew this was a difficult decision and offered support for the motion.
- Chair O'Brien asked a clarifying question as to whether the Executive Director was offering a motion and whether he had language in mind for said motion.
- Executive Director Collins proposed the motion language.
- Chair O'Brien asked a clarifying question on the timing of the implementation and noted that the topic would be one of the first issues tackled by the Commission during the regulatory review and promulgation process.
  - The Executive Director noted that the emphasis is on before November 9, 2023.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved for the Commission to vote not to consider application's compliance with M.G.L. c. 94G, §3(d)(1)-(2), (i)-(iii) and Section 3, until the commission has promulgated relevant regulations which will occur on or before November 9, 2023; further, that the Commission encourages communities to consult counsel in order to consider whether their existing or pending HCAs comply with the new requirements.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo Yes
  - Commissioner Concepcion Yes

- Commissioner Roy Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- Chair O'Brien Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved to consider application's compliance with M.G.L. c. 94G, §3(d)(1)-(2), (i)-(iii) and Section 3, until the commission has promulgated relevant regulations which will occur on or before November 9, 2023; further, that the Commission encourages communities to consult counsel in order to consider whether their existing or pending HCAs comply with the new requirements.

10) New Business the Chair Did Not Anticipate at the Time of Posting - 05:08:04

• No new items were identified.

11) Next Meeting Date - 05:08:06

- The chair noted that the next meeting would be on December 8, 2022, via Teams at 10:00AM.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the staff for accommodating a December public meeting as historically the Commission did not meet in December.

12) Adjournment - 05:09:05

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



## CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

# December 5, 2022 10:00 AM

# Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live\*

## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

### **Documents**:

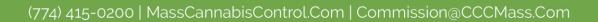
• N/A

### In Attendance:

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

### Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order
  - The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
  - The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- 2) Executive Session Mediation Regarding Commission Governance 00:00:38
  - The Chair noted that the Commission would not return to Open Session after its Executive Session Deliberations.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(9.), to confer with a mediator, as defined in G.L. c. 233, § 23C, to participate in mediation between the Commissioners and staff leadership, for purpose of finding common ground and obtaining buy-in from all parties, in its efforts to establish a durable and effective governance structure.
  - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - o Commissioner Camargo Yes
    - Commissioner Concepcion Yes
    - Commissioner Roy Yes



- Commissioner Stebbins Yes
- Chair O'Brien–Yes
- The Commission unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.

The Commission entered the Executive Session (00:02:54).



# Greenfield Greenery LLC 0174-COO-01-0522

# CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Greenfield Greenery LLC

License Number	License Type
MC283117	Cultivation

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

Individual	Role
Elizabeth S. Stainton	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

- 4. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.
- 5. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.
- 6. Commission staff performed a due diligence review of the ownership and control of this license pursuant to the Commission's vote to remand the matter to the Investigations and Enforcement Department on October 13, 2022.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

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



# **INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

To:Nomxolisi Khumalo, Director of InvestigationsAuthor/Lead:Katherine Binkoski, Investigations ManagerDate:December 23, 2022Inv. Rec. #:INV-2022-000001296Subject:Greenfield Greenery LLC (MC283117) – Control and Ownership InvestigationImportance Level: Routine

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# I. BACKGROUND

### a. Purpose of Memorandum

The purpose of this memorandum is to present an overview of the Commission's investigation regarding Greenfield Greenery LLC ("Greenfield Greenery"), a Marijuana Cultivator located in Greenfield, MA. During a public meeting, on October 13, 2022, the Commissioners Nurys Camargo, Ava Callender Concepcion, Kimberly Roy, and Bruce Stebbins remanded Greenfield Greenery's application for a Final License for further evaluation and consideration. The Commissioners requested that both the Final License application, and the Licensee's pending Change of Ownership and Control ("COO") application, be considered and voted on simultaneously. For these reasons, Enforcement Staff ("ES") conducted an investigation to determine if Greenfield Greenery was/is in violation of 935 CMR 500.050 and 935 CMR 500.104. The facts below outline the outcome of the investigation.

## Introduction

Greenfield Greenery is a provisional Tier 11/Outdoor Marijuana Cultivator. The Marijuana Cultivator located at 493 Leyden Road, Greenfield, MA received Provisional License from the Cannabis Control Commission ("Commission") on February 11, 2021.

# b. Applicable Regulations

# 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b)(5)

(5) Any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, or Licensee, shall be limited to a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy distributed across no more than three cultivation Licenses under 935 CMR 500.000 and three MTC Licenses. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative Licensee shall be limited to one license and a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy.

# 935 CMR 500.104(1)(b)(2)

(2) Control Change. Prior to any change in control, where a new Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control should be added to the license, the Marijuana Establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission prior to effectuating such a change. An individual, corporation, or entity shall be determined to be in a position to control the decision-making of a Marijuana Establishment if the individual, corporation, or entity falls within the definition of Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control.



# By Way of Background:

# Ownership and Control Overview of the Licensee – 2020 to 2021

Greenfield Greenery submitted its provisional license application to the Commission on December 1, 2020, the stated ownership and control of the entity was split equally amongst Randy Facey ("Facey") and Shannon O'Brien ("O'Brien"). The two (2) Owners also contributed the initial capital for the license, each paying fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000). This application was approved and the Licensee was granted provisional licensure at the February 11, 2021, Commission public meeting.

The Licensee submitted its renewal application to the Commission on December 31, 2021. This application removed O'Brien as an Owner and Person with Direct/Indirect Control. Facey was listed as the sole majority Owner and Person with Direct/Indirect Control as the Licensee's sole manager. The Licensee also submitted an updated Certificate of Good Standing ("COGS") from the Secretary of the Commonwealth ("SOC"), dated December 20, 2021, listing Facey as the company's sole manager. The annual report filed with SOC on December 20, 2021, stated that O'Brien had been removed as a manager of the company, as well as removed as someone executed to deliver documents and/or instruments related to the company. The renewal application was approved by the Commission on February 10, 2022.

# II. COMMUNICATIONS

### a. Change of Ownership and Control Application submission – May 21, 2022

The Licensee submitted a COO application to the Commission on May 21, 2022. This application requested to add Elizabeth Stainton ("Stainton") as a Person with Direct/Indirect Control to the license. Within the application, the Licensee stated that Greenfield Greenery had issued units representing 23.92% interest in the company to Stainton on April 28, 2022. The Licensee also disclosed that O'Brien had left the company to pursue other interests and should be removed from the license. As an attachment to the application, the Licensee provided an attestation from O'Brien, signed December 15, 2021, stating that she had resigned from her position as Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and she had relinquished her equity interests in Greenfield Greenery.

On May 31, 2022, Licensing staff sent the Licensee a Request for Information ("RFI") related to required background check materials. The Licensee responded to Licensing on August 8, 2022, with the requested information. The COO application was deemed complete (non-approval) based on the submission of required documents. A notice was sent to the Licensee on September 12, 2022 stating the same.

# b. Cannabis Control Commission Public Meeting & Remand – October 13, 2022



The Licensee was slated to be recommended for Final License at the Commission's October 13, 2022, public meeting. When the Licensee came before the Commission for a vote, Chair Shannon O'Brien ("O'Brien") recused herself. The Commissioners were made aware that the Licensee had a pending COO application with the Commission's Licensing team. All the Commissioners approved a motion to remand the Licensee's application for Final License to ES for further evaluation and consideration relative to Ownership and Control as defined in 935 CMR 500.002 and in order to ensure compliance with G. L. c. 94G, § 5 (b) (2) and 935 CMR 500.103(2) and 500.104(b). The Commissioners expressed their wish that both applications be considered and voted on at the same public meeting.

## c. Notice of Deficiency issued to Licensee – December 14, 2022

After the Commissioners' remand of the Licensee's application for Final License at the October 13, 2022, public meeting, the Licensing team referred the May 2022 change application to the Director of Investigations ("DOI") on November 22, 2022. DOI assigned the application and Commissioners' remand to the Financial Investigations Team ("FIT") and Investigations Manager ("IM") Katherine Binkoski ("Binkoski"). After review of the COO application, ES determined O'Brien's removal was not a change which would trigger a COO application, and the change was disclosed in the Licensee's renewal application submitted in December 2021. When reviewing the pending COO application, ES identified three (3) deficiencies related to 935 CMR 50.050(1)(b)(5), and 935 CMR 500.104(1)(b)(2). The Licensee had not disclosed its newly hired a CEO, Koeju John Song ("Song") to the Licensing Staff. CEO is a position which meets the definition of Person with Direct/Indirect Control. Song was also tied to an approved COO application of another Licensee, EOS Bittersweet LLC ("Bittersweet"). Bittersweet's COO application was approved by the Commission on September 12, 2022, which amongst other things, removed Song from the license. However, as of December 14, 2022, Bittersweet had not notified Licensing Staff it had effectuated the approved changes. Thus, Song remained on Bittersweet's license, which implicated the maximum allowable canopy Persons with Direct/Indirect Control can be affiliated with. Lastly, the COO application disclosed it had issued units representative of reportable ownership to Stainton in April 2022 and submitted an executed operating agreement from January 31, 2022, which appointed Stainton a manager of the Entity as well. The issuance of reportable shares to Stainton, as well as the appointment of Stainton as manager, granted Stainton ownership and control in the Entity prior to receiving Commission approval. ES issued a Notice of Deficiency ("NOD") to the Licensee, as well as to Bittersweet for the canopy violation, on December 14, 2022 (Exhibit A).

Following the issuance of the NODs, the Licensee requested a call with ES to understand the deficiencies. On December 14, 2022, DOI, IM Binkoski, IM Timothy Barwise ("Barwise"), Investigator ("Inv.") Olivia Koval ("Koval"), and Inv. Roy Mushongera ("Mushongera"), spoke with Randy Facey ("Facey"), Owner and founder, and Song via Microsoft Teams. The Licensee's external counsel, David Dryer ("Dryer") of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, joined the call as well. Director of Licensing ("DOL") Kyle Potvin ("Potvin") joined at the end of the call to answer questions the





Licensee had related to the COO application. ES explained to the Licensee why the identified deficiencies were violations and that they required a POC from the Licensee within the allotted ten (10) business days.

## d. Plans of Correction received – December 20, 2022

On December 16, 2022, Bittersweet submitted its POC to ES, notifying Licensing that the approved COO application from September 2022, had been effectuated and Song was no longer affiliated with the license. ES approved the POC on December 16, 2022.

On December 19, 2022, Greenfield Greenery submitted its POC to ES. Following the investigative conference on December 20, 2022, an amended POC and additional information was submitted to ES on December 21, 2022. ES approved the amended POC on December 22, 2022. This POC outlined the full history of the Licensee's ownership and control structure. As part of the POC, Stainton and Song resigned from their positions of control, effective immediately, and Stainton sold one-hundred thirty-three thousand (133,000) unit shares to Facey, to bring her allotted ownership interests under the 10% threshold. The submitted documentation showed that the shares would not be re-issued, and the managerial role would not be reinstated until Commission approval was received on the pending May 21<sup>st</sup> COO application. After the POC approval, Facey would be the only Person with Direct/Indirect Control of the license.

# III. INVESTIGATION

### a. Investigative Conference - December 20, 2022

On December 20, 2022, ES conducted an investigative conference with Dryer, Facey, and Song. ES present for the conference included DOI, IM Binkoski, and Inv. Koval. DOL joined after it ended to answer additional procedural questions the Licensee had. During the conference, questions related to the historical ownership and control of the Licensee were discussed, as well as the current ownership and control, and the Licensee's submitted POC. As part of its POC, the Licensee submitted capitalization tables on an as-converted basis, to provide ES with a holistic overview of its ownership structure and debt held by the Licensee. The current capitalization table for the Licensee has not changed since January 2022, other than Stainton's reissuance of her shares to Facey (*See below*). All of the notes held in the Licensee at this time are in the form of debt and have not been converted. ES did not identify any implications the as-converted tables would have on the ownership and control of the Licensee if the applicable debt were converted. However, ES made the Licensee aware that if any future conversions implicated reportable ownership or control, this would require an additional COO application, and Commission approval would be needed prior to effectuating these changes.



		Class A Interests			Name	Class A Interests	Class A %
	Name	1/31/22	Class A %		Name	12/17/22	Class A %
	Founders				Founders		
1	Randy & Angie Facey	225,000	21.53%	1	Randy & Angie Facey	364,500	22.92%
2	Elizabeth Stainton	250,000	23.92%	2	Elizabeth Stainton	158,000	9.94%
3	Patricia Borzych	100,000	9.57%	3	Patricia Borzych	113,300	7.12%
4	K. John Song	75,000	7.18%	4	K. John Song	75,000	4.72%
5	Monty Hart	25,000	2.45%	5	Monty Hart	101,000	6.35%
	Investors				Investors		
6	Investor A	50,000	4.78%	6	Investor A	50,000	3.14%
7	Investor B	85,000	8.13%	7	Investor B	85,000	5.34%
8	Investor C	99,500	9.52%	8	Investor C	109,000	6.85%
9	Investor D	99,500	9.52%	9	Investor D	109,000	6.85%
10	Investor E	36,000	3.44%	10	Investor E	36,000	2.26%
11	Investor F			11	Investor F	66,500	4.18%
12	Investor G			12	Investor G	38,000	2.39%
13	Investor H			13	Investor H	38,000	2.39%
14	Investor I			14	Investor I	19,000	1.19%
15	Investor J			15	Investor J	19,000	1.199
16	Investor K			16	Investor K	76,000	4.78%
17	Investor L			17	Investor L	76,000	4.789
18	Investor M			18	Investor M	38,000	2.39%
19	Investor N			19	Investor N	19,000	1.19%
	Totals	1,045,000	100.00%		Totals	1,590,300	100.00%

The Licensee disclosed the identity of the thirteen (13) additional investors indicated on the capitalization tables. These investors do not hold 10% or more ownership in the Licensee, either held individually or through controlled Entities. ES did not discover any ties or affiliations between the investors and O'Brien.

Due to clarifying questions ES posed to the Licensee during the conference, the Licensee submitted additional information to Licensing, and amended its POC to ES. The Licensee reiterated that O'Brien left the company in November 2021, and surrendered any remaining interests to the company's treasury. The Licensee confirmed O'Brien had no continued involvement, role, or say in the license after her departure. The Licensee characterized its May 2022 COO application as a good faith effort to keep the Commission apprised of ownership and control changes. The Licensee was unaware that changes needed to be vetted and approved by the Commission prior to the changes taking affect. However, both Facey and Song expressed that real control had always rested with Facey since O'Brien's departure. ES had follow up calls with the Licensee or its counsel on December 22, 2022, and December 23, 2022, to request additional information.

### b. Requested Document Review

The Licensee provided General Ledgers/Journal Entries, Bank Statements, Statement of Cash Flows, Profit and Loss, and Balance Sheets from January 1, 2020, until December 2022. Additional

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financial and operational documents were requested after the investigative conference, which were received and reviewed by ES, and the Commission's financial consultant, Citrin Cooperman. The Licensee submitted mutual releases executed amongst the Licensee and O'Brien on November 24, 2021, paired with the signed attestation provided in the May 2022 change application. The provided document releases the Licensee and O'Brien from any and all "manner of claims, counterclaims, suits, debts...demands, judgements...damages, ...liens...losses...[and] liabilities" on behalf of themselves, affiliates, employees, family members, and/or successors. ES did not discover anything in the submitted documentation illustrating a continued affiliation or financial relationship amongst the Licensee and O'Brien after November 2021. ES did not discover anything within the submitted documentation illustrating any other Person or Entity having reportable ownership or control in the Licensee other than Facey, after the approved POC, at this time.

## c. Regulatory Inquiries and Media Search

Available online databases containing disciplinary actions and sanctions collected from various federal and state agencies to include the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Enforcement Actions were checked for Greenfield Greenery, its officers, and owners, past and present.

A review of online media sources including newspapers, magazines, trade and cannabis industry journals, and broadcast transcripts was conducted for any derogatory information regarding Greenfield Greenery, its officers, and owners, past and present.

Various articles were found related to O'Brien and her prior ties to the Licensee. O'Brien was quoted in articles and interviews stating she had disclosed her prior relationship with the Licensee to both the State Treasurer prior to her nomination, to the Commission after her appointment, and had spoken with the State Ethics Commission and was advised there was no conflict of interest if she assumed the role of Chair of the Commission. O'Brien's characterization of her relationship with the Licensee in these articles and interviews was consistent with reviewed documentation, as well as the Licensee's characterization of her past involvement. Additional articles were found regarding the Commission's remand of the Licensee for further review at the October 13, 2022, public meeting.

On December 21, 2022, ES called and confirmed with the Office of the State Treasurer's Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Emily Kowtoniuk, that O'Brien had disclosed her prior affiliation and ownership of the Licensee prior to her nomination for Chair of the Commission.

# IV. VIOLATIONS

The Licensee was issued an NOD for effectuating changes prior to receiving Commission approval. These violations were not in relation to O'Brien's prior involvement with the Licensee. See *Communications* subsection *Notice of Deficiency issued to Licensee – December 14, 2022* above, and the NOD.



# V. CONCLUSION

ES did not discover any information during this investigation which contradicted the information submitted in Greenfield Greenery's Change of Ownership and Control application in May 2022. O'Brien's removal was appropriately reported to the Commission via the Licensee's renewal application in December 2021, and this change did not trigger the requirement for a change application. O'Brien was effectively removed by the Licensee on November 24, 2021, and reported this change to the SOC's Corporate Division on December 20, 2021. During ES' investigation, The Office of the State Treasurer confirmed O'Brien's prior ownership was disclosed prior to her nomination.

As stated above, on January 31, 2022, the Licensee executed an Amended and Restated Operating Agreement, which issued 23.92% Class A Unit shares to Stainton and appointed Stainton a Manager without seeking Commission approval prior to effectuation. The Manager role is deemed a Person with Direct Control. The Licensee also hired Song as CEO, a Person with Direct Control, without seeking Commission approval prior to effectuation. On December 14, 2022, Greenfield Greenery received an NOD for the above-mentioned violations (See *Communications* subsection *Notice of Deficiency issued to Licensee – December 14, 2022* above, and *Exhibit A*.) On December 20, 2022, Greenfield Greenery provided ES with a POC, which was approved on December 21, 2022.

After ES' review of the POC, additional documentation, Citrin Cooperman's review, and the investigative conference, ES concludes the Licensee has been brought into compliance for the violations noted above. Therefore, the Licensee is currently in compliance with 935 CMR 500.050 and 935 CMR 500.104.



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December 14, 2022

Greenfield Greenery LLC 493 Leyden Road Greenfield, MA 01302

License Number: MC283117 Email: <u>randy@greenfieldgreenery.com</u>

#### NOTICE: DEFICIENCY STATEMENT

#### WHY ARE YOU RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

Enforcement staff conducted a due diligence review and identified deficiencies present at the Marijuana Establishment / Marijuana Treatment Center. The identified deficiencies in the Marijuana Establishment / Marijuana Treatment Center do not comply with applicable laws and regulations. The list of deficiencies are as follows:

Regulation:	Deficiency:
935 CMR 500.050 (1) (b) (5)	(5) Any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, or Licensee, shall be limited to a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy distributed across no more than three cultivation Licenses under 935 CMR 500.000 and three MTC Licenses. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative Licensee shall be limited to one license and a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy.
	Deficiency #1: Koeju John Song was previously listed as a Person with Direct/Indirect Control over Licensee, EOS Bittersweet LLC. Song's removal was included in a Change of Ownership and Control application for MC281338 (Tier 10/Outdoor) and MC282296 (Tier 2/Indoor), which was approved by the Commission on September 12, 2022. The total canopy for these two (2) licenses is one-hundred thousand (100,000) square feet.
	The approval is subject to conditions including the following: The licensee shall notify the Commission when the change has

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	occurred. As of December 14, 2022, the Commission has not received confirmation that the changes were effectuated, thus Song remains on the two (2) Marijuana Cultivator licenses. Song has also been added as the current Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Greenfield Greenery (Tier 11/Outdoor). CEO is a Person with Direct or Indirect Control over the license. Because the effectuation condition on the approved
	Change of Ownership has not been met, Song is a Person with Direct/Indirect Control of licenses holding more than one- hundred thousand (100,000) square feet of total canopy.
935 CMR 500.104 (1) (b) (2)	(2) Prior to any change in control, where a new Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control should be added to the license, the Marijuana Establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission prior to effectuating such a change. An individual, corporation, or entity shall be determined to be in a position to control the decision-making of a Marijuana Establishment if the individual, corporation, or entity falls within the definition of Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control. Deficiency #2: Licensee disclosed in its operating agreement, executed in
	January 2022, that Elizabeth Stainton was issued and currently holds 23.92% of equity interests in the Licensee. Ms. Stainton was added as an Owner of the license prior to receiving Commission approval.
	<b>Deficiency #3:</b> Koeju John Song was added by the Licensee as its current Chief Executive Officer (CEO). CEO is a Person with Direct or Indirect Control over the license. Song was added as CEO prior to receiving Commission approval.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS?

The Marijuana Establishment shall submit to the Commission a written plan of correction for any violations cited in this deficiency statement within ten (10) business days after receipt of this statement.



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# **Greenfield Greenery, LLC**

MC283117

### ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Greenfield Greenery, LLC 493 Leyden Road, Greenfield, MA 01302

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

Cultivation, Tier 11/ Outdoor (90,001 – 100,000 sq. ft.)

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

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

### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on February 11, 2021.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. Commission staff performed a due diligence review of the ownership and control of this license pursuant to the Commission's vote to remand the matter to the Investigations and Enforcement Department on October 13, 2022.
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): July 28, 2022.

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

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

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

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

Not applicable.

e. Retail Operation

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Not applicable.

f. Transportation

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

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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

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# CDX Analytics, LLC 0202-COO-03-0922

### CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

CDX Analytics, LLC

License Number	License Type
IL281275	Independent Testing Laboratory

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

Individual	Role	
Cornelius James Wall Merlini	Person with Direct or Indirect Control	
Edward Howard Goodwin III	Person with Direct or Indirect Control	
Robert James Sheroff	Person with Direct or Indirect Control	
Robert Thomas Miller	Person with Direct or Indirect Control	
James Michael Drozd	Person with Direct or Indirect Control	

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

Entity	Role
ACT Laboratories, Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
Intrinsic Health Partners, L.P.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
Intrinsic Act Co-Investment LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

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

7. Commission staff conducted an organizational and financial inspection into the parties associated with this request and found no issues or inconsistencies with the information provided to the Commission.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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



# HTC Trinity, LLC 0175-COO-03-0222

# CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

HTC Trinity, LLC

License Number	License Type
MR283121	Retail

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

Individual	Role
Patrick Stad	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Perrenial Investments, Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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



# I.N.S.A., Inc. 0189-COO-03-0622

# CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

I.N.S.A., Inc.

License Number	License Type
MC281268	Cultivation
MP281426	Product Manufacturing
MP282163	Product Manufacturing
MR281680	Retail
MR281892	Retail
MR282632	Retail
MTC365	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
MTC845	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

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

Individual	Role
Donald Jackson	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role	
I.N.S.A. Holdings, Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control	
G.P.M. II, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control	
GPM Investment LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control	

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

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

# **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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



# Northampton Labs, LLC 0196-COO-03-0822

# CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Northampton Labs, LLC

License Number	License Type
IL281313	Independent Testing Laboratory

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

Individual	Role
Alexander Thom Adams	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
George Eric Powell	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Quinn Patrick Raftery	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role	
Cambium Management LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control	
Cambium Enterprises, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control	

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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



# Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth, Inc. MCN283298

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth, Inc. d/b/a Apotho Therapeutics 757 State Road, Dartmouth MA 02747

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

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

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

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Dartmouth

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses and/or marijuana delivery applications/licenses under the names of Shine Delivery, LLC and Apotho Therapeutics Plainville, LLC.

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

Individual	Role	
Mathew Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	
Andrew Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	
Lauren Forster	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	
Edward Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	
Elisa Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control	

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

Entity	Role
Medeiros Investment Irrevocable Trust	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 28, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 20, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Dartmouth on November 16, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Host three educational, training, and/or skill development events annually
	which will educate members of the public on business and financial
	fundamentals, the science behind Cannabis products and health, safety risks,
	and benefits from Cannabis products.
2	Recruit 10% of its workforce that are residents presently residing or
	previously resided in the areas of the New Bedford and Fall River within the
	last 5 years.

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within two (2) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

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14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 10% minorities, 20% women, 3% veterans, 2% people with
	disabilities, and 2% people of the LGBTQIA+ community for its hiring
	initiatives.
2	Distribute quarterly internal workplace newsletters that encourage current
	employees to recommend individuals falling into the above-listed demographics
	for employment.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth, Inc. MRN283521

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth, Inc. d/b/a Apotho Therapeutics 747 State Road, Dartmouth MA 02747

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

Retail

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

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

Туре	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor	Application Submitted	Dartmouth
(5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)		

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses and/or marijuana delivery applications/licenses under the names of Shine Delivery, LLC and Apotho Therapeutics Plainville, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Mathew Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Andrew Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Lauren Forster	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Edward Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Elisa Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Medeiros Investment Irrevocable Trust	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 28, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 13, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Dartmouth on November 16, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal	
1	Host three educational, training, and/or skill development events annually	
	which will educate members of the public on business and financial	
	fundamentals, the science behind Cannabis products and health, safety risks,	
	and benefits from Cannabis products.	
2	Recruit 10% of its workforce that are residents presently residing or	
	previously resided in the areas of the New Bedford and Fall River within the	
	last 5 years.	

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within two (2) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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

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

#	Goal	
1	Recruit at least 10% minorities, 20% women, 3% veterans, 2% people with	
	disabilities, and 2% people of the LGBTQIA+ community for its hiring	
	initiatives.	
2	Distribute quarterly internal workplace newsletters that encourage current	
	employees to recommend individuals falling into the above-listed demographics	
	for employment.	

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# **BeWell Organic Medicine, Inc.**

MRN284729

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

BeWell Organic Medicine, Inc. 17 Broad Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

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

Retail

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

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

Туре	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor	Provisionally Approved	Lowell
(5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)		
Product Manufacturing	Application Submitted	Lowell
MTC	Commence Operations	Lowell-Merrimac

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

Individual	Role
Anthony Banks	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Paul Hearn	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
George Zalucki	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Matthew Richman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 8, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 30, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Merrimac on December 21, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal	
1	Give hiring preference to individuals who are past or present residents of the	
	geographic "areas of disproportionate impact," including the following areas	
	of the City of Lowell: 1) Downtown; 2) Lower Belvedere; 3) Back Central; 4)	
	Lower Highlands and the designated areas of 5) Acre; and 6) Centralville	
	which are representative of Census Tracts 3101, 3104, 3111, 3112, 3117,	
	3118, 3119, 3120, 3124; Commission-designated Economic Empowerment	
	Priority applicants; Commission-designated Social Equity Program	
	participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and	
	Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions	
2	Contribute \$1,000 annually to the CultivatED Program.	

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within two (2) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 50% women, 25% - 30% minorities, 10% veterans, 5% people with disabilities, and 15% individuals identifying as LGBTQ+ for its hiring
	initiatives.
2	Pursue partnerships with suppliers, contractors, and Marijuana Establishments that consist of 10% women, 5% minority, 5% veterans, 5% of individuals with disabilities, and 5% of individuals that identify as LGBTQ+.

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

The applicant plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, the applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# CNA Stores, Inc.

MRN283460

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

CNA Stores, Inc. 70 Von Hillern Street, Boston, MA 02125

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

Retail

The application was reopened one (1) time for additional information.

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Commence Operations	Amesbury
Retail	Commence Operations	Haverhill
Cultivation, Tier 4/Indoor (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Amesbury
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Amesbury
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	Provisionally Approved	Winchendon
Product Manufacturing	Provisionally Approved	Winchendon

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with a marijuana delivery operator pre-certification under the name of Nug Run, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Robert DiFazio	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

Billie Haggard	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
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5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Veteran-Owned Business)

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on February 23, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 1, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City of Boston on November 8, 2022. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Devise a social media campaign that promotes sustainable, socially, and
	economically reparative practices in the cannabis industry through no less
	than monthly postings targeted towards Haverhill residents, particularly those
	who have past drug convictions or who were otherwise disproportionately
	harmed by cannabis prohibition.
2	Donate at least \$5,000 annually to Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, a
	local Haverhill charity that provides housing and support services to homeless
	veterans in Haverhill and provides food pantry services to Haverhill residents.
3	Create jobs in in the adult-use cannabis industry for individuals who are past
	or present residents of a disproportionally impacted community, with the goal
	of 25% of staff being past or present residents of a disproportionally impacted
	community, specifically Haverhill.

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within ten (10) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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

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

#	Goal
1	Develop an annual mentorship program to give industry-specific training to at
	least four (4) individuals who identify as either a woman, minority, veteran,
	person with a disability, or person identifying as LGBTQ+
2	Recruit at least at least 40% women; 15% minorities; 10% veterans; 5%
	LGBTQ+; and 5% people with disabilities for its hiring initiatives.

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

The applicant plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, the applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# **Enlite Cannabis Dispensary, LLC**

MRN284651

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Enlite Cannabis Dispensary, LLC 459 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01151

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

Retail

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

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Commence Operations	Northampton

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

Individual	Role
Nicholas Yee	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Mark Cutting	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Peter Picknelly	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Matthew Yee	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Minority-Owned Business)

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 6, 2021.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 2, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Springfield on November 21, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 50% of its workforce that are Past or present residents of the
	geographic areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Holyoke and
	Springfield; Commission-designated SEP participants; Massachusetts
	residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with
	parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Donate \$5,000 to Indian Orchard Community Council located in Springfield.

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit women (50%); minorities (30%); LGBTQ+ (20%); veterans (10%); and
	persons with disabilities (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Implement an employee retention, training and development program.
3	Partner with suppliers and vendors who are woman-owned (30%); minority-
	owned (30%); LBGTQ+-owned (20%); veteran-owned (10%); and persons with
	disabilities-owned (10%).

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

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

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# **EnRoot Home Delivery LLC**

MDA1302

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

EnRoot Home Delivery LLC 415-417 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, MA 02121

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

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

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

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

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use retail application/licenses under the names of Rooted In, LLC and JOF Enterprise, Inc.

- 4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Delivery Operator on February 25, 2022. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.
- 5. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Brian Keith	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Joanne Keith	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
James Finney	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Solomon Chowdhury	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Rokeya Begum	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control



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

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

7. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant –Social Equity Participant (James Finney / 20% ownership/ EE201954) (Solomon Chowdhury / 20% ownership / SE305360) (Rokeya Begum / 20% ownership / SE306235)

- 8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 15, 2022.
- 9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 3, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on November 17, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit individuals who are residents of the census tracts of Boston (80%).
2	Develop a down payment assistance program for first time homebuyers providing the opportunity for employees to remain and own in Boston, funded at \$50,000.00 per year, which will create ten (10) \$5,000.00 grants for employees who are first time homebuyers.
3	Develop a Employee Profit Sharing Program that provides 5% of company profits for individuals who reside in the census tracts of Boston.

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit, Hire, Train and Promote a diversified staff of managers and agents, with
	minimums of 51% People of Color, 30% Women, 10% Veterans, 5% LGBTQ+,
	and 5% persons with disabilities.
2	Empower the next generation of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color)
	adult learners and veterans to participate in the Cannabis industry with hands-on
	project-based experience via an annual internship program, with a goal of
	receiving at least six applications per internship cycle.
3	Promote at least 5% of employees who are formerly incarcerated BIPOC (Black,
	Indigenous, People of Color) to supervisory positions within 2 years of
	employment.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# **Gracious Greens, LLC**

MRN284257

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Gracious Greens, LLC 267 Amhearst Road, Sunderland, MA 01375

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

Retail

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

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

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

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

Individual	Role
Stephen Van Ostrand	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Kyle Schoeck	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Christopher Wax	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 18, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 17, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Sunderland on December 22, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Promote mental health through outdoor activities and community building
	among 20% of minority veterans by working with the local VA Clinic in
	Greenfield.
2	Provide legal seminars every six (6) months for Social Equity Participants
	and Economic Empowerment Applicants.
3	Assist Social Equity Participants and Economic Empowerment Applicants
	with capital in obtaining cannabis licensure.

# **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

- 11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
- 12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

#### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit Women (50%); People of color, particularly Black, African American,
	Latinx and Indigenous people (25%); LGBTQ+ (10%); Persons with disabilities
	(5%); and Veterans (5%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Engage with at least one (1) disadvantaged business enterprise in connection
	with the operation of its facilities.

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

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

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# House of Ermias, LLC

MRN284346

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

House of Ermias, LLC 267 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

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

Retail

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

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

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

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

Individual	Role
Olaoluwa Bayode	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Akeem Raphael	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant) (Olaoluwa Bayode / 60% majority ownership / SE305269)



- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 22, 2021.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 7, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Chelsea on November 16, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal	
1	Recruit at least 50% of its employees from areas of disproportionate,	
	specifically Chelsea, Lynn and Revere.	
2	Develop a monthly curriculum providing self and professional development	
	programs around emotional intelligence, financial literacy, and career	
	development to 20 individuals of the public from Chelsea per session.	

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

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

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

#	Goal	
1	Recruit 75% minority, 50% female, 10% disability, 10% veteran, 10% LGBTQ	
	for its hiring initiative.	
2	Provide advanced training to managers in their roles in fostering an inclusive	
	workplace environment, annually.	
3	Contract with suppliers and contractors that are, 50% minority, 20% female,	
	10% disability, 10% veteran, 10% LGBTQ owned businesses.	

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

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# In Good Health MR284655

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

In Good Health 449 Route 130, Sandwich, MA 02563

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

Retail

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

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

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

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

Individual	Role
Andrea Noble	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Gerald Freid	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
David Noble	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Barry Kirshner	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Rodereck Tayag	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Long Nguyen	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 21, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 27, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Sandwich on November 21, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Develop partnerships with local organizations to ensure residents in Brockton
	are informed about and have access to employment opportunities in the
	cannabis industry, including the hosting of cannabis industry job fairs, either
	directly by IGH or in partnership with local organizations such as Massasoit
	Community College, and by giving a hiring preference to qualified job
	applicants who reside in Brockton.
2	Provide annual monetary, at least \$10,000 per year and other in-kind
	donations to identified local non-profits and charities, including Family and
	Community Resources, Inc., United Way of Greater Plymouth County, Old
	Colony YMCA, and the Brockton Champion Plan.

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

- 11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
- 12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% women; 20% minorities; 20% veterans; 10% persons with
	disabilities; and 10% LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Create a promotion process that employs equity principles for current employees
	by working with an independent consultant to review the demographics of its
	workforce for promotion opportunities.

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

The applicant plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# Kur Retailers, LLC MRN284652

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Kur Retailers, LLC 461 Boston Road, Springfield, MA 01109

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

Retail

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

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

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

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses under the names of Apical, Inc. and DMA Holdings (MA), LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Robert McKinley	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
John Norton	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Katrina McKinley	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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

Entity	Role
KUR Investments LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
PS Retail LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
North Family Trust	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
Panda Solutions LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 6, 2021.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 18, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Springfield on December 5, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Hire 40% of individuals from Commission-approved disproportionately
	impacted individuals and individuals from Holyoke, Springfield, and West
	Springfield.
2	Source 50% of our contractors, suppliers and vendors from Commission-
	approved disproportionately impacted individuals and individuals from
	Holyoke, Springfield, and West Springfield.

# **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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

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

#	Goal
1	Hire 50% female; 80% will be People of color, particularly Black, African
	American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people, veterans, people with
	disabilities and people who are LBGTQ+, Of this 80%, the goal is to have 65%
	of our employees be People of color (particularly Black, African American,
	Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people), 5% veterans, 7% LBGTQ+, and 3%
	People who are disabled.
2	Hire suppliers and contractors who are 10% female; 25% will be People of
	color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous
	people, veterans, people with disabilities and people who are LBGTQ+. Of this
	25%, the goal is to have 20% of our employees be People of color (particularly
	Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people), 2%
	veterans, 2% LBGTQ+, and 1% People who are disabled.
3	To have an employee retention rate of 75% or higher each year; with a goal of
	80% response rate to employee satisfaction surveys rating the establishment at
	90% or higher on all survey questions.

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

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

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
- 4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





# **Medicine Man Solutions**

MPN281839 MDA1318

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Medicine Man Solutions 144 W. Britannia St, Taunton, MA 02780

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

Product Manufacturing Marijuana Delivery Operator

The application was reopened four (4) times for its product manufacturing operations and two (2) times for its marijuana delivery operator operations for additional information.

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

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

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

Individual	Role
Haskell Kennedy	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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

Entity	Role
Kennedy Appraisers, Inc.	Capital Contributor

7. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant) (Haskell Kennedy / 100% majority ownership / SE304323)

- 8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 4, 2021.
- 9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 22, 2022 for its Product Manufacturing operations and October 19, 2022 for its Marijuana Delivery Operator operations and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Taunton on December 13, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal	
1	Recruit at least 50% of its workforce from target areas of Taunton, New	
	Bedford, and surrounding areas, and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or	
	have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions.	
2	Provide industry-specific training quarterly.	
3	Provide open access to expert, proactive, post-seminar mentorship and	
	counseling, access to resource center providing links and information of use	
	to both entrepreneurs from Target Areas.	
4	Promote participation from Target Areas in a wide-reaching quarterly survey	
	designed to identify and overcome the obstacles to success in the industry.	

#### BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 14. The applicant states that it can be operational within seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 15. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Product Manufacturing

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

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

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit minorities (40%); women (20%); veterans (20%); persons with
	disabilities (10%); and LGBTQ+ (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Employ the mentor-to-mentee program with the opportunities for all diverse
	demographics to have the opportunity to shadow their immediate supervisor to
	help achieve a transfer of the skills, knowledge, and responsibilities that their
	role demands

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

#	Product
1	Gummies (Cherry, Grape, Green Apple, Pineapple, Lemon, Mint, and
	Strawberry)
2	Cookies (Chocolate Chip and Toffee)
3	Concentrates
4	Tinctures
5	Capsules

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.

- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors.
- 4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
- 5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 6. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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





# Pure Oasis, LLC

DOA100170

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Pure Oasis, LLC 430 Blue Hill Ave, Boston, MA 02121

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

Marijuana Courier

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

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Commence Operations	Boston
Retail	Provisionally Approved	Boston
Retail	Provisional License	Boston

- 4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Courier on February 25, 2022. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.
- 5. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Kobie Evans	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Kevin Hart	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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

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

7. Applicant's priority status:

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant (Kobie Evans / 60% majority ownership / EE201868) (Kevin Hart / 40% ownership / EE201868)

- 8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 29, 2022.
- 9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 11, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on December 6, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal	
1	Host or participate in three (3) CORI sealing seminars per year for	
	Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions.	
2	Recruit at least 20% of individuals who are Massachusetts residents with past	
	drug convictions.	

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 14. The applicant states that it can be operational within eight (8) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 15. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
	Provisional License Executive Summary 2

Monday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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- 16. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 17. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal	
1	Recruit minorities (60%); women (50%); veterans (20%); people with	
	disabilities (10%); LGBTQ+ (20%) for its hiring initiatives.	
2	Partner with vendors that are minority-owned (50%); women-owned (50%);	
	veteran-owned (20%); people with disabilities-owned (10%); LGBTQ+-owned	
	(10%).	

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# Speedy Cannabis, LLC MDA1295

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Speedy Cannabis, LLC 339 River Street, Fitchburg, MA 0120

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

The application was reopened one (1) time for additional information.

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

Туре	Status	Location
Marijuana Courier	Application Submitted	Fitchburg

- 4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Delivery Operator on January 7, 2022. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.
- 5. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Basemah Almousa	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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

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

7. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant) (Basemah Almousa / 100% majority ownership / SE305212)

- 8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 19, 2022.
- 9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 29, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 10. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Fitchburg on November 8, 2022. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- 11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 10% of its staff from Fitchburg for its hiring initiatives
2	Host or participate in at least one (1) educational seminar, annually, for
	Fitchburg residents

# BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

#### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

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

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

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

#	Goal	
1	Recruit at least 20% minorities; 40% women; 5% veterans; 5% people with	
	disabilities; and 10% people who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives	
2	Conduct employee surveys no less than annually to assess its inclusivity and to	
	seek areas for improvement	
3	Conduct at least one (1) annual training on diversity, equity, and inclusion for all	
	employees.	

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



# Tastebudz Delivery, LLC MDA1313

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Tastebudz Delivery, LLC 1103 Western Ave., Lynn, MA 01905

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

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

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

Туре	Status	Location
Marijuana Courier	Pre-Certification	N/A

- 4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Delivery Operator on May 20, 2022. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.
- 5. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Jason Berroa	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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

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

7. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant/Minority-Owned) (Jason Berroa / 100% majority ownership / SE304535)

- 8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on April 22, 2020.
- 9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 20, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 10. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Lynn on November 8, 2022. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- 11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% of its workforce from an area of disproportionate impact,
	specifically Lynn.
2	Hold two (2) industry-specific educational seminars, annually, in Lynn

## BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

## MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

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

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

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit 60% women and 40% minorities, 30% veterans, 10% people with
	disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ individuals for its hiring initiatives.
2	Partner with 15% of its supply chain and ancillary services that are minority- owned, woman-owned, veteran-owned, people with disabilities-owned, and
	LGBTQ-owned.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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

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



## Teddy's Veggie Farm, LLC MPN282110

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Teddy's Veggie Farm, LLC d/b/a Teddy's Veggies 134 Gold Street, Worcester, MA 01608

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

Product Manufacturing

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

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

Туре	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor	Provisionally Approved	Worcester
(5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)		
Marijuana Delivery Operator	Application Submitted	Worcester
Marijuana Courier	Pre-Certification	N/A

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

Individual	Role
Leon Porcher	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Joyce Toby	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Clarence Barr	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
B & H Land Development	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant and DBE (Minority-Owned)) (Leon Porcher / 46.15% ownership / SE304265) (Joyce Toby / 46.15% ownership / SE304749)

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 15, 2021.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on March 12, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Worcester on November 16, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% of its staff that are residents of Worcester by collaborating with
	the City of Worcester's Workforce Development Division and other local
	employment agencies.
2	Partner with suppliers and vendors that are located in Worcester for its
	supply, materials, and service needs.

## BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

## MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

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

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

#	Goal
1	Recruit 40% minorities; 20% women; 1% veterans; 1% persons with disabilities;
	and 1% members of the LGBTQ+ community for its hiring initiatives.
2	Support the development of local brands owned by people of color, particularly
	Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people; Women;
	Veterans; Persons with disabilities; and LGBTQ+ individuals by providing
	marketing and communications support, product and manufacturing services,
	and/or other technical support needed to help successfully launch these brands
	into the regulated Adult-Use market with the goal of creating, producing and/or
	distributing three (3) product collaborations.
3	Partner with 25% of diverse suppliers.

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

#	Product
1	Flower
2	Concentrates (Capsules; Tinctures; Rosin; Bubble Hash; and Kief
3	Cookies (Red Velvet; Sugar; Double Chocolate; and Macadamia)
4	Gummies (Apple; Strawberry; Watermelon; Blueberry; and Mango)
5	Chocolate (Milk and White)
6	Brownies
7	Beverages (Lemonade; Strawberry Lemonade; Raspberry Iced Tea; Peach
	Lemonade; Mango Pineapple Ginger; and Fruit Punch.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors.

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

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





## The Green Resource, Inc.

MCN283754 MPN282213 MRN284701

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

The Green Resource, Inc. d/b/a NortheastCann Inc. 20 Independence Road, Kingston, MA 02364

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

Cultivation, Tier 4/Indoor (20,001 – 30,000 sq. ft.) Product Manufacturing Retail

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

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

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

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use retail license under the name of Northeastcann Inc.

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

Individual	Role
Adam Demaral	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Gabriel Ruz	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Jonathan Bernier	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Ashim Joshi	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control



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

Entity	Role
NortheastCann Inc.	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

**General Applicant** 

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 15, 2021.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 21, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Kingston on December 21, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Provide at least 5 Massachusetts residents per year who have past drug
	convictions, or who have parents or spouses who have had drug convictions,
	or residents of Brockton or other geographic ADIs with education and support
	relating to sealing criminal records to reduce barriers to entry in the cannabis
	industry and the workforce in general.

## BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

## MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).



14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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

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

#	Goal
1	Hire individuals from the following groups: 15% Veterans; 15% People with
	Disabilities; 10% LGBTQ+ individuals; 50% Women & 10% People of color,
	particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people.
2	Employ at least the following percentages of its contractors, subcontractors, and
	suppliers from the following groups 5% Minority Business Enterprise; 5%
	Women Business Enterprise; 5% Veteran Business Enterprise; 5% LGBT
	Business Enterprise; 5% Disability-Owned Business Enterprise.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

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

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

#	Product	
1	Flower (Indica, Sativa, High CBD varieties in the form of loose flower and pre-	
	rolls)	
2	Vapes	
3	Transdermal (balms and salts)	
4	Sublingual (THCa tincture, tablets, mints, or any oral application)	
5	Strain-Specific concentrate extraction	
6	Brown rectangle milk chocolate bars	
7	Circular fruit chews in the following flavors (colors): sour apple (green), cherry	
	(red), pineapple habanero (amber), kiwi-strawberry (dark pink), watermelon	
	lemonade (light pink)	

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors.
- 4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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



## **Beacon Compassion, Inc.**

MR284694

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Beacon Compassion, Inc. d/b/a UpTop 315 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701

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

Retail

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	<b>Commence Operations</b>	Boston
Retail	Provisional License	New Bedford
Cultivation, Tier 4/Indoor	Provisional License	Attleboro
(20,001 – 30,000 sq. ft.)		
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Attleboro
MTC	Provisional License	Attleboro – Boston

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

## **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on October 13, 2022.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): December 21, 2022.
- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana Establishment was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:
  - a. Security

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

Not applicable.

e. <u>Retail Operation</u>

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

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.
- f. <u>Transportation</u>

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



## Cannabro, LLC MR283743

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Cannabro, LLC d/b/a Green Path 345 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550

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

Retail

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

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

#### **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on November 19, 2020.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): November 28, 2022.

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

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

Not applicable.

e. Retail Operation

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

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and

- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.
- f. Transportation

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



## Discern'd Cannabis Purveyors, Inc. MR283997

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Discern'd Cannabis Purveyors, Inc. 130 Worcester Street, Grafton, MA 01519

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

Retail

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

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

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use retail license under the name of Noble Manna, Inc.

#### **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on April 16, 2021.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): October 21, 2022 and December 13, 2022.



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

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

Not applicable.

e. Retail Operation

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

i. Verification of identifications for access;

- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.
- f. Transportation

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



# East Boston Local Roots, LLC

MR284117

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

East Boston Local Roots, LLC d/b/a East Boston Cannabis Co. 1006 Bennington Street, Boston, MA 02128

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

Retail

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

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

#### **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on October 14, 2021.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): November 15, 2022.

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

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

Not applicable.

e. Retail Operation

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

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and

- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.
- f. Transportation

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



## Ganesh Wellness, Inc.

MP281634

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Ganesh Wellness, Inc.65 West Boylston Street, West Boylston, MA 04420

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

Marijuana Product Manufacturer

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Commence Operations	Boylston
Retail	Provisional License	Salisbury

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

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

#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): December 14, 2022.

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

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

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

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

Not applicable.

f. Transportation

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



## **Grass Appeal, LLC**

MP281406

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Grass Appeal, LLC d/b/a Blackstone Valley Cannabis 79 River Road, Uxbridge, MA 01569

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

Marijuana Product Manufacturing

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Commence Operations	Uxbridge
Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Uxbridge
MTC	Provisionally Approved	Uxbridge-Uxbridge

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on December 13, 2018.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): December 1, 2022.
- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana Establishment was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:
  - a. Security

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

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

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

e. Retail Operation

Not applicable.

f. Transportation

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



# Holyoke Smokes Corp.

MD1284

#### ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Holyoke Smokes Corp. 81 -85 Sargeant St., Holyoke, MA 01040

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

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

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

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on February 10, 2022.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

#### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): November 9, 2022.

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

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

#### d. Product Manufacturing Operation

Not applicable.

e. <u>Retail Operation</u>

Not applicable.

f. Transportation

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



## Neamat, LLC MP282004

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Neamat, LLC 290 Millville Road, Uxbridge, MA 01569

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

Product Manufacturing

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

Туре	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 3/ndoor/Outdoor	Commence Operations	Uxbridge
(10,000 – 20,000 sq. ft.)		
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor	Application Submitted	Uxbridge
(5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)		_

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation and product manufacturing applications/licenses, under the name of Bare Naked Greens, LLC

#### **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on September 17, 2021.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).



### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): May 4, 2022.
- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana Establishment was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:
  - a. <u>Security</u>

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

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

i. Proposed product compliance; and

- ii. Safety, sanitation, and security of the area and products.
- e. <u>Retail Operation</u>

Not applicable.

f. Transportation

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



### New England Craft Cultivators, LLC MR283367

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

New England Craft Cultivators, LLC d/b/a Tree House Craft Cannabis 112-114 Main Street, Unit # 1, Pepperell, MA 01463

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

Retail

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Commence Operations	Dracut
Retail	Application Submitted	Groton

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation operations under the name of MA Craft Cultivation, LLC.

#### LICENSING OVERVIEW

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

### **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

- 8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): December 1, 2022.
- 9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
- 10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana Establishment was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:
  - a. Security

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

d. <u>Product Manufacturing Operation</u>

Not applicable.

## e. Retail Operation

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

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

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



## **Rolling Releaf, LLC**

MD1265

## **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Rolling Releaf, LLC 69 Adams Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Newton, MA 02458

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

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

Туре	Status	Location
Marijuana Courier	Pre-Certification	N/A

## LICENSING OVERVIEW

- 4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on November 18, 2021.
- 5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

## **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): December 15, 2022.

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

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

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

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

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.
- c. <u>Cultivation Operation</u>

Not applicable.

## d. Product Manufacturing Operation

Not applicable.

e. <u>Retail Operation</u>

Not applicable.

f. Transportation

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

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

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

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

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



## **I.N.S.A., Inc.** RMD3362

## **ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address(es) of the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center:

I.N.S.A., Inc.

Cultivation: 122 Pleasant Street, Easthampton, MA 01027\* Product Manufacturing: 122 Pleasant Street, Easthampton, MA 01027\* Dispensary: 20 Stockwell Drive, Avon, MA 02322

\* These locations were previously inspected and are operational under other MTC licenses.

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

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	<b>Commence Operations</b>	Springfield
Retail	<b>Commence Operations</b>	Salem
Cultivation, Tier 7/Indoor	Commence Operations	Easthampton
(50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)		
Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Easthampton
Retail	Commence Operations	Easthampton
Product Manufacturing	Provisionally Approved	Northampton
MTC	Commence Operations	Easthampton-Springfield
MTC	Commence Operations	Easthampton-Easthampton

## **LICENSING OVERVIEW**

- 3. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure on September 15, 2022.
- 4. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- 5. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license.

6. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensee(s) previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license.

## **INSPECTION OVERVIEW**

- 7. Commission staff inspected the licensee's Medical Marijuana Treatment Center on the following date(s): November 15, 2022 and December 21, 2022.
- 8. The licensee's Medical Marijuana Treatment Center was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 501.000, as applicable.
- 9. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center was not in compliance with all applicable state and local bylaws or ordinances.
- 10. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:
  - a. Security

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

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

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

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

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

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor;

- iii. Availability and contents of patient education materials; and
- iv. Policies to ensure dispensing limits are followed.
- d. Transportation

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

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee may cultivate, harvest, possess, prepare, produce, and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (unless approved to do so under previously authorized MTC license(s)), or to patients, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
- 2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- 3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
- 4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff. And
- 5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 501.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

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

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



## MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT RENEWALS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COMMISSION MEETING: JANUARY 12, 2023

## **RENEWAL OVERVIEW**

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

	Licensee Name	License Number	Renewal Application Number	Location	Municipal Costs Disclosed
1	15 Arch, LLC	MC281903	MCR140378	Greenfield	\$0.00
2	Agricultural Healing, Inc.	MR283027	MRR206334	Fall River	\$0.00
3	Agricultural Healing, Inc.	MP281769	MPR243926	Fall River	\$0.00
4	AmeriCann Brands, Inc.	MP281531	MPR243903	Freetown	\$0.00
5	Apical, Inc.	MP281333	MPR243924	Fitchburg	\$0.00
6	Apical, Inc.	MC281385	MCR140410	Fitchburg	\$0.00
7	Apical, Inc. dba Fyre Ants	MR281246	MRR206312	Easthampton	\$0.00
8	Apothca, Inc.	MR284429	MRR206340	Boston	\$0.00
9	Aspen Blue Cultures Inc.	MR283141	MRR206324	Attleboro	\$0.00
10	Assured Testing Laboratories LLC	IL281360	ILR267915	Tyngsborough	\$0.00
	Atlantic Medicinal Partners,				
11	Inc.	MC281476	MCR140397	Fitchburg	\$0.00
12	Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc.	MP281360	MPR243906	Fitchburg	\$0.00
13	Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc.	MR282476	MRR206318	Brockton	\$0.00
13	Bada Bloom!, Inc.	MP282024	MPR243899	Tyngsborough	\$0.00
15	Bask, Inc.	MR282284	MRR206280	Fairhaven	\$0.00
16	Bask, Inc.	MR282819	MRR206279	Taunton	\$0.00
17	Berkshire Roots, Inc.	MR281585	MRR206277	Pittsfield	\$0.00
17	Berkshire Welco, LLC	MR281967	MRR206232 MRR206287	Sheffield	\$0.00
18	Berkshire Welco, LLC	MR281967 MP281505	MRR200287 MPR243900	Sheffield	\$0.00
20	Berkshire Welco, LLC	MC281949	MCR140388	Sheffield ME Renewal Exect	



21	Bracts & Pistils, LLC	DO100103	DOR5182952	Taunton	\$0.00
22	Bud Bus, Inc.	MD1273	MDR272539	Quincy	\$0.00
	Buudda Brothers 90 Sargeant				
23	Street LLC	MP281870	MPR243877	Holyoke	\$0.00
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24	Street LLC	MC282254	MCR140340	Holyoke	\$0.00
	Caregiver-Patient Connection				
25	LLC	MC282206	MCR140390	Framingham	\$0.00
26	Community Gardens, LLC	MP281899	MPR243694	Mansfield	\$0.00
27	Community Gardens, LLC	MC282848	MCR140075	Mansfield	\$0.00
	Community Growth Partners				
28	Delivery, Inc.	MD1281	MDR272542	Northampton	\$0.00
29	Cultivation Experts LLC	MC281357	MCR140426	Worcester	\$0.00
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30	D2N2,LLC	MR281517	MRR206285	Barrington	\$0.00
21	Debilitating Medical	MD292067	MDD 242007	Whatalay	¢0.00
31	Condition Treatment Centers	MP282067	MPR243907	Whately	\$0.00
32	DMA Holdings (MA), LLC	MR283264	MRR206320	Dudley	\$0.00
33	DMA Holdings (MA), LLC	MP281861	MPR243911	Dudley	\$0.00
34	DMA HOLDINGS (MA), LLC	MC282703	MCR140401	Dudlay	\$0.00
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35	East Boston Local Roots LLC	MR284117	MRR206323	Boston	\$0.00
36	Elevated Gardens LLC	MC281448	MCR140392	Pittsfield	\$0.00
37	FFD Enterprises MA	MC281749	MCR140416	Hinsdale	\$0.00
38	Four Daughters	MR282232	MRR206307	Dlymouth	\$0.00
30 39	Compassionate Care, Inc.	MC281658		Plymouth	\$0.00
	Frozen 4, LLC		MCR140385	Berkley	\$0.00
40	Garden Remedies Inc	MC281504	MCR140359	Fitchburg	\$0.00
41	Garden Remedies, Inc.	MP281381	MPR243890	Fitchburg	\$0.00
42	Garden Remedies, Inc.	MR282471	MRR206269	Melrose	\$65,117.60
43	Garden Remedies, Inc.	MR281495	MRR206276	Newton	\$0.00
44	Garden Remedies, Inc.	MR281942	MRR206277	Marlborough	\$0.00
45	Good Feels Inc	MP281932	MPR243898	Medway	\$0.00
46	Health Circle, Inc.	MR281426	MRR206290	Rockland	\$0.00
47	Holyoke Smokes Corp	MD1284	MDR272545	Holyoke	\$0.00
48	HVV Massachusetts, Inc	MP281693	MPR243901	Newburyport	\$0.00
49	HVV Massachusetts, Inc.	MC282198	MCR140384	Newburyport	\$0.00
50	HVV Massachusetts, Inc.	MR283861	MRR206291	Boston	\$0.00
51	In Good Health, Inc.	MC281273	MCR140408	Brockton	\$0.00
52	In Good Health, Inc.	MP281307	MPR243920	Brockton	\$0.00
53	Innovative Flower LLC	MR283469	MRR206330	Framingham	\$0.00
54	J&L Enterprises, Inc.	MC282392	MCR140402	Orange	\$0.00
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56	Jolly Green Inc	MC281283	MCR140405	Winchendon	\$0.00
57	JOLO CAN LLC	MR281308	MRR206299	Chelsea	\$0.00
58	JOLO CAN LLC	MP281369	MPR243904	Chelsea	\$0.00
59	JOLO CAN LLC	MC281502	MCR140371	Chelsea	\$0.00
60	Kaycha MA, LLC	IL281349	ILR267913	Natick	\$0.00
61	M3 Ventures, Inc.	MR282350	MRR206289	Mashpee	\$0.00
62	Mainely Productions LLC	MP281751	MPR243918	Uxbridge	\$0.00
63	Mass Alternative Care, Inc.	MR282062	MRR206283	Amherst	\$0.00
64	Mass Alternative Care, Inc.	MR281371	MRR206284	Chicopee	\$0.00
65	Mass Alternative Care, Inc.	MP281468	MPR243910	Chicopee	\$0.00
66	Mass Alternative Care, Inc.	MC281685	MCR140383	Chicopee	\$0.00
67	MJ's Market	MR281457	MRR206314	Grafton	\$0.00
68	New Dia, LLC	MR281269	MRR206275	Worcester	\$0.00
69	Northeast Alternatives, Inc.	MC282112	MCR140391	Lakeville	\$0.00
	Northeast Select Harvest				
70	Corp.	MR282571	MRR206310	Somerville	\$0.00
71	Paper City Industries LLC	MP281674	MPR243916	Holyoke	\$0.00
72	Patriot Care Corp	MR281284	MRR206305	Boston	\$0.00
	PharmaCannis				±
73	Massachusetts, Inc.	MR282298	MRR206274	Shrewsbury	\$0.00
74	Pharmacannis Massachusetts,	MC282047	MCR140382	Holliston	00.02
74	Inc. Pioneer Valley Extracts, LLC	MC282047 MP281417	MPR243905		\$0.00 \$0.00
76	Pleasantrees, Inc.	MR281679	MRR206270	Northampton Easthampton	\$0.00
77	Regenerative LLC	MC282958	MCR140392	Uxbridge	\$0.00
78	RISE Holdings, Inc.	MP281453	MPR243893	Holyoke	\$0.00
79	RISE Holdings, Inc.	MC281674	MCR140367	Holyoke	\$0.00
80	RiverRun Gardens, LLC	MB281332	MBR169301	Newburyport	\$0.00
81	Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc.	MR281950	MRR206282	Brookline	\$0.00
82	Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc.	MP281405	MPR243876	Littleton	\$0.00
83	Silver Therapeutics, Inc.	MR281271	MRR206268	Williamstown	\$0.00
84	Slang, Inc.	MR281402	MRR206321	Pittsfield	\$0.00
85	T. Bear Inc.	MP281314	MPR243913	Wareham	\$0.00
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86	Massachusetts, LLC	MR282033	MRR206300	Framingham	\$0.00
87	The Heirloom Collective, Inc.	MR283029	MRR206302	Hadley	\$0.00
88	The Verb is Herb, LLC.	MR281637	MRR206311	Easthampton	\$0.00
89	Treevit LLC	DO100105	DOR5182949	Athol	\$0.00
90	Uma Flowers LLC	MR283143	MRR206316	Pepperell	\$0.00
91	VanGarden Cannabis, LLC	MP281365	MPR243895	Leicester	\$2,179.92
92	VanGarden Cannabis, LLC	MC281487	MCR140372	Leicester	\$2,179.92
93	Vedi Naturals LLC	MR283056	MRR206329	Marlborough ME Renewal Excet	

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	Wellness Connection of MA,				
94	Inc	MR281971	MRR206308	Revere	\$0.00
95	West County Collective	MC281512	MCR140413	Pittsfield	\$0.00
96	Western Front, LLC	MR281907	MRR206306	Chelsea	\$0.00

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

ME Renewal Executive Summary 4



## MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER RENEWALS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COMMISSION MEETING: JANUARY 12, 2023

## **RENEWAL OVERVIEW**

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

	Licensee Name	License Number	Location (Cultivation)	Location (Dispensing)
	PharmaCannis Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a			
97	Verilife	RMD1688	Holliston	Franklin
98	Revolutionary Clinics II	RMD405	Fitchburg	Somerville
99	Alternative Compassion Services	RMD3320	Bridgewater	Hull
100	Beacon Compassion Center, Inc.	RMD1729	Attleboro	Framingham
101	Garden Remedies, Inc.	RMD1265	Fitchburg	Marlborough

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

MTC Renewal Executive Summary

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## ACTA LLC

RVR453130

## **RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING ("RVT") TRAINER SUMMARY**

1. Name, address, and contact information of the proposed RVT trainer:

Item	Information
RVT Applicant Name	ACTA LLC
RVT Applicant d/b/a Name	N/A
RVT Address	1650 Limekiln Pike Ste B19 #169 Dresher, PA 19025
RVT Business Phone Number	617-213-0439
RVT Business Email Address	hello@actatraining.org
<b>RVT</b> Business Website	www.actatraining.org

- 2. The RVT trainer has submitted a renewal application to continue to provide a training program for the Basic Core Curriculum.
- 3. No owner, manager, or employee of the RVT trainer is a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control of a Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center. The following is a list of all required individuals disclosed:

Individual	Role
Insuk Lee	Owner

## **GENERAL OVERVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAM**

- 4. The RVT trainer was originally certified on January 21, 2021. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instruction to 582 Marijuana Establishment and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center agents.
- 5. The RVT trainer's program is presented in a virtual model.
- 6. The RVT trainer has continued to demonstrate the following:
  - a. To verify the identification and certify completion of the training program for each agent;
  - b. To track trainees' time needed to complete the course training;
  - c. To allow for the trainees to ask questions of the RVT; and
  - d. To evaluate each trainee's proficiency with course material.

RVT Renewal Executive Summary 1

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommends the RVT trainer listed above be approved for renewal for a twoyear certification to provide its training program with the following conditions:

- 1. The RVT trainer shall ensure all training materials reflect current Commission regulations.
- 2. The RVT trainer shall remain fully compliant with all applicable Commission regulations.

This recommendation is based on the review and evaluations of required materials and information submitted to the Commission.

RVT Renewal Executive Summary 2



#### Memorandum

To:	Commissioners
Cc:	Shawn Collins, Executive Director
From:	Commissioner Kimberly Roy; Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Date:	January 12, 2023
Subject:	Drivers' Education Commission Discussion and Vote

For the past year, Commissioner Bruce Stebbins and Commissioner Kimberly Roy have convened and participated in a prevention and education working group to address the absence of cannabis-impaired driving curriculum in the driving schools of Massachusetts.

**Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017** required DPH, in consultation with the Commission, to develop public awareness campaigns that highlight **effective youth prevention strategies** and responsible adult-use information.<sup>1</sup>

<u>SECTION 51.</u> The department of public health, in consultation with the Massachusetts cannabis control commission, shall establish the following science-based public awareness campaigns: (i) a campaign to inform the public about responsible use of marijuana, including information on edibles and warnings about the dangers of manufacturing marijuana products at home; and (ii) a campaign to educate youth about marijuana use with a goal of decreasing the youth usage rate. The public awareness campaigns shall be funded from revenues received from the Marijuana Regulation Fund established in section 14 of chapter 94G of the General Laws.

Project Name	Operating Under the Influence Curriculum
Sponsor	Executive Director
Project Lead	Commissioner Roy
Project Team	Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, MassDOT, Department of Public Health, AAA Northeast, UMass Researcher Dr. Jennifer

#### A Project Charter was created by Commissioner Roy on October 29, 2021.

<sup>1</sup> Section 51 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017 has since been amended by Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022, which expanded the public awareness campaign topics to include information pertaining to risks of consumption related to (A) to mental health; (B) of use during pregnancy; (C) of use of high potency products; and (D) of home extraction of marijuana concentrates.





	Whitehill, Commissioner Bruce Stebbins, and Commissioner Kimberly Roy
Problem Statement	The current RMV new driver education does not sufficiently address OUI due to marijuana use; no standardized education/training around marijuana and operating a vehicle
Project Goal	To support the Commission's public safety and public education missions, support the development of a "direct to youth" curriculum for driver's education. The deliverable is a curriculum that could be adopted in Massachusetts.
Project Scope	<ul> <li>Massachusetts driver education, including "parent class"</li> <li>New drivers</li> <li>Cannabis intoxication while operating a Class D vehicle</li> <li>Cross-agency collaboration</li> <li>Public roll-out</li> </ul>
Out of Scope	<ul> <li>Vehicles outside of Class D license</li> <li>Enforcement</li> <li>Testing</li> </ul>
Benefits	<ul> <li>Preventing OUI</li> <li>Collaboration with other Commonwealth agencies to build relationships and mainstream marijuana education</li> <li>Improve drivers' understanding of risks of OUI</li> <li>Demonstration to Commonwealth leadership of benefits funding marijuana public education</li> </ul>

## **Education & Prevention Working Group**

The working group was comprised of the following partnering agencies and individuals; Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, MassDOT, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, AAA Northeast, UMass Researcher Dr. Jennifer Whitehill, Commissioner Bruce Stebbins, and Commissioner Kimberly Roy. The goal of the working group was to address the lack of public safety prevention and education around cannabis-impaired driving in the driving schools of Massachusetts.

This is the first generation of young people to be licensed since cannabis became legal in Massachusetts. As the CCC continues to assess policies and regulations around the prospect of social consumption, the urgency of educating citizens about the dangers of impaired driving was a critical focus of the working group's efforts. The group's discussion reviewed and considered curriculum, unique tools, and resources for driving schools and how best to approach the need for prevention education and safety.



Also, during this time, the working group sought to understand what messages young people (in the age range of 16-20) were seeing across social media platforms. Commissioner Stebbins reached out to Keefe Regional Technical High School located in Framingham, Massachusetts to assist us in our efforts.

Graduating seniors in the school's Legal and Protective Services shop program conducted a semester long research project. Students completed a survey of popular social media sites (Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram among others) and then presented to the working group their findings. The students found many examples of misinformation and disinformation aimed at teens and young people to encourage them to drive high while impaired on cannabis and that it was safe to operate a vehicle.

One of the final messages the students shared with the working group was that their generation was effectively instilled since childhood with the message not to drive if they are alcohol impaired, ride with an alcohol impaired driver and how unsafe that was. They reminded the working group that similar messaging around operating a motor vehicle while impaired with cannabis simply does not exist.

\*According to the CDC, the percentage of teens in high school who drink and drive has decreased by more than half (54%) since 1991.

### **Massachusetts's Driving Schools**

### https://youtu.be/KHj6ODMbgLM

**"Shifting Gears, the blunt truth about marijuana and driving"**: spearheaded by evidenced-based research conducted by AAA Northeast, AAA Foundation and reviewed by Brown University School of Public Health for accuracy, the AAA "Shifting Gears, the blunt truth about marijuana and driving" program is a prevention and education curriculum around cannabis-impaired driving.

As a result of the working group's discussions, research and recommendations, the Registry of Motor Vehicles has adopted the "Shifting Gears" education program as a module update to the current Massachusetts Driver's Education Curriculum. It will include information on cannabis, including what is tetrahydrocannabinol, how marijuana affects the brain, physical affects, visual and physical reaction time, synergism, and information to motivate students to establish safe transportation to avoid impaired driving. https://youtu. be/KHj6ODMbgLM. CCC staff, including the Executive Director, were provided an opportunity to review a version of "Shifting Gears" to consider the information and data that are represented. Several edits were made to the presentation based on the feedback provided by the Commission.

The addition of cannabis to driver's education in Massachusetts takes effect in January 2023. Previously, this module referenced alcohol and drugs overall, but going forward, the curriculum will include a separate section on cannabis-impaired driving. The Commonwealth has 700 driving school locations that will begin to use the curriculum.

Approximately 50,000 students a year attend classes at the state's driving schools. Massachusetts drivers' education is controlled by the RMV and requires all first-time drivers younger than 18 to complete 30 hours of classroom instruction before they can receive a full, unrestricted Class D or Class M license. For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/drivers-education-programs</u>.



On December 16, 2021 a press conference took place at the Worcester Registry of Motor Vehicles to formally announce the adoption of the Shifting Gears cannabis-impaired driving curriculum by the MassDOT and Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

### **Grateful for Partnership:**

As Commissioners, we are grateful to all the multi-agency partners and participants of the education and prevention working group who helped make this possible and for also being an integral part of the process. We are proud of the work completed and most importantly the safety, education and prevention for the young drivers of Massachusetts. This partnership will continue going forward as we should continue to assess the curriculum material and the CCC can continue provide the expertise and research we have available in order to make sure the curriculum stays current. The addition of the commission's logo to the education material will reflect our ongoing partnership.

### Motion & Vote:

If the Commission authorizes the use of its logo, it will be placed alongside the other partnering agencies, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, AAA, Brown University, SADD. The CCC Logo is not currently listed. Please see graphic below.

"The Cannabis Control Commission authorizes the use of the Cannabis Control Commission logo on the newly created Massachusetts Drivers Education Cannabis-Impairment Curriculum, "*Shifting Gears the blunt truth about marijuana and driving*."







## Memorandum

To:	Commissioners
Cc:	Shawn Collins, Executive Director; Cedric Sinclair, Chief Communications Officer
From:	Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy
Date:	January 12, 2023
Subject:	January 2023 Government Affairs Update

#### Massachusetts State House Update

Chair Shannon O'Brien and Government Affairs staff met with Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa to discuss general updates in the licensed marijuana industry, local issues, and the upcoming regulatory review timeline.

#### Municipal Update

Commissioner Nurys Camargo and Government Affairs staff met with Lawrence Mayor Brian De Peña to discuss the City's addition to the Commission's list of Disproportionately-Impacted Areas.

Commissioners Nurys Camargo, Bruce Stebbins, and Government Affairs staff met with Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan to discuss general updates in the licensed cannabis industry, local issues, and the upcoming regulatory review timeline.

#### **Municipal Law Unit**

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

<u>Town of Merrimac (Approved, in part)</u>: The MLU approved Warrant Articles from the Town of Merrimac's April 2022 Annual Town Meeting implementing zoning for Marijuana Establishments. The MLU disapproved provisions that would have imposed a buffer zone outside the scope of the Commission's regulations.

<u>*Town of Norfolk (Approved):*</u> The MLU approved Warrant Articles from the Town of Norfolk's May 2022 Annual Town Meeting amending the definition of a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.



## Memorandum

To:Chairwoman O'Brien, Commissioners Camargo, Concepcion, Roy, and StebbinsCc:Shawn Collins, Executive DirectorDate:January 12, 2023Subject:Draft CY2023 Goals – For Consideration, Discussion, and Vote

- In collaboration with Commissioners and Commission staff, ensure effective and timely implementation of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022, which includes the development and implementation of, where necessary, new or amended regulations and Commission policies. Such regulations and policies should be developed in a collaborative manor with input from a broad coalition of stakeholders and benefit from Commission-based expertise and perspective. Where necessary for implementation of other aspects of the new statute (ex. Social Equity Trust Fund), facilitate coordination with appropriate agencies and officials.
- 2. Be an example of modern, inclusive government for the cannabis sector in terms of our organizational culture. Success in this goal will be achieved through collaboration with Commissioners and staff and demonstrated by: 1) finalizing a new work environment that preserves and promotes the health, wellbeing, inclusion, and safety of all Commission employees; 2) enabling public access to Commission space and personnel; 3), facilitating and balancing employee flexibility and in-person collaboration; and 4) demonstrating cost effectiveness and the Commission's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- 3. In collaboration with Commissioners finalize the 3-year strategic planning process and begin implementation, for equity programming that includes measurable goals and metrics, combined with robust data collection and tracking of equity participants' success and satisfaction as well as licensee's equity goals and progress.
- 4. Take actions to ensure the long-term durability of patient access to the medical use of marijuana program, including consideration and evaluation of the patient experience, patient access to providers, regulatory or structural challenges that may exist for patients,

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caregivers and providers, and propose, as necessary, policy, outreach, and operational updates to improve the program.

- 5. Upon affirmative adoption by the Commission, work collaboratively alongside Commissioners and Commission staff to implement, in earnest, the Commission's governance charter. This includes evaluating and updating, where necessary, Commission policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to accommodate any necessary changes with a focus on long-term operational durability, which may include both structural changes or a focus on succession planning and delegation throughout key leadership roles.
- 6. Continue the development and begin implementation and assessment of a 5-year strategic plan for Commission development within requirements of cost neutral operations and other statutory requirements relative to the Commonwealth's medical and adult-use cannabis programs.



## Memorandum

 To: Chair O'Brien, and Commissioners Camargo, Concepcion, Roy, and Stebbins
 Cc: Shawn Collins, Executive Director Sabiel Rodriguez, Paralegal Michael Baker, Associate General Counsel Steve Laduzinski, Associate General Counsel
 From: Christine Baily, General Counsel
 Date: January 12, 2023
 Subject: January 2023 Public Meeting - Tri-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and Recommendation to Withhold Minutes

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

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

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

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

*Recommendation*: Withhold for the reasons stated above.

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





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

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

## Cannabis Control Commission Job Description

Department: TBD

**Reports to:** Executive Director

Job Title: Deputy Executive Director

FLSA Status: Exempt

## I. <u>PURPOSE OF THE JOB</u>

The Deputy Executive Director (Deputy ED), under the direction of the Executive Director, assists in overseeing the administration, programs, and strategic plans of the agency. In collaboration with the Executive Director and their leadership team, the Deputy ED manages the planning and implementation of the Commission's special projects to foster deep collaboration between business units, maintain a positive work culture and effective operations, and promotes an accessible, safe, and equitable cannabis industry.

## II. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as the administrative lead for the Cannabis Control Commission in the Executive Director's absence (e.g., paid time off, extended business trips, and unanticipated circumstances);
- Responsible for assisting the Executive Director, and Commission leadership, with the strategic planning, management, budgeting, and day-to-day operations of the Commission;
- Liaise between staff and Commissioners, manage and monitor established workgroup resources, and collaborate with the Executive Director, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Chief Financial and Accounting Officer to advocate for and execute on a budget that meets the Commission's stated priorities;
- Serve as a day-to-day resource for the agency's department heads, provide program guidance and strategic support on a host of matters to enhance effective, collaborative, and transparent engagement within the agency and with external partners;
- In collaboration with the Chief People Officer, maintain and promote a safe and inclusive office environment that is welcoming to all through coordinated Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts;
- Alongside the Executive Director, serve as liaison to Commissioners in order to coordinate appropriate and timely responses to requests for information and resources, where necessary;
- Partner with the General Counsel, the Chief Communications Officer, and the Government Affairs & Policy department to plan, support, and implement special policy initiatives, including policy research and stakeholder engagement for periodic regulatory review;
- Under the direction of the Executive Director and with the guidance of the Communications department, act as a spokesperson for the agency and communicate the Commission's mission, vision, and values through strategic planning and special initiatives;
- Coordinate with the Communications and the Investigations and Enforcement departments to ensure relevant information is disseminated to the public including equity participants, patients, licensees, government officials, and trade groups in a timely and effective manner that preserves public safety, public health, and public welfare interests and promotes a diverse and inclusive industry; and
- Ensure that all levels of the organization consistently produce high quality work product and regularly seek opportunities to improve the varied processes, programs, and efforts of the agency.

## III. OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

• Ensure priority stakeholders are kept apprised on the Commission's priorities and programs;

- Support the strategic planning and implementation of cross-team projects that guide the Commission's efforts;
- Work with Executive Assistants to carry out the Executive Director's and Commissioners' priorities;
- Keep the Executive Director and Commissioners informed about ongoing and evolving developments in the agency and the industry;
- Attend meetings and hearings that directly impact the Commission and serve in the Executive Director's absence; and
- Perform related duties as assigned.

## IV. KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Knowledge of Commission's mission, standards, and goals.
- Excellent strategic planning, management, and communication skills.
- Ability to manage people and projects in an organized, collaborative, and creative manner.
- Strong project management and analytical skills with a focused attention to detail.
- Comfortable working independently, as well as with teams.
- Developed knowledge of the cannabis regulatory environment.

## IV. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education in business administration, public administration, or law and policy required; advanced degree preferred.
- Verifiable management experience, including a minimum of 5-7 years of supervisory experience.
- Excellent communication skills, including strong writing.
- Experience in a regulatory agency or other regulatory compliance experience.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Experience working with people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

## V. <u>SALARY RANGE:</u> \$140,000 - \$160,000

## **Benefits Package:**

The Commission is pleased to offer a comprehensive benefits package to its employees. The specific components and eligibility may vary based upon position classification, hours worked per week and other variables. Therefore, specific benefits for this position may be discussed as part of the interview and offer process.

The Deputy Executive Director is a management position; as such the successful candidate will be hired as an employee at will. This position is non-civil service. This position is an exempt position.

The overall benefits available include: paid vacation, sick and personal leave time, health, dental and vision insurance through the Commonwealth's Group Insurance, and optional pre-tax Health Savings Account plans.

In addition, the Commission provides employees the opportunity to elect life insurance, long term disability insurance, deferred compensation savings, tuition remission and pre-tax commuter account plans, along with other programs.

The Commission employees also participate in the Commonwealth's State Retirement Plan, which can become a defined benefit plan for those that both vest and subsequently retire from State service. Follow this link for additional retirement information: <u>http://www.mass.gov/treasury/retirement/state-board-of-retire/</u>.

## **Commitment to Diversity:**

The Commission is committed to building a diverse staff across its entire agency and at all levels. The Commission is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.



Job Title:	Microsoft Dynamics Administrator Developer		
Job Function:	Information Technology	Pay Grade:	P3
Job Family:	Professional	Job Code:	N/A

### **Profile Summary**

Responsible for the development and day-to-day maintenance and enhancements of the Microsoft Dynamics 365/Power Platform application systems in test and production operations, including tasks related to identifying and troubleshooting application issues and issues resolution or escalation. Strategize, design, and implement security models for controlling access. Ensures all production changes are made in accordance with lifecycle methodology, version control, appropriate testing, and risk guidelines. Acts as an internal expert in terms of the assigned system and is responsible for knowing and recording changes to the base system. Plays a critical role in delivering high-quality customer service and support to various levels of internal users. Conducts technical and analytical work in developing, designing, and/or analyzing technical solutions, performing needs assessments, and managing product lifecycle for clients

#### Responsibilities

- Delivering services and solutions for clients using Microsoft's PowerApps, Microsoft Dynamics 365, Power Automate, SharePoint, Microsoft Teams, custom development, and data integrations.
- Act as a technical liaison for CRM and integrated applications.
- Provide hands-on technical expertise to perform needs assessments and design and implement Power Platform-based solutions satisfying customer requirements by applying problem-solving and decision-making skills.
- Identify and implement areas and processes where Power Platform and Microsoft 365 can be better leveraged and facilitate process improvement outputs will include data visualization and low code applications
- Create and maintain custom dashboards, models, power app components, and integration with thirdparty services and external APIs.
- Help guide teams to effectively use the Microsoft Power Platform (Dynamics, Power Apps, Power Automate, Azure, and Azure SQL).
- Use various connectors to connect disparate systems to Power Platform applications.
- Contribute across all phases of the software development life cycle.
- Adept at crafting Power Apps and Power Platform solutions with the ability to impart your knowledge to both pro-developers and citizen developers.
- Partner with cross-function technology and design teams to ensure consistent, positive client interaction and solution delivery.
- Keep abreast of new technologies and be aware of industry standards, best practices, and trends.
- Other tasks and responsibilities as assigned.



## **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

- Passion for moving organizations forward with the Power Platform and excitement for the impact Power Platform can have on customer experiences.
- Must have a minimum of 5 years of Microsoft Power Platform or Dynamics 365 CRM development experience.
- Hands-on experience with Power Apps and Power Platform technical solutions.
- Work experience with Software as a Service (SaaS) and/or Platform as a Service (PaaS) environments.
- Core Skills: C#, SQL, .Net, Power Apps, SharePoint, Microsoft Data Verse (CDS), Power Automate.
- Experience with and a good understanding of the Power Platform CoE, Microsoft Purview, and governance components.
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively on cross-functional teams.
- Highly skilled in interpersonal and verbal/written communications, presentations, and analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to communicate technical information clearly and concisely to technical and non-technical users.
- Collaborate with team members to manage the Azure environment. Assist with the management and maintenance of the Azure SQL environment.
- Experience with Microsoft Portals is a plus.
- Strong Customer Service and problem-solving skills. Project Management and computer skills) required.
- Experience with Tableau (Online, Server) is a plus.

Responsibilities	
Education:	• Bachelor's Degree or International Equivalent in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Technology, Management Information Systems, or Related Field.
Certification:	<ul> <li>Microsoft Dynamics Fundamentals (CRM) Certification</li> <li>Microsoft Power Platform Fundamentals Certification</li> </ul>
Experience:	<ul> <li>5-8 Years of related work experience.</li> <li>Experience in designing complex common data models.</li> <li>Experience in a Software as a Service (SaaS) environment</li> <li>Experience customizing SharePoint lists and disparate systems with PowerApps</li> </ul>





# Cannabis Control Commission

Monthly Public Meeting

January 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Via Microsoft Teams



## Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Commissioners' Comments and Updates
- 3. Minutes for Approval
- 4. Executive Director's Report
- 5. Staff Recommendations on Previously Remanded License Applications
- 6. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
- 7. Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
- 8. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
- 9. Staff Recommendations on Renewals

10. Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals

11. Commission Discussion and Votes

12. New Business that the Chair did not Anticipate at the Time of Posting

13. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment



## **Executive Director's Report**

Meeting Materials Available at masscannabiscontrol.com/documents

## Highlights from Licensing Data\*

- 4 applications awaiting first review
- 19 applications for Commission consideration
- 27 applications awaiting supplemental review
- 96,835 certified active patients



## Licensing Applications | January 12, 2023

The totals below are number of licenses approved by stage.

Туре	#
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	190
Provisionally Approved	158
Provisional License	517
Final License	47
Commence Operations	488
Total	1,400

\* Note: This represents the increase since January 2022

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

## Licensing Applications | January 12, 2023

Of 1,400 applications approved by the Commission, the following applications have Economic Empowerment Priority Review, Social Equity Program Participant, and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status. Please note, applicants may hold one or more statuses. **Please note that the end total represents the total number of applications/licenses at that step in the licensure process.** 

Туре	Economic Empowerment	Social Equity Program	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	Total
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	39	154	27	190
Provisionally Approved	14	22	38	158
Provisional License	30	70	106	517
Final License	1	5	2	47
Commence Operations	28	29	50	488
Total	102	280	223	1,400

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\* Note: This represents the increase since January 2022

## Licensing Applications | January 12, 2023

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

## The 1646 applications represent 902 separate entities

Туре	#
MTC Priority	258
Economic Empowerment Priority	120
Expedited Review	609
General Applicant	659
Total	1,646

Туре	#
Expedited: License Type	76
Expedited: Social Equity Participant	290
Expedited: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	176
Expedited: Two or More Categories	67
Total	609

## Licensing Applications | January 12, 2023

Туре	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	-	0	0	4	0	0	6
Marijuana Courier License	11	-	0	0	10	1	9	31
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	11	95	0	-	-	-	-	106
Independent Testing Laboratory	1	-	0	3	5	1	11	21
Marijuana Cultivator	60	-	2	56	180	20	99	417
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	13	-	0	0	19	1	4	37
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	13	93	-	-	-	-	-	106
Marijuana Microbusiness	5	-	0	9	14	3	8	39
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	44	-	1	48	133	12	85	323
Marijuana Research Facility	7	-	0	1	0	0	0	8
Marijuana Retailer	62	-	1	38	150	9	264	524
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	3	-	0	3	2	0	3	11
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	5
Third Party Transporter	8	-	0	0	0	0	4	12
Total	242	190	4	158	517	47	488	1,646

### Cultivation Applications | January 12, 2023

Туре	Pending Application	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total	
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	15	0	9	35	1	16	76	
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	12	0	15	50	7	23	107	63%
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	7	2	11	41	4	16	81	-
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	5	12	3	9	32	-
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	7	7	2	8	27	-
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	3	8	2	7	23	-
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	1	4	0	4	11	-
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	-
Cultivation Tier 9 (70,001-80,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	1	3	0	2	9	
Cultivation Tier 10 (80,001-90,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	1	1	0	7	10	13%
Cultivation Tier 11 (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)	10	0	3	18	1	5	37	
Total	60	2	56	180	20	99	417	
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	2,215,000	40,000	1,525,000	4,975,000	525,000	3,240,000	-	

\* Note: percentage is of "Total" applications/licenses

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#### MMJ Licensing and Registration Data | January 12, 2023

MTC Licenses	#
Provisional	40
Final	2
Commence Operations	100
License Expired	44
Total	186

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

MMJ Program	#
Certified Patients	102,525 (+402)
Certified Active Patients	96,835 (+346)
Active Caregivers	7,602 (-92)
Registered Certifying Physicians	312 (+1)
Registered Certifying Nurse Practitioners	114 (+2)
Registered Physician Assistants	1
Ounces Sold	98,402

#### **Commission Updates**

- Dept. of Agricultural Resources planning Pesticide 101 webinars for cannabis industry participants, likely in February, regarding newly adopted pesticide policies.
  - FAQs and other information is available on their website, https://www.mass.gov/orgs/pesticide-program
  - We will share details with licensees and encourage their attendance.





# FY23 Quarterly Budget Update

January 12, 2023

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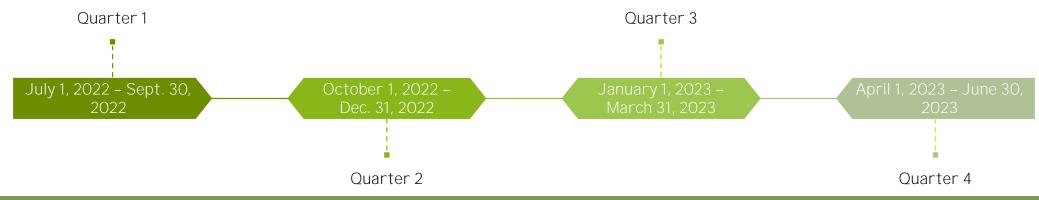
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- This is a new component of our ongoing improvement of the Commission's budget process.
- The updates will provide the Commission with insight on budget execution performance through each quarter.
- In this context, our budget performance is based on our actual spending year-to-date on payroll and non-payroll costs.
- This is the first update we will be providing. It will cover spending effectuated between July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
- The next FY23 update will occur in April 2023, followed by another update in July 2023.
- The final FY23 update will occur in September 2023, as we finalize closing the books on FY23.





#### FY23 BUDGET VS. FY23 ACTUAL SPENDING YTD (JULY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022)

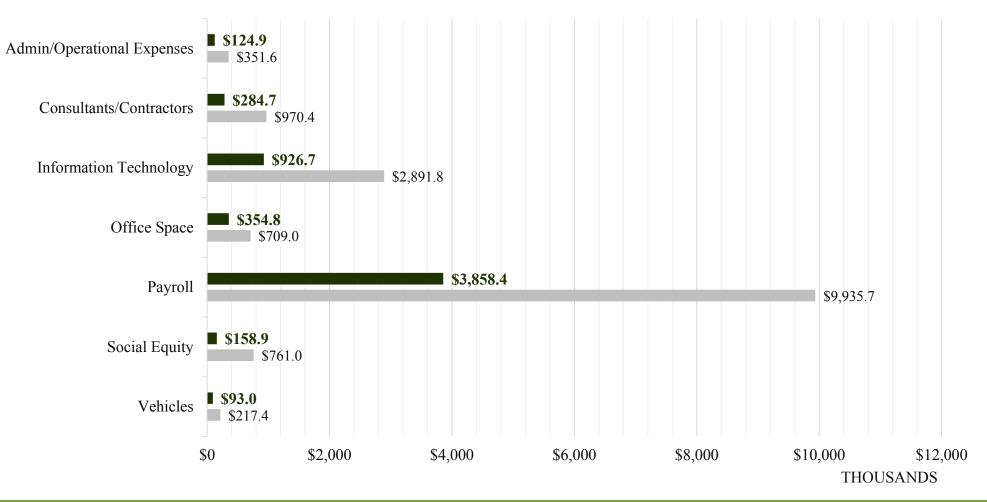
■ FY23 Budget ■ FY23 Actual YTD \$15.84 \$5.80 \$3.38 \$1.05 MEDICAL-USE OF MARIJUANA PROGRAM CNB OPERATIONS

- The Commission's total budget for FY23 is **\$19.22 million**.
- Through December 31, 2022, the Commission has spent **\$6.85 million** of this budget.
- This equates to **35.6%** of the total budget approved by the Governor and Legislature.
- These figures reflect both payroll and non-payroll spending through December 31, 2022.
  - It reflects payroll spending through the last pay date, December 23, 2022.
  - It reflects payments to vendor through December 31, 2022.



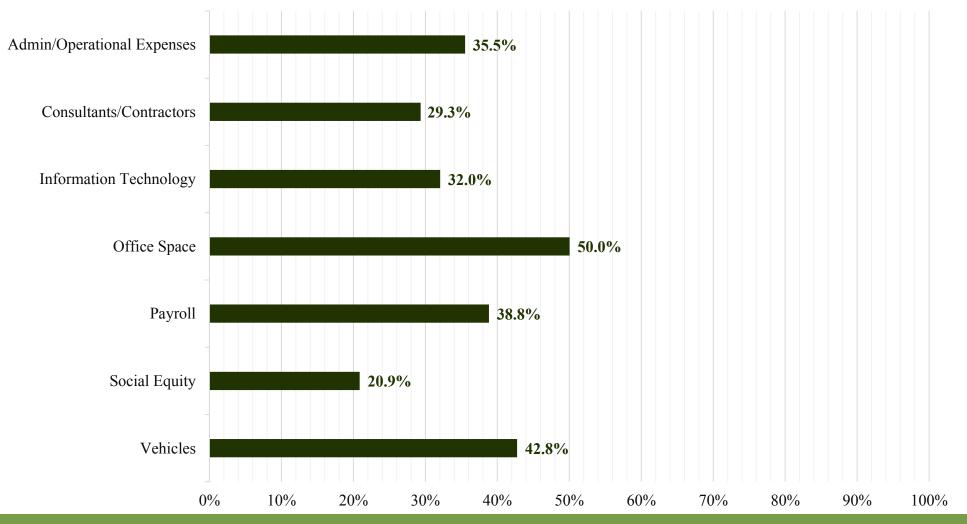
#### CNB Operations, FY23 Budget vs. FY23 Actual Spending YTD

■ FY23 Actual YTD ■ FY23 Budget

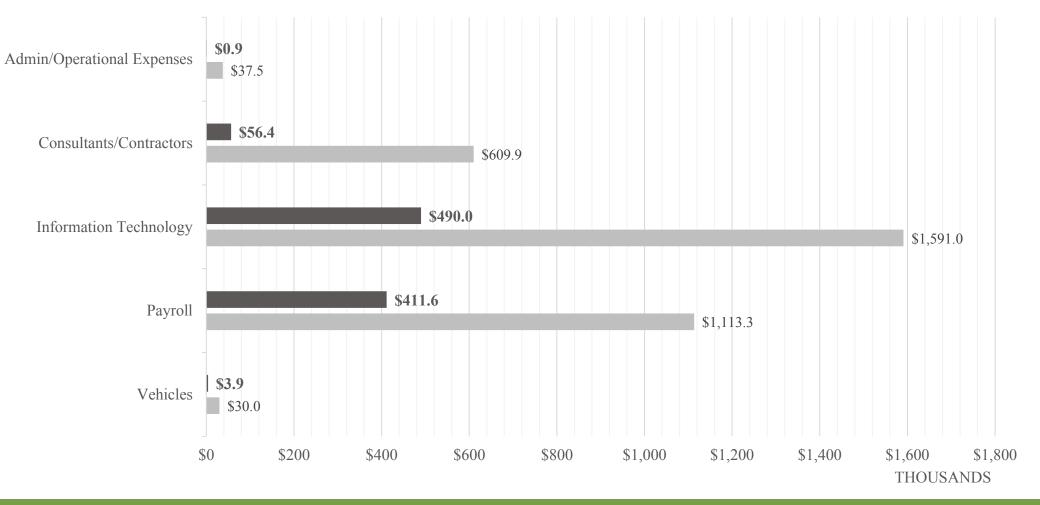




#### CNB Operations, Percentage of Budget Spent YTD by Category



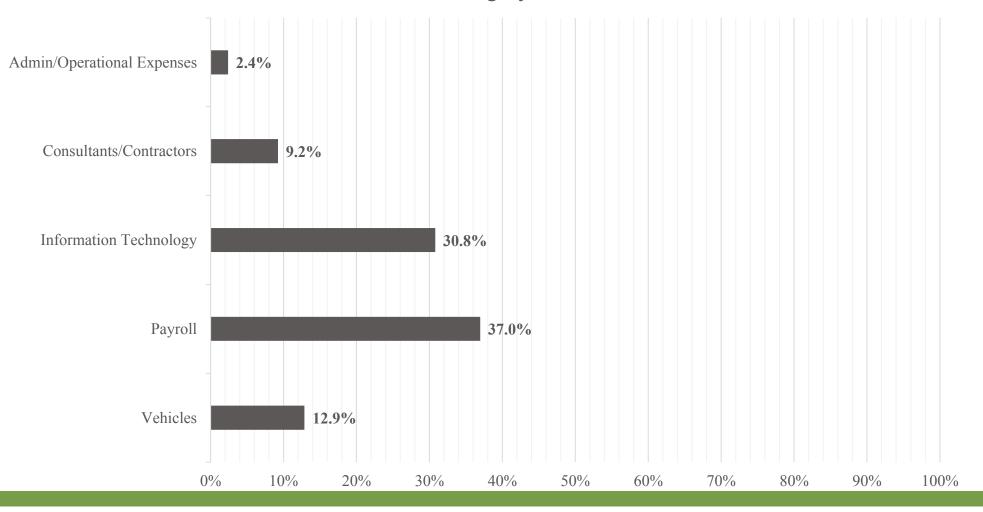




■ FY23 Actual YTD ■ FY23 Budget



#### Medical-Use of Marijuana Program, Percentage of Budget Spent YTD by Category





# **Questions?**

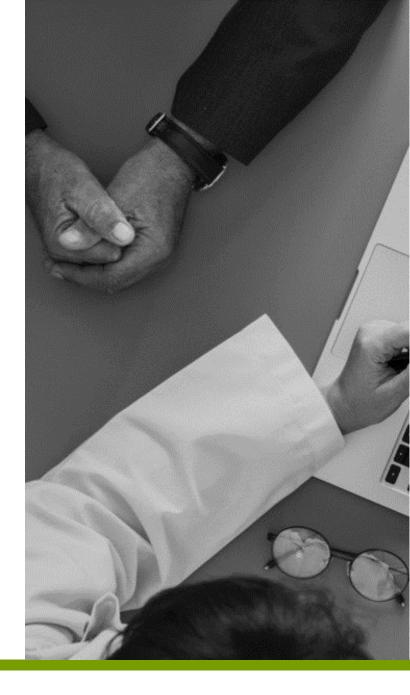
## Hiring Update

- Constituent Services Associate (1)
- Fiscal Specialist (2)
- Manager of Community Outreach
- Manager of Equity Programming and Strategic Partnerships
  - Final candidates' stage



## Hiring Update

- Legal Assistant
- Laboratory & Testing Analyst(s)
- Press Secretary
- Desktop Support Analyst
  - Screening / Interview stage
- Office Manager (closes 1/17)
- Director of IT and Security Operations (closes on 1/25)
- Project Coordinator, Investigations and Enforcement (closes on 1/27)
- Policy Analyst (closes 1/30)
- Enforcement Paralegal (1/30)
  - Open positions





# Staff Recommendations on Licensure

#### Staff Recommendations: Previously Remanded License Applications

Greenfield Greenery LLC (#0174-COO-01-0522), Change of Ownership
 Greenfield Greenery, LLC (#MC283117), Cultivation, Tier 11 / Outdoor



#### Staff Recommendations: Changes of Ownership

1. CDX Analytics, LLC

2. HTC Trinity, LLC

3. I.N.S.A., Inc.

4. Northampton Labs, LLC



#### Staff Recommendations: Provisional Licenses

- 1. Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth, Inc. d/b/a Apotho Therapeutics (#MCN283298), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
- 2. Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth, Inc. d/b/a Apotho Therapeutics (#MRN283521), Retail
- 3. BeWell Organic Medicine, Inc. (#MRN284729), Retail
- 4. CNA Stores, Inc. (#MRN283460), Retail
- 5. Enlite Cannabis Dispensary, LLC (#MRN284651), Retail
- 6. Enroot Home Delivery LLC (#MDA1302), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 7. Gracious Greens, LLC (#MRN284257), Retail
- 8. House of Ermias, LLC (#MRN284346), Retail
- 9. In Good Health (#MRN284655), Retail
- 10. Kur Retailers, LLC (#MRN284652), Retail
- 11. Medicine Man Solutions (#MPN281839), Product Manufacturer
- 12. Medicine Man Solutions (#MDA1318), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 13. Pure Oasis, LLC (#DOA100170), Marijuana Courier
- 14. Speedy Cannabis, LLC (#MDA1295), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 15. Tastebudz Delivery, LLC (#MDA1313), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 16. Teddy's Veggie Farm, LLC (#MPN282110), Product Manufacturer

#### Staff Recommendations: Provisional Licenses

17. The Green Resource, Inc. d/b/a NortheastCann Inc. (#MCN283754), Cultivation, Tier 4 / Indoor

18. The Green Resource, Inc. d/b/a NortheastCann Inc. (#MPN282213), Product Manufacturer

19. The Green Resource, Inc. d/b/a NortheastCann Inc. (#MRN284701), Retail

#### Staff Recommendations: Final Licenses

- 1. Beacon Compassion, Inc. (#MR284694), Retail
- 2. Cannabro, LLC (#MR283743), Retail
- 3. Discern'd Cannabis Purveyors, Inc. (#MR283997), Retail
- 4. East Boston Local Roots, LLC d/b/a East Boston Cannabis Co. (#MR284117), Retail
- 5. Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MP281634), Product Manufacturer
- 6. Grass Appeal, LLC d/b/a Blackstone Valley Cannabis (#MP281406), Product Manufacturer
- 7. Holyoke Smokes Corp. (#MD1284), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 8. Neamat, LLC (#MP282004), Product Manufacturer
- 9. New England Craft Cultivators, LLC d/b/a Tree House Craft Cannabis (#MR283367), Retail
- 10. Rolling ReLeaf, LLC (#MD1265), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- 11. I.N.S.A., Inc. (#RMD3362), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center



#### Staff Recommendations: Renewals

1. 15 Arch, LLC (#MCR140378) 2. Agricultural Healing, Inc. (#MRR206334) 3. Agricultural Healing, Inc. (#MPR243926) 4. AmeriCann Brands, Inc. (#MPR243903) 5. Apical, Inc. (#MPR243924) 6. Apical, Inc. (#MCR140410) 7. Apical, Inc. dba Fyre Ants (#MRR206312) 8. Apothca, Inc. (#MRR206340) 9. Aspen Blue Cultures Inc. (#MRR206324) 10. Assured Testing Laboratories LLC (#ILR267915) 11. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MCR140397) 12. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MPR243906) 13. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#MRR206318) 14. Bada Bloom!, Inc. (#MPR243899) 15. Bask, Inc. (#MRR206280) 16. Bask, Inc. (#MRR206279)

17. Berkshire Roots, Inc. (#MRR206252)

- 18. Berkshire Welco, LLC (#MRR206287)
- 19. Berkshire Welco, LLC (#MPR243900)
- 20. Berkshire Welco, LLC (#MCR140388)
- 21. Bracts & Pistils, LLC (#DOR5182952)
- 22. Bud Bus, Inc. (#MDR272539)
- 23. Buudda Brothers 90 Sargeant Street LLC (#MPR243877)
- 24. Buudda Brothers 90 Sargeant Street LLC (#MCR140340)
- 25. Caregiver-Patient Connection LLC (#MCR140390)
- 26. Community Gardens, LLC (#MPR243694)
- 27. Community Gardens, LLC (#MCR140075)
- 28. Community Growth Partners Delivery, Inc. (#MDR272542)
- 29. Cultivation Experts LLC (#MCR140426)
- 30. D2N2, LLC (#MRR206285)
- 31. Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#MPR243907)
- 32. DMA Holdings (MA), LLC (#MRR206320)
- 33. DMA Holdings (MA), LLC (#MPR243911)

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- 34. DMA HOLDINGS (MA), LLC (#MCR140401)
- 35. East Boston Local Roots LLC (#MRR206323)
- 36. Elevated Gardens LLC (#MCR140392)
- 37. FFD Enterprises MA (#MCR140416)
- 38. Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MRR206307)
- 39. Frozen 4, LLC (#MCR140385)
- 40. Garden Remedies Inc (#MCR140359)
- 41. Garden Remedies, Inc. (#MPR243890)
- 42. Garden Remedies, Inc. (#MRR206269)
- 43. Garden Remedies, Inc. (#MRR206276)
- 44. Garden Remedies, Inc. (#MRR206277)
- 45. Good Feels Inc (#MPR243898)
- 46. Health Circle, Inc. (#MRR206290)
- 47. Holyoke Smokes Corp (#MDR272545)
- 48. HVV Massachusetts, Inc (#MPR243901)
- 49. HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#MCR140384)
- 50. HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#MRR206291)

- 51. In Good Health, Inc. (#MCR140408) 52. In Good Health, Inc. (#MPR243920) 53. Innovative Flower LLC (#MRR206330) 54. J&L Enterprises, Inc. (#MCR140402) 55. J&L Enterprises, Inc. (#MCR140404) 56. Jolly Green Inc (#MCR140405) 57. JOLO CAN LLC (#MRR206299) 58. JOLO CAN LLC (#MPR243904) 59. JOLO CAN LLC (#MCR140371) 60. Kaycha MA, LLC (#ILR267913) 61. M3 Ventures, Inc. (#MRR206289) 62. Mainely Productions LLC (#MPR243918) 63. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MRR206283) 64. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MRR206284) 65. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MPR243910)
- 66. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#MCR140383)
- 67. MJ's Market (#MRR206314)

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- 68. New Dia, LLC (#MRR206275)
- 69. Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (#MCR140391)
- 70. Northeast Select Harvest Corp. (#MRR206310)
- 71. Paper City Industries LLC (#MPR243916)
- 72. Patriot Care Corp (#MRR206305)
- 73. PharmaCannis Massachusetts, Inc. (#MRR206274)
- 74. Pharmacannis Massachusetts, Inc. (#MCR140382)
- 75. Pioneer Valley Extracts, LLC (#MPR243905)
- 76. Pleasantrees, Inc. (#MRR206270)
- 77. Regenerative LLC (#MCR140392)
- 78. RISE Holdings, Inc. (#MPR243893)
- 79. RISE Holdings, Inc. (#MCR140367)
- 80. RiverRun Gardens, LLC (#MBR169301)
- 81. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#MRR206282)
- 82. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#MPR243876)
- 83. Silver Therapeutics, Inc. (#MRR206268)
- 84. Slang, Inc. (#MRR206321)

- 85. T. Bear Inc. (#MPR243913)
- 86. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#MRR206300)
- 87. The Heirloom Collective, Inc. (#MRR206302)
- 88. The Verb is Herb, LLC. (#MRR206311)
- 89. Treevit LLC (#DOR5182949)
- 90. Uma Flowers LLC (#MRR206316)
- 91. VanGarden Cannabis, LLC (#MPR243895)
- 92. VanGarden Cannabis, LLC (#MCR140372)
- 93. Vedi Naturals LLC (#MRR206329)
- 94. Wellness Connection of MA, Inc (#MRR206308)
- 95. West County Collective (#MCR140413)
- 96. Western Front, LLC (#MRR206306)
- 97. PharmaCannis Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Verilife (#RMD1688)
- 98. Revolutionary Clinics II (#RMD405)
- 99. Alternative Compassion Services (#RMD3320)
- 100. Beacon Compassion Center, Inc. (#RMD1729)
- 101. Garden Remedies, Inc. (#RMD1265)

#### Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals

1. ACTA LLC (#RVR453130)



# Commission Discussion & Votes



# The Commission is in recess until

#### **Commission Discussion & Votes**

- 1. Topics for Legislative and Executive Branch Outreach
  - i. Drivers' Education
- 2. Election of Commission Secretary and Treasurer
- 3. 2023 Executive Director Goals
- 4. Periodic Review of Executive Session Minutes
- 5. Job Description: Deputy Executive Director
- 6. Job Description: Microsoft Dynamics Administrator Developer





### Legislative and Executive Branch Outreach

Drivers' Education

Commissioners' Roy and Stebbins participated in a multi-agency working group to develop educational materials for young people regarding cannabis-impaired driving





# Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017

• Section 51 requires:

The department of public health, in consultation with the Massachusetts cannabis control commission, shall establish the following science-based public awareness campaigns: (i) a campaign to inform the public about responsible use of marijuana, including information on edibles and warnings about the dangers of manufacturing marijuana products at home; and (ii) a campaign to educate youth about marijuana use with a goal of decreasing the youth usage rate. The public awareness campaigns shall be funded from revenues received from the Marijuana Regulation Fund established in section 14 of chapter 94G of the General Laws.





## Shifting Gears

- Educational program spearheaded by AAA Northeast, the AAA Foundation and reviewed by the Brown University School of Public Health
- This program was approved by the RMV as a module to the current Drivers' Education Curriculum.
- Addition of the Commission's logo will ensure our ongoing partnership and allow the agency to continue to share research and expertise



#### **Draft Statement of Commission Policy**

The Cannabis Control Commission authorizes the use of the Cannabis Control Commission logo on the newly created Massachusetts Drivers Education Cannabis-Impairment Curriculum, *Shifting Gears: The blunt truth about marijuana and driving*.



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#### Draft CY 2023 Goals

- 1. In collaboration with Commissioners and Commission staff, ensure effective and timely implementation of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022, which includes the development and implementation of, where necessary, new or amended regulations and Commission policies. Such regulations and policies should be developed in a collaborative manor with input from a broad coalition of stakeholders and benefit from Commission-based expertise and perspective. Where necessary for implementation of other aspects of the new statute (ex. Social Equity Trust Fund), facilitate coordination with appropriate agencies and officials.
- 2. Be an example of modern, inclusive government for the cannabis sector in terms of our organizational culture. Success in this goal will be achieved through collaboration with Commissioners and staff and demonstrated by: 1) finalizing a new work environment that preserves and promotes the health, wellbeing, inclusion, and safety of all Commission employees; 2) enabling public access to Commission space and personnel; 3), facilitating and balancing employee flexibility and in-person collaboration; and 4) demonstrating cost effectiveness and the Commission's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



#### Draft CY 2023 Goals

- 3. In collaboration with Commissioners finalize the 3-year strategic planning process and begin implementation, for equity programming that includes measurable goals and metrics, combined with robust data collection and tracking of equity participants' success and satisfaction as well as licensee's equity goals and progress.
- 4. Take actions to ensure the long-term durability of patient access to the medical use of marijuana program, including consideration and evaluation of the patient experience, patient access to providers, regulatory or structural challenges that may exist for patients,
- 5. Upon affirmative adoption by the Commission, work collaboratively alongside Commissioners and Commission staff to implement, in earnest, the Commission's governance charter. This includes evaluating and updating, where necessary, Commission policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to accommodate any necessary changes with a focus on long-term operational durability, which may include both structural changes or a focus on succession planning and delegation throughout key leadership roles.



#### Draft CY 2023 Goals

6. Continue the development and begin implementation and assessment of a 5-year strategic plan for Commission development within requirements of cost neutral operations and other statutory requirements relative to the Commonwealth's medical and adult-use cannabis programs.



#### **Commission Discussion & Votes**

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# Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

#### Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

#### **Next Meeting Date**

#### **February 9, 2023**

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

2023 Public Meetings*	
March 9	August 10
April 14	September 14
May 11	October 12
June 8	November 9
July 13	December 14



## Additional Licensing Data

The totals below are all license applications received to date.

Туре	#
Pending	242
Withdrawn	1223
Incomplete	7650
Denied	4
Approved: Delivery Pre-certifications	188
Approved: Delivery Endorsements	3
Approved: Licenses	1209
Total	10519

The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Туре	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	4
Marijuana Courier	20
Marijuana Delivery Operator	24
Independent Testing Laboratory	20
Marijuana Cultivator	355
Marijuana Microbusiness	34
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	277
Marijuana Research Facility	1
Marijuana Retailer	462
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	4
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	8
Total	1209

Status	#
Application Submitted: Awaiting Review	4
Application Reviewed: More Information Requested	187
Application Deemed Complete: Awaiting 3rd Party Responses	32
All Information Received: Awaiting Commission Consideration	19
Applications Considered by Commission (includes Delivery Pre-Cert)	1404
Total	1646



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

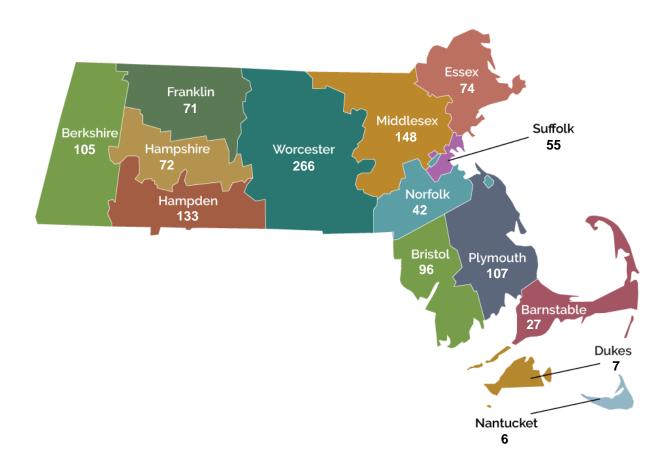
Туре	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2
Delivery-Only Provisional Licensure (Part 2)	11
Delivery-Only Pre-Certification (Part 1)	11
Independent Testing Laboratory	1
Marijuana Cultivator	60
Marijuana Delivery Operator Provisional License (Part 2)	13
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification (Part 1)	13
Marijuana Microbusiness	5
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	44
Marijuana Research Facility	7
Marijuana Retailer	62
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	3
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	2
Third Party Transporter	8
Total	242

Туре	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	47	-	1	52	164	14	80	358
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	13	-	1	4	16	6	19	59
Total	60	-	2	56	180	20	99	417

#### Marijuana Establishment Licenses | January 12, 2023

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

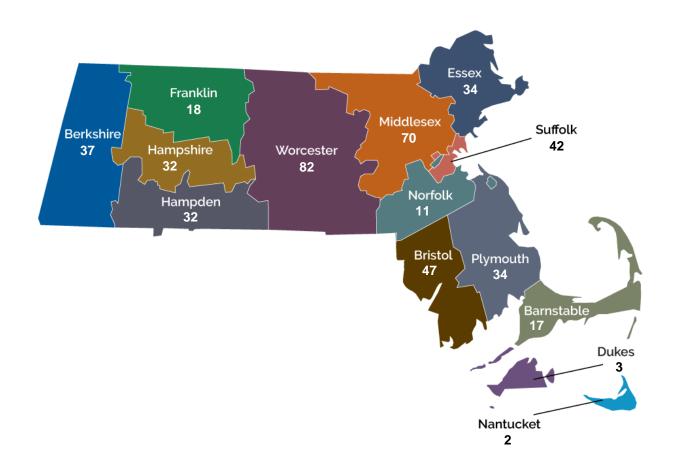
County	#	+
Barnstable	27	0
Berkshire	105	2
Bristol	96	0
Dukes	7	0
Essex	74	0
Franklin	71	1
Hampden	133	0
Hampshire	72	1
Middlesex	148	0
Nantucket	6	0
Norfolk	42	0
Plymouth	107	0
Suffolk	55	0
Worcester	266	2
Total	1209	6



#### Marijuana Retailer Licenses | January 12, 2023

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

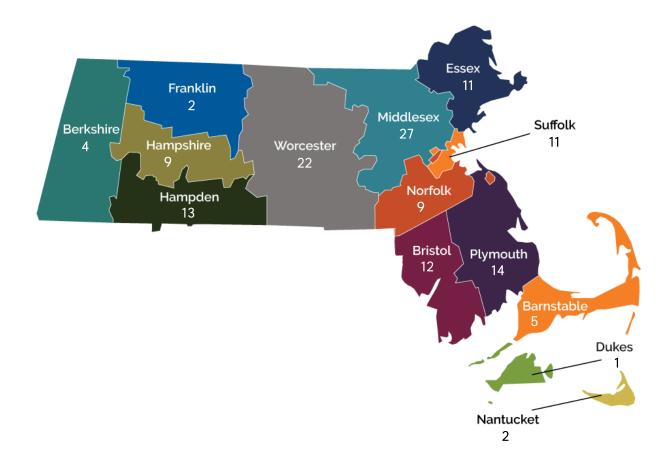
County	#	+/-
Barnstable	17	0
Berkshire	37	0
Bristol	47	0
Dukes	3	0
Essex	34	0
Franklin	18	0
Hampden	32	0
Hampshire	32	0
Middlesex	70	0
Nantucket	2	0
Norfolk	11	0
Plymouth	34	0
Suffolk	42	0
Worcester	82	1
Total	461	1



#### Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses (Dispensing) January 12, 2023

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

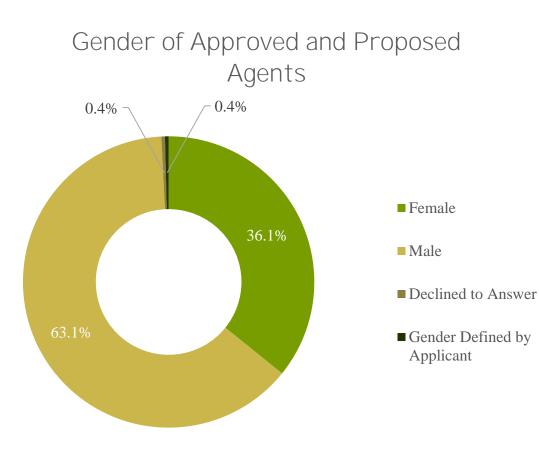
County	#
Barnstable	5
Berkshire	4
Bristol	12
Dukes	1
Essex	11
Franklin	2
Hampden	13
Hampshire	9
Middlesex	27
Nantucket	2
Norfolk	9
Plymouth	14
Suffolk	11
Worcester	22
Total	142



## Agent Applications | January 12, 2023

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

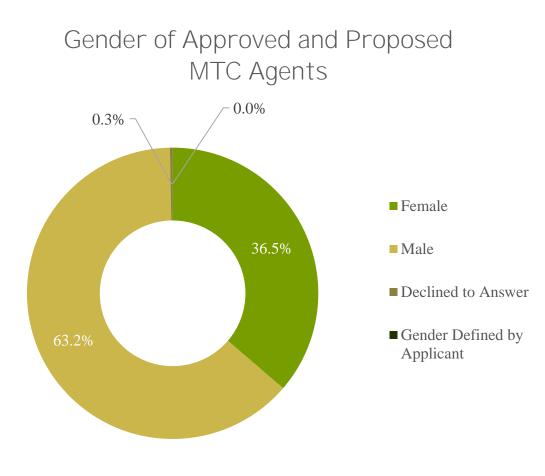
Gender	#	%
Female	8,215	36.1%
Male	14,364	63.1%
Declined to Answer	88	0.4%
Gender Defined by Applicant	83	0.4%
Total		100%



## Agent Applications | January 12, 2023

Demographics of Approved and Pending Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

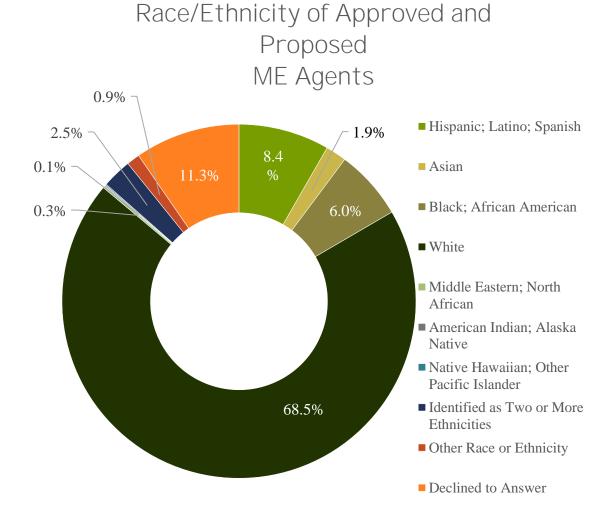
Gender	#	%
Female	3,319	36.5%
Male	5,739	63.2%
Declined to Answer	28	0.3%
Gender Defined by Applicant	0	0.0%
Total	9,086	100%



## Agent Applications | January 12, 2023

#### Demographics of Approved and Pending ME Agents

Race/Ethnicity	#	%
Hispanic; Latino; Spanish	1,921	8.4%
Asian	430	1.9%
Black; African American	1,363	6.0%
White	15,582	68.5%
Middle Eastern; North African	59	0.3%
American Indian; Alaska Native	32	0.1%
Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander	20	0.1%
Identified as Two or More Ethnicities	563	2.5%
Other Race or Ethnicity	211	0.9%
Declined to Answer	2,569	11.3%
Total	22,750	100%

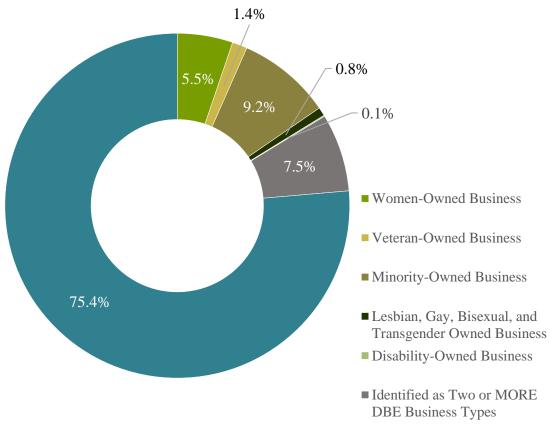


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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statistics for Approved Licensees

DBE Statistics Approved Licensees

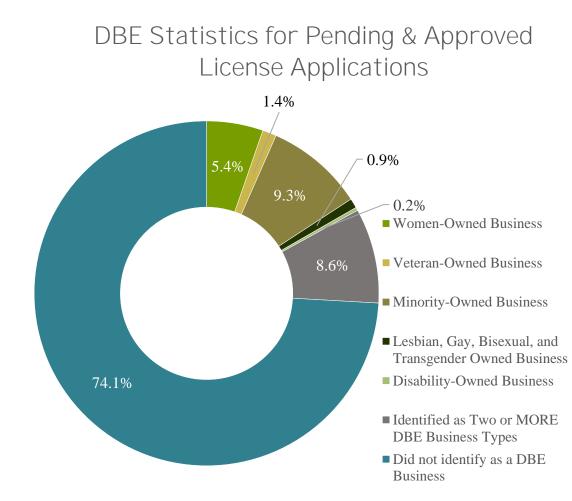
Туре	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	77	5.5%
Veteran-Owned Business	20	1.4%
Minority-Owned Business	129	9.2%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	11	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	2	0.1%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	105	7.5%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,056	75.4%
Total	1,400	100%



 Did not identify as a DBE Business

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

Туре	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	89	5.4%
Veteran-Owned Business	23	1.4%
Minority-Owned Business	153	9.3%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	14	0.9%
Disability-Owned Business	4	0.2%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	142	8.6%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,217	74.1%
Total	1,642	100%



## Adult Use Agent Applications | January 12, 2023

#### 54,759 Total Agent Applications:

- 229 Total Pending
  - 215 Pending Establishment Agents
  - 14 Pending Laboratory Agents
- 2,620 Withdrawn
- 2,356 Incomplete
- 3,087 Expired
- 23,939 Surrendered
- 6 Denied / 1 Revoked
- 22,521 Active

#### Of the 229 Total Pending:

- 20 not yet reviewed
- 203 CCC requested more information
- 6 awaiting third party response
- 0 review complete; awaiting approval

#### Medical Use Agent Application | January 12, 2023

The total number of MTC agent applications received by status.

MTC Agent Application	#
Pending MTC Agent Applications	11
Pending Laboratory Agent Applications	0
Incomplete	58
Revoked	9
Denied	31
Surrendered	13,402
Expired	2,265
Active	9,075
Total	24,851