

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

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

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- BB Botanics, LLC (#MR282084), Retail
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- Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MRR206382)
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- Legacy Foundation Group, LLC (#ILR267917)
- Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MRR206333)
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- Local Roots NE Inc. (#MRR206366)
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- Massbiolytics Corp (#ILR267916)
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- RC Cultivation LLC (#MCR140453)
- Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206372)
- Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206345)
- Solar Therapeutics Inc (#MCR140419)
- STANDISH GREEN GROUP, LLC (#MCR140456)
- The Headyco LLC (#MCR140433)
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- TYCA Green (#MCR140395)
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- YouCanBeCo LLC (#MPR243935)
- Z&T Inc (#MRR206358)
- Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#RMD585)
- Holistic Industries, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Cannabis (#RMD1526)
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- Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
 - 420 Trainers, LLC (#RVR453131)
- [Meeting Packet](#)
- Presentation re: Standards Laboratories
- Discussion re: 2022 Executive Director Performance Evaluation

In Attendance:

- Chair Shannon O'Brien
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo



- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

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

2) Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:01:30

- Commissioner Stebbins thanked Commission staff for their work in preparing the Commission for the public meeting. He commented about the month of March and that it is Maple Month and Women's History Month in Massachusetts. He noted licensee's Diversity Plans and their goals. He commended CannaVanna, Inc. and the fact that the company met its diversity goals. He noted his discussion with Grace Moreno from the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce regarding opportunities to hire in the cannabis industry and her idea to encourage licensees to meet their diversity goals by activating the Leadership Rating Program. He discussed a Veteran's podcast he was invited to join with host Eric Segundo. He noted that diversity planning is a topic at the upcoming NECANN event. He noted that former Commissioner Jen Flanagan and Kim Napoli will speak on the topic at the event. He commented about a recent event he went to with Commissioner Roy, staff, and the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts. He noted his trip to Green River Cannabis and his meeting with the owners. He commented about his support for licensees who seek to mentor or fund a Social Equity Business or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant in their Positive Impact Plan. He discussed the new Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund and the need to revisit the Positive Impact Plan guidance.
- Commissioner Roy noted the importance of the holidays celebrated in the month of March, specifically Women's History Month and International Women's Day. She thanked the talented women at the Commission for their commitment to a safely regulated industry. She commented about her trip to Canna Provisions in Holyoke where she spoke with David O'Brien and other business leaders from the Cannabis Business Association. She reflected on a recent trip with Commissioner Stebbins, and Commission research staff where they met with the Public Health Institute of Western Mass and spoke about important public health and safety issues in cannabis. She thanked Commission staff for their work on regulations and discussed her role on the Host Community Agreement (HCA) working group. She noted her excitement to listen to stakeholder's perspectives during the process.
- Commissioner Concepcion thanked staff for their work on the regulatory process. She noted her positions on the HCA working group and the Municipal Equity working



- group. She expressed her excitement to work through the rest of the process and also noted Women’s History Month.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked staff for their work to prepare for public meeting and during the regulatory review. She noted the expertise in the Commission and explained that she was on the Social Consumption work group. She commented about Women’s History Month and thanked the women at the Commission. She noted that the city of Denver started to book party buses for their social consumption sites and expressed her excitement to getting to work on the subject here in Massachusetts.
 - Commissioner Concepcion thanked the Executive Director (ED) and the General Counsel for organizing the regulatory working groups. She noted staff expertise and mentioned she was prepared for the regulatory work.
 - The Chair thanked Commissioner Camargo for her work regarding the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund. She commented about her desire to work with stakeholders and staff at the Commission to help to leverage the fund for Social Equity Businesses. She commented about her meeting with Collette Phillips and Evelyn Murphy at Get Konnected and the organization’s work with entrepreneurs of color. She mentioned her visit to Caroline’s Cannabis. She pointed out her condition for LC Square. She noted their goal to promote the hiring of persons with disabilities and discussed the importance of the issue.

3) Executive Director’s Report – 00:16:24

- The ED gave an overview of the licensing data. His presentation started on page 128 of the [Meeting Packet](#).
 - Commissioner Roy asked about the Marijuana Transporter license and how it relates to the other license types. She also noted the importance of the Licensing Applications slide for the standards laboratory discussion at the end of the public meeting.
 - The ED noted he would discuss the Marijuana Transporter license later in his presentation.
 - The ED commented about the potential concern from municipalities in market saturation of licenses from the 143 Marijuana Retailers that obtained a Provisional License and the 271 who had Commenced Operations.
 - The Chair noted that the Commission will be engaging the Massachusetts Municipal Association during review of the Commission’s regulations.
 - The ED agreed with the Chair and noted the diversity in license types outside of cannabis retailers who are also looking for locations in new municipalities. He highlighted the fact that municipalities may consider these other license types outside of Marijuana Retailers because they do not require pedestrian foot traffic.
 - Commissioner Concepcion noted that Massachusetts is past the five-year mark for cannabis regulation and wondered whether we had reached market saturation.
 - The ED commented that licenses are still moving, and municipalities are determining the appropriate saturation for their community. The ED noted



the conversations occurring between retailers and delivery couriers to work together to serve a certain region.

- The Chair asked if the Commission could help encourage these conversations by hosting a round-table discussion.
- The ED agreed and welcomed the discussion. He commented that some Social Equity Businesses (SEBs) who are retailers are applying to become delivery couriers to extend their licenses. He encouraged this arrangement and noted that if others were interested in supporting SEB, DBA, DBE businesses then retailers should give those businesses shelf space for their brands to grow. He commented about the national challenges facing the industry in Massachusetts, including interstate commerce and federal legalization. He discussed his desire to see Massachusetts brands expand into the Western markets. He commented about the leadership from Massachusetts companies in the beverage market. He noted Social Equity Program Participants are likely to hire other program participants and keep SEB's product on their shelves. He spoke about empowering consumers to ask questions about the product's origin and noted the large amount of information the public can draw from to ask questions when purchasing cannabis.
- The Chair noted the importance of convening these meetings with members of the public in the audience and the Commissioner's effort to return to normal after the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if a SEP has a retail and delivery courier and whether those businesses would be paying a Community Impact Fee (CIF) to the municipality twice.
 - The ED confirmed and said they are separate licenses.
 - Commissioner Roy questioned whether a Marijuana Transporter license with another Marijuana Establishment license would be charged for multiple CIFs.
 - The ED confirmed and reiterated that they are separate licenses.
 - Commissioner Concepcion noted that the cost of the CIF also depended on the municipality.
 - The ED clarified that the terms of the HCA dictate the payment of the CIF and that the way the business is structured can also dictate the way the HCA is disbursed. He commented that he hoped municipalities and cannabis businesses were having productive conversations.
 - Commissioner Roy reflected that she envisioned these businesses under one roof but that this conversation clarified for her that these licenses may be assessed the tax multiple times from their HCA.
 - Commissioner Concepcion noted that the cost and assessment depends on the municipality.
 - The ED said that it may or may not depend on the municipality and gave examples of instances where one HCA covers multiple licenses in one town and another where it did not.



- Commissioner Concepcion noted her concern for businesses being taxed multiple times by a municipality despite that business all being located at one address.
- The ED confirmed.
- Commissioner Camargo noted the work to be done on the issue.
- Commissioner Concepcion affirmed.
- Commissioner Roy reiterated that municipalities could chose to have one HCA with a brick-and-mortar establishment that has multiple licenses.
- Commissioner Concepcion agreed and noted the benefit of discussing this information at the public meeting.
- Commissioner Camargo said that it was good to hear her fellow Commissioners ask questions.
- The ED reminded the public that cities and towns can waive the CIF as an option to avoid the issue.
- Commissioner Camargo supported the ED in his explanation and expressed that the waiver is not bad thing.
- The ED agreed and noted that Host Communities could also not require a fee when a licensee expands their business like with a delivery license. The ED noted Commissioner Roy’s earlier question and responded that all businesses can move the product between their locations. He clarified however, that Third Party Transporter Licenses are exclusively to transport and noted that some chose to obtain another license.
- Commissioner Roy asked whether the ED would let the Commissioners know who the Third Party Transporter licensees are that have another license type.
 - The ED confirmed he would get Commissioner Roy that information.
 - Commissioner Camargo noted that last year she and Commissioner Stebbins met with licensees who are Third Party Transporters. She mentioned the group was named the Massachusetts Association of Cannabis Transporters. She noted the importance of the group’s advocacy because of how few licenses there are in that category.
 - Commissioner Roy stated the transporter license was a business-to-business sale and not to consumers.
 - The ED confirmed and explained some background regarding the development of the transportation license.
 - Commissioner Roy noted the large amount of regulatory compliance associated with the Third Party Transporter license.
 - The ED confirmed.
 - The Chair commented about the significant capital investment necessary to obtain the Third Party Transporter license. The Chair also noted that the Commissioners are looking to meet in person more frequently to discuss regulatory policy and hoped this issue could be discussed further.
 - Commissioner Concepcion recalled speaking with Abigail from the transporter’s association and expressed her desire to reconnect to discuss policy.



- Commissioner Camargo mentioned she would connect with the Commissioners to share the content from the association.
- The Chair asked whether the ED could determine the amount of cannabis produced by different tiers of cultivators as opposed to the percentages shown on the Cultivation Applications slide.
 - The ED explained the chart and the differences between the tiers. He explained the 13% of the licensing volume is represented by the top tier of cultivators, referring to Tiers 9-11, who represented 39% of available canopy space.
 - The Chair asked a clarifying question regarding the 59% indicated on the slide. She asked what that number represented for licensing volume.
 - The ED explained Tiers 1-3 represented 21% of the industry's licensing volume not overall production which fluctuates depending on the tier and available canopy.
 - The Chair asked about available canopy for the lower tiers.
 - The ED explained his assumption that the lower tiers were likely maxed out of their canopy.
- Commissioner Roy noted the state is up to 3.2 million square feet of canopy. She recalled a meeting she had with cultivators who advocated for the removal of regulations that restrict canopy or promote canopy space based on sales. She asked if a cultivator is already in the lowest tier, where they would be relegated to if they did not meet their sales or canopy requirements.
 - The ED explained the difficulty around this issue because of the business-to-business aspect and noted the advantages vertically integrated businesses have over other businesses. He noted his understanding of the issue and the difficulty presented to these small cultivators. He noted the regulations on control exist because licensees chose a tier upon application and should show proof to change it. He discussed the fact that applicants marketed their business as being a certain size within their community and therefore proof of need is required in the regulations. He discussed other jurisdictions and how they handled the issue of relegating businesses. He noted that the state just put away money to help folks get into the market and believed that it was not the right time to restrict licenses or halt production. He commented that the process of relegating licensee's tiers benefits vertically integrated businesses compared to stand-alone cultivators.
- Commissioner Roy asked how to understand the data regarding cannabis sales and how it relates to market saturation.
 - The ED believed he could get the data to understand if cultivators are selling a certain amount to indicate market saturation and gave an example from procedures used in licensing. The ED raised the issue of property rights on behalf of the licensees if a license is relegated.
 - The Chair asked if there are any lessons from other states that could help Massachusetts on this issue.



- The ED noted that overproduction of the market and price is a concern across the nation. He commented about the concern for adequate patient supply and concerns around inventory. He reflected that jurisdictions have different protections in place for these issues and discussed an example.
- Commissioner Camargo asked if the Commission had the authority to limit the amount that could be produced in the state.
- The ED commented that he was unsure about the answer to the question but felt instinctively that the answer was no. He expressed his unease in saying that to the public.
- Commissioner Camargo reassured the ED about having the conversation in public.
- The ED noted the Commissioners are the licensing authority but if they tried to regulate the overall amount the Commission would likely be sued.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the ED for the information and asked Commissioner Roy to reiterate the amount of canopy cited prior.
- Commissioner Roy noted that there was 1.2 million acres of canopy that have Commenced Operations and 4.7 million currently in the Provisional License stage.
- Commissioner Camargo was impressed by Commissioner Roy's math and thanked Commissioner Roy for that information.
- Commissioner Roy clarified that she calculated the canopy prior to the meeting. She asked why relegation was put into the regulations.
- The ED noted the history of relegation in the state for production control and compared the issue to European soccer. He discussed the policy as being reactionary and not preventative.
- Commissioner Roy noted the race to the bottom and this policy could be preventative as the breaks for the system.
- The ED commended Commissioner Roy on her point and noted the people best suited to survive a race to the bottom were larger operators.
- Commissioner Stebbins asked whether the ED could include microbusinesses as a line on the Cultivation Applications slide.
 - The ED noted that this class of 8 licenses would add 40,000 square feet of canopy to the total number indicated on the slide. He also noted that some microbusinesses might chose not to grow cannabis.
 - Commissioner Stebbins asked about other businesses elsewhere in the pipeline.
 - The ED reflected that his last answer was regarding Microbusinesses that have Commenced Operations.
- The Chair asked why the Commission's regulations do not align with the level of care nurse practitioners are able to provide elsewhere in medicine and discussed that fixing this issue could help provide relief for rural places experiencing issues with access to providers.
 - The ED discussed how regulatory changes can lead to market disruption and his avoidance of changing the regulations to require new compliance



standards for businesses. He also raised the issue of organizing those changes.

- The Chair noted that the Commission is reviewing all public comments and current regulations but must prioritize the changes required by the new law.
- The ED affirmed.
- Commissioner Roy asked how folks without technology would find providers and hoped the Commission would entertain providing that information on the website.
 - The ED noted that our database is required to be confidential by state law and he believed the Commission could not entertain a list with an opt-in feature for physicians.
 - Commissioner Roy questioned whether a statutory change was required for the Commission to publish a list of physicians.
 - The ED confirmed and noted that this issue was raised frequently around access to pediatric doctors in the medical industry.
- The Chair asked if requirements were relaxed around physicians discussing cannabis with their patients.
 - The ED confirmed.
 - The Chair discussed her conversation with the Massachusetts Municipal Association on Host Community Agreements and her desire to similarly promote this federal policy change to physicians.
 - Commissioner Concepcion asked the Chair to clarify what change of policy.
 - The Chair noted that there was a law changed federally that relaxed physician's ability to discuss Medical-Use cannabis with their patients.
 - Commissioner Concepcion clarified the two issues being discussed.
 - The Chair reflected on her comment and noted the Commission's prior discussion regarding telemedicine. She discussed the role of the primary care physicians in the Medical-Use process and advocated for the Commission to engage these physicians on the legal change.
 - The ED mentioned that trade groups can maintain their own lists and discussed why it may be a good option for those groups to maintain a list of Certifying Physicians. He refrained from discussing legislative intent as to that statutory provision but commented about the risk of publishing data related to banking. He discussed the potential negative impacts associated with publishing a list pertaining to people making money from cannabis sales.
 - Commissioner Roy reviewed the legislation and discussed two bills that would require insurance to pay for medical cannabis and their impacts on the medical market.
 - The ED noted that medical professionals still are governed by their own boards and clarified that the Commission essentially allows those medical professionals access to the Commission's program. He elaborated that the



- requirement for access is that the medical professional maintain compliance with their licensing board.
- The ED gave an update on the Commission’s FY24 Budget.
 - The Chair asked how under budget the Commission is compared to the revenue the agency generated.
 - The ED estimated that the Commission generated \$28-30 Million in fines and fees for cannabis businesses. He commented that tax revenue generated from sales would be several hundred million dollars.
 - The Chair replied that this fact makes for a strong argument to the legislature to fully-fund the Commission’s budget request.
 - The ED affirmed and commented that the changes requested in the budget were necessary for the agency to grow with the industry. He discussed the complexities regarding these business transactions and the additional resources required to meet these needs for licensing purposes.
 - Commissioner Concepcion asked how far along the Commission is into the exclusivity period for delivery operators.
 - The ED responded that the exclusivity period began about a year prior and noted the work to be done. He commented about the budget timeline in Massachusetts.
 - Commissioner Camargo thanked the ED for raising the conversation about the budget and hoped to stay informed on the topic.
 - Commissioner Roy asked about the taxes funding the Marijuana Regulation Fund.
 - The ED explained the 6.25% of Sales tax would go into the state’s General Fund and 10.75% would go into the Marijuana Regulation Fund.
 - Commissioner Roy asked if she could see where the money went from the Marijuana Regulation Fund.
 - The ED explained that the legislature determines where the money is spent from the Marijuana Regulation Fund and explained the appropriations process.
 - Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy for asking the question and requested that staff follow-up with an explanation of where the fund was appropriated.
 - The ED clarified that the legislature determines where the funds are allocated, and the Commission does not make that determination.
 - Commissioner Concepcion commented about the work she was developing with the Government Affairs team where they would present at the State House and that a discussion about the fund may intersect with that presentation.
 - The Chair asked for the Commissioner to elaborate about the presentation.
 - Commissioner Concepcion responded that she hoped to do a State of Cannabis presentation at the State House annually.
 - The Chair asked whether the focus would be on the state of the industry or the state of the Commission’s impact.



- Commissioner Concepcion responded that it would be both.
 - Commissioner Camargo supported the idea.
 - The ED also affirmed the idea of the presentation.
- The ED presented an update on MDAR’s Pesticide Webinars.
 - The Chair asked if the department would be providing the Webinar again.
 - The ED explained that he could follow-up.
 - The Chair asked if the Webinar was recorded.
 - The ED responded that he would find out the answer.
 - The Chair hoped that in the future if either agency puts an event on that it could be recorded and put on one of the agency’s websites. She asked if the agencies advertised for the webinar together.
 - The ED affirmed. The ED noted that this information went out to licensees through a bulletin.
 - Commissioner Roy asked if MDAR would conduct a training for Commissioners on pesticides if there is not a recording.
 - The ED confirmed that the webinar was recorded. The ED noted that Governor Healey appointed Ashley Randle as the new Commissioner of MDAR. He congratulated her on the appointment and thanked the former Commissioner.
- The ED gave an update on the Commission’s regulatory review.
 - Commissioner Stebbins thanked the ED and appreciated the update. He reiterated his desire to engage the public on the indicated topics and hoped that the public would reach-out to the Commission’s email with comments about regulations.
 - Commissioner Concepcion thanked the Chair for her comment advocating for additional public meetings for the Commission on regulations and welcomed the additional dialogue.
- The ED reminded the public about the NECANN Boston event.
- The ED discussed the governance document that is being developed at Executive Sessions. He noted that a charter is being developed to establish practices for the Commission. He commented about the regularity that this occurs with government bodies and cities and towns. He noted the process to create the charter is time consuming but worth pursuing.
 - The Chair commented that there was some delay in the process due to her onboarding and getting caught-up. She noted the learning opportunity this charter presented to her and her belief that it benefitted the Commissioners.
 - Commissioner Camargo noted the delay in procuring a vendor.
 - Commissioner Concepcion noted that it is healthy for the agency to review practices of the agency after the five-year mark. She discussed her happiness that it is occurring and that review of the Charter should reoccur periodically.
 - Commissioner Camargo noted that these discussions were the first time that the Commissioners were able to meet in person together.



- The ED discussed the benefits of mediation for the Commission and the challenges of using a mediator after the Commission was already established as opposed to before the Commission was formed.
- The ED gave an update on hiring at the Commission.

Commissioner Camargo moved to take a 15-minute recess.

- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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 11:57 AM (01:41:34)

4) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership

1. Ermont, Inc.

- Licensing Analyst Derek Chamberlin (Licensing Analyst Chamberlin) presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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. Metro Harvest, Inc.

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted that one of the new individuals on this license is on a probationary period and wondered whether granting the change of ownership changed that status.
 - The ED commented that there was no change but that the individual and licensees have complied.



- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin noted that staff would not put forward an application for the Commission’s review if the licensee was out of compliance.
- Commissioner Roy asked about the process when a license is out of compliance.
- The ED noted that an out of compliance licensee would typically trigger a suitability review committee for the individual or licensees.
- Commissioner Stebbins clarified that the intent of his question was to understand the individual’s responsibilities and the scope of probation when an individual is on a probationary period.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Enforcement staff for their work on this Change of Ownership and asked the ED what it meant to be on a probationary period in the Commission as opposed to in a criminal matter.
 - Associate Enforcement Counsel Jacob Neilson (AEC Neilson) noted that the word probation is used loosely in the context of licensing within the Commission. He explained this case requires the individual’s authority to be restricted.
 - Commissioner Camargo thanked the Enforcement staff again for their work and for clarifying her questions.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

3. Sparkboro Wellness NAMA Corp.

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



5) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 02:05:24

1. Atlas Marketplace & Delivery, LLC d/b/a Plymouth Armor Group (#MTN281667), Third-Party Transporter
 - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

2. Berkshire Kind, Inc. (#MPN282222), Product Manufacturing
 - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your “Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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. Blossom Flower, LLC (#MPN282139), Product Manufacturing
 - Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:



- Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
4. CLCASH, LLC (#MCN283659), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final application for Licensure, the applicant shall ensure compliance with 935 CMR 500.050(7)(c), namely, not providing direct or indirect compensation to Independent Testing Laboratories, in the execution of its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People as a condition of licensure.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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.
5. Ember Gardens NBP, LLC (#MPN282229), Product Manufacturing
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested that two conditions apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to performing job functions at marijuana establishment, all internship program participants as stated in goal number two of your Positive Impact Plan must become Registered Agents in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and provide Agent Registration Card to the Commission upon request. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.030, a Marijuana Establishment shall apply for registration for all its employees, owners, executives, and volunteers who are associated with that Marijuana Establishment.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your “Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control



Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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.
6. Good Feels, Inc. (#MPN282192), Product Manufacturing
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy commended this applicant for the completeness of their Quality Control Plans. She commented that she always reads these plans and noted that this was the best Quality Control Plan that she had reviewed.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
7. Green Adventure, LLC (#MRN284710), Retail
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition to apply to this application.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and consider any strategy for outreach to nearby Area of Disproportionate Impact designated community of Monson and provide any



update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11 to CCC Licensing Division.

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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 Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.

8. Himalayan High (#MRN284668), Retail

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

9. Holland Brands SB, LLC (#MRN284733), Retail

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



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

10. JMK Gardening, LLC d/b/a Wonderland Cannabis Co. (#MRN284654), Retail

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

11. Motah 420, LLC d/b/a Motah (#MCN283717), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License. Licensing Analyst Chamberlin noted that items 11 and 12 are collocated licenses and would be presented together.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your “Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12), and 935 CMR 500.120(14).
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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.

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



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

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

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure please inform the Commission of your “Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Diversity Plan - specifically Program #2 - and consider any strategy to engage Women Business Enterprises, LGBT Business Enterprises and Disability-Owned Business Enterprises to accomplish goals in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and provide any update to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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 Commissioners Roy and Stebbins.
14. Tradesman Exchange, LLC (#MDA1316), Marijuana Delivery Operator
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - 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.
 - 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.
15. Jolo Can, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective (#RMDA3737), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation for this Provisional License.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
- 6) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 02:26:39
- The Chair noted that Final Licenses would be considered in rosters.



- Commissioner Camargo asked about the co-sponsored conditions.
- The Chair noted that she and Commissioner Roy sponsored two conditions together for items numbered 3 and 11 on the Final License agenda.

- Adult-Use Roster
 - The Chair noted the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses will consist of items numbered 3 and 11, as identified on the agenda.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - The Chair and Commissioner Roy proposed a condition on both licenses.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Chair and 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 roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Chair and Commissioner Roy.

- Adult-Use Roster
 - The Chair noted the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses will consist of items numbered 1-2, 4-10, and 12-14, as identified on the agenda.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses.
 - 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 roster of Adult-Use Final Licenses.

- 1. 140 Industrial Road, LLC d/b/a Native Sun (#MC281599), Cultivation, Tier 5 / Indoor
- 2. 140 Industrial Road, LLC d/b/a Native Sun (#MP281433), Product Manufacturing
- 3. 15 Arch, LLC d/b/a High Ledges Cannabis (#MC281903), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
 - The Chair and Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.



- Proposed Condition: Prior to receiving Commence Operations, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(1)(r), please present to the Commission your written operating policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651, et seq. In addition, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (9)(d)(4)(b) under personnel policy & procedures, please also present to the Commission your employee whistle-blower policy.
 - 4. 4Bros, Inc. d/b/a East Coast Pharms (#MR281550), Retail
 - 5. Advanced Cultivators, LLC (#MC283314), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
 - 6. ARL Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Panacea Wellness (#MR282334), Retail
 - 7. BB Botanics, LLC (#MR282084), Retail
 - 8. Berkley Botanics, LLC (#MC282081), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
 - 9. Berkley Botanics, LLC (#MR281458), Retail
 - 10. Cannabis of Worcester, LLC (#MR284603), Retail
 - 11. LC Square, LLC (#MC281717), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
 - The Chair and Commissioner Roy requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to receiving Commence Operations, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(1)(r), please present to the Commission your written operating policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651, et seq. In addition, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (9)(d)(4)(b) under personnel policy & procedures, please also present to the Commission your employee whistle-blower policy.
 - 12. Mederi, Inc. (#MP281806), Product Manufacturing
 - 13. Standard Naturals, LLC d/b/a Eastern Cannabis Company (#MR282696), Retail
 - 14. Tree Market Taunton, LLC d/b/a Greatest Hits (#MR281597), Retail
- Commissioner Camargo asked about the whistleblower condition and if the ED could explain what is required for businesses under the current regulations.
 - The ED noted that every licensee must have a Workplace Safety and Whistle-Blower Policy upon applying to the Commission. The ED explained that he viewed the condition as reiterating the requirements and requesting their submission to the agency.
 - Commissioner Camargo asked if licensees had already submitted it.
 - Commissioner Roy noted that the applicants who had conditions placed on their license here submitted applications that were silent on these requirements.
 - The Chair commented that she would like to see all agents receive these two trainings to better understand their rights and responsibilities.
 - Commissioner Camargo asked if these were required SOPs.
 - The ED confirmed.



- Commissioner Camargo questioned whether the conditions were necessary if these were already required SOPs for applicants.
- Commissioner Roy responded that 12 out of the 14 Final Licenses had these SOPs.
- The Chair confirmed that she did not see the SOP for the two identified businesses.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked Commissioner Camargo if she meant that if these were required SOPs then why were they not included in the packet.
- Commissioner Camargo clarified that the SOP is required and that the condition was requiring licensees to provide information twice.
- The Chair noted this condition was a part of a larger conversation about workers' safety and its importance at cultivation and manufacturing facilities.
- Commissioner Camargo noted her confusion on the condition because she believed the policy to already be required at the beginning of the application process.
- Commissioner Roy asked the ED where she could find this information.
- The ED responded that it could be found in the Application of Intent and in the Management and Operation Profile of the application and explained both.
- Commissioner Roy asked if this information was encompassed in the Personnel SOP.
 - The ED stated that most of the personnel information for the company can be found in the Management and Operation Profile. He noted that sometimes policies can be merged in the system and therefore an SOP might not be in a certain area of the application. He noted that the SOPs could be labeled differently. He commented that businesses should have a binder of SOPs if they are asked to produce them. He remarked that people can be whistleblowers in many areas of business including workplace safety and that any information provided to the Commission would be investigated by staff.
 - Commissioner Roy discussed the possibility of building out a hotline at the Commission for whistleblowers.
 - The ED confirmed that development.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the other Commissioners for their perspectives and discussing the conditions further. Commissioner Camargo paused for a moment to celebrate the final licenses and noted the difficulty of obtaining a Final License in a highly regulated market. She asked the ED if he could explain the process for an applicant after they obtain a Final License.
 - The ED explained that the largest benefit to holding a Final License is the ability to hold cannabis and receive inventory. He explained the agents would have already received trainings and that hiring can begin. He noted other requirements and that the Commission spot checks agent's backgrounds. He noted that the Commission will conduct a Post-Final License inspection and that he would receive a report from that inspection. He noted that the business is allowed to open within three days of receiving a Commence Operations notice and explained it was to allow the medical patients access to the stores prior to adult-use being implemented and creating traffic for patients



accessing medicine. He questioned the current utility of the policy considering the more mature state of the industry.

- Commissioner Camargo thanked the ED for his explanation and for staff for their hard work getting businesses to the Final Licenses phase.

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

- Adult-Use
 - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 1-48, as identified on the agenda.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy 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 Adult-Use Renewals.
- The Headyco LLC
 - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewal roster will consist of item numbered 53, as identified on the agenda.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Stebbins Proposed a Condition.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Renewals, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
 - 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 Adult-Use Renewal, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Resinate, Inc.
 - The Chair noted that the adult-use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 49 and 50, as identified on the agenda.
 - Commissioner Roy recused herself for this Adult-Use Renewal roster.
 - The Chair thanked staff for their support and asked Commissioners for questions or comments.



- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use Renewals.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Recused
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
 - The Commission approved the roster of Adult-Use Renewals, by a total of four in favor and one recused.
- Adult-Use and Medical-Use
 - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use and Medical-Use Renewal roster will consist of items numbered 51-52, 54-64, as identified on the agenda.
 - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the roster of Adult-Use and Medical-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 Adult-Use and Medical-use Renewals.

1. ACK Natural, LLC (#MRR206357)
2. Bask, Inc. (#MPR243929)
3. Bask, Inc. (#MCR140421)
4. BLUE SKY ORGANICS LLC (#MDR272549)
5. BTE INC (#MCR140451)
6. BVO LLC (#MCR140350)
7. Calverde Naturals, LLC (#MRR206356)
8. Calverde Naturals, LLC (#MRR206355)
9. Canna Provisions Inc (#MRR206335)
10. CannaVanna, Inc. (#MRR206348)
11. Capeway Cannabis LLC (#MRR206327)
12. Commcan, Inc. (#MPR243942)
13. Commcan, Inc. (#MCR140443)
14. Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MRR206319)
15. Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MPR243936)
16. Cultivate Leicester, Inc. (#MCR140418)



17. Cypress Tree Management Natick, Inc. (#MRR206365)
18. East Coast Remedies Corp. (#MRR206369)
19. Gan Or LLC (#MDR272546)
20. Gan Or LLC (#MCR140362)
21. Grass Appeal LLC (#MRR206373)
22. Grass Appeal LLC (#MCR140447)
23. Green Biz LLC (#MRR206378)
24. Green Line Boston, Inc. (#MPR243948)
25. Green Line Boston, Inc. (#MCR140446)
26. Greener Leaf, Inc. (#MRR206361)
27. Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MRR206344)
28. Greenerside Holdings, LLC (#MCR140424)
29. GTE Taunton LLC (#MRR206288)
30. Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MRR206382)
31. Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MPR243949)
32. Healthy Pharms, Inc. (#MCR140455)
33. Lazy River Products, LLC (#MRR206343)
34. Lazy River Products, LLC (#MCR140423)
35. Legacy Foundation Group, LLC (#ILR267917)
36. Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MRR206333)
37. Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MPR243923)
38. Lifted Luxury, Inc (#MCR140409)
39. Local Roots NE Inc. (#MRR206366)
40. Mass Cannabis Growers Cooperative (#COR129711)
41. Massbiolytics Corp (#ILR267916)
42. Mellow Fellows LLC (#MRR206313)
43. Morando Brands LLC (#MPR243917)
44. Peak Limited LLC (#MPR243846)
45. Peak Limited LLC (#MPR243845)
46. Peak Limited LLC (#MCR140301)
47. Peak Limited LLC (#MCR140300)
48. RC Cultivation LLC (#MCR140453)
49. Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206372)
50. Resinate, Inc. (#MRR206345)
51. Solar Therapeutics Inc (#MCR140419)
52. STANDISH GREEN GROUP, LLC (#MCR140456)
53. The Headyco LLC (#MCR140433)
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition to apply to this license.
 - Proposed Condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division for an update to identify any goals for hiring veterans, residents with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people under licensee's Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b).
54. TYCA Green (#MRR206317)



55. TYCA Green (#MPR243912)
56. TYCA Green (#MCR140395)
57. UC Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140445)
58. Urban Grown Inc. (#MCR140381)
59. YouCanBeCo LLC (#MPR243935)
60. Z&T Inc (#MRR206358)
61. Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#RMD585)
62. Holistic Industries, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Cannabis (#RMD1526)
63. In Good Health, Inc. (#RMD3305)
64. Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (#RMD1527)

8) Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals – 02:50:08

1. 420 Trainers, LLC

- Licensing Analyst Chamberlin presented the Staff Recommendation on the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- The Chair asked for questions or comments.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes

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

- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - 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 1:33 (02:52:07)

9) Commission Discussion and Votes –

1. Discussion on Standards Laboratories

- Commissioner Roy presented the topic of Standards Laboratories and gave an overview. She advocated for implementing a Standards Laboratory in Massachusetts. She noted that there is a Standards Laboratory license type and that there is not one



- application in the queue. She proposed examining other states to better understand how to improve this license type's pathway to enter the market. She asked the ED if he would add this license back to the spreadsheet for all licenses presented at public meetings.
- The ED confirmed that he would add the license to the list of licenses presented on the slide at public meetings. He noted that there are currently no applicants for that license and was unsure whether the license type is enticing enough to business owners because of the cost to enter the market.
 - The Chair asked the ED how much it would cost to enter the market for this license.
 - The ED noted that reference lab or standards lab are terms that he uses interchangeably. He commented about the need in Massachusetts and across the country. He noted the viability of labs serving the licensees but expressed that a standards lab would only serve the Commission as its one client. He commented that this model may not be attractive enough for business owners.
 - The Chair reiterated her question about potential costs of the license.
 - The ED responded that it costs multiple millions of dollars. He estimated that it would take \$2-3 Million to build out the facility and in addition to operational costs. He noted the expensive equipment and maintenance required to operate the business.
 - The Chair asked if costs would be similar to establishing a private lab.
 - The ED confirmed.
 - The Chair asked if the ED knew how much revenue these labs could generate.
 - The ED noted his hesitancy to give a number as an answer to the question because he felt it could be incorrect. He mentioned scale clearly correlated to the amount of revenue the lab would be able to generate because of larger processing capabilities. He noted the increased competition in the market now due to more labs coming online and discussed the accreditation process. He noted the importance of creating testing methodology and how a standards lab could help in that regard. He commented about the difficulties of changing methodologies because labs would have to go through the accreditation process again and potentially go offline. He commented that some states had dictated standards to be used but noted that Massachusetts has not taken that step.
 - The Chair asked what states utilize their schools of higher education for testing.
 - The ED mentioned California, Washington, and Colorado.
 - The Chair asked if they had the same problems with testing that we would have if we implemented it at UMass.
 - The ED noted the meaningful relationship that the Commission has established with UMass but noted his concern that the contract would not be valuable enough for people to seek this license. He noted that he did not believe the idea would work out practically but discussed examples of when it would have been helpful to have a standards lab.



- The Chair asked if the ED thought that there could be a business model for this license.
- The ED did not believe a business model existed for a standalone reference lab and elaborated that it might work if the Commission allowed for other testing to occur at the facility.
- Commissioner Roy summarized that a standards lab should be considered for consumer and patient safety to improve the integrity of the testing results in the industry.
- The Chair expressed that she wanted to learn more about the higher education programs mentioned to understand their functions.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy for raising the issue. She commented that she was unsure who would police the standards labs and asked other questions on implementation.
- The ED brainstormed ideas for implementing either a private or public standards lab. He discussed the different parts of the plant being tested. He noted the work being done already regarding public safety and accuracy in testing. He discussed the contracts existing with labs about mislabeled test results. He noted the awkward situation of being both the lab's regulator and its client when it comes to testing products. ED noted that hemp is federally legal and that the difference between hemp and marijuana is a legal definition. He discussed using hemp as an example to help understand how this process would function with marijuana.
- The Chair explored the idea of partnering with another agency to enact a standards lab and getting feedback from stakeholders to improve the license.
- Commissioner Camargo asked how this license would work operationally.
- The ED discussed the difficulties of implementing a standards lab when marijuana is still federally illegal. He noted that these testing requirements would normally be tested at the federal level and the issues that are raised because of the prohibition.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked whether it would be helpful for a working group to review this policy and felt this conversation needed to be examined further.
- The ED agreed.
- Commissioner Roy hoped this discussion would remind the public about the existence of this license type and that there was a pathway.
- The Chair noted potential changes to the regulations to make the license more feasible.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked what the goal was of raising the discussion.
- Commissioner Roy noted her goal was to creatively think about it with the other Commissioners and engage the public on the issue. She noted the ISO accreditation issue and the benefits of moving that requirement to later in the licensing application.
- The Chair commented that she would be willing to bring in stakeholders for the discussion.
- Commissioner Stebbins reflected this discussion was a great example of why he believes the Commissioners need an opportunity to set the agenda. He noted the



importance of the discussion but hoped to have an opportunity in the future where Commissioners could discuss the agenda before the meeting.

- Commissioner Camargo noted this discussion was a practice run for future policy discussions between the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted the importance of the topic and discussed the issues with this license type. He discussed the relevance of working through this issue via the hemp plant and the potential for students to use the plant to learn. He suggested contacting an Independent Testing Lab to see if Commission staff could use their space and equipment.
- The ED responded that Commissioner Stebbins' suggestion would be beneficial as far as this procedure would not require buildout of a facility. He discussed the positive and negative aspects of the idea.
- Commissioner Stebbins commented about his way of thinking about regulations and whether the burden is on the Commission or the business. He discussed ways that the Commission could help set the bar for this discussion to protect public safety, increase access to student opportunities, and provide a viable license for businesses.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy again for bringing the conversation early to Commissioners. She noted that Commissioners had one week to review the slides and the difficulty that came with that timing. She questioned whether Commissioner Roy would be taking up this issue during the regulatory process and what the next steps would be.
- Commissioner Roy thanked Commissioner Camargo for her comments and agreed that this conversation was the beginning of the discussion. She noted her willingness to take on the issue with a working group or through another alternative. She commented that she felt this issue was a missing piece in the industry to improve health, safety and welfare and hoped to make improvements in Massachusetts. She commented about the recent Boston Globe editorial. She mentioned the vote in the Research Subcommittee of the Cannabis Advisory Board and ~~rebutted~~ supported the notion that the Commission already performs one of the recommendations called the secret shopper program.
 - The ED confirmed.
- The Chair asked whether the Commission secret shops the testing laboratories.
 - Commissioner Roy said yes.
 - Commissioner Stebbins questioned the practice and said he believed the program only included retail stores.
 - Commissioner Camargo asked what else was included in the editorial.
 - The ED replied that he preferred not to speak about ongoing matters and apologized for being cryptic.
- Commissioner Roy suggested another option might be to quarterly audit laboratories and noted the additional staff hired to perform these functions at the Commission. She commented about the steps being taken at the Commission to address these issues of testing despite not having a standards lab.
 - The ED noted the additional staff allows for the Commission to bolster its regulatory capability in compliance and policy. He noted the valuable staff



recently hired to help with testing and expressed excitement about the Commission's capabilities.

- Commissioner Camargo thanked Commissioner Roy for including staff who have expertise in this process.
- Commissioner Stebbins offered his assistance to help with this project and hoped to improve the process where Commissioners discuss policies with fellow Commissioners. He noted that he would like to see these discussions shared with the Commissioners as soon as possible.
- Commissioner Roy noted she submitted it days ago.
- Commissioner Concepcion said she believed Commissioner Stebbins was speaking generally.
- The Chair noted the change for the future.
- Commissioner Roy said she appreciated the slide deck having been completed in time for the meeting. She apologized for not getting Commissioners the information before.
- Commissioner Stebbins mentioned part of the issue is the Open Meeting Law and the inability for Commissioners to communicate offline.
- Commissioner Camargo noted that today was less significant because there was no vote required. She commented that Commissioners received the Public Meeting Packet one week before the meeting but commented that she was not able to review the slides until yesterday.
- Commissioner Concepcion raised the issue of the two-driver rule for delivery licenses and commented about the frequency that she hears of the issue. She asked Commissioner Camargo to assist her in reviewing the policy. She commented about her predecessor's role in crafting the policy and discussed her review of the regulations. She noted the high cost of compliance with the license and questioned the practicality of the policy for Social Equity applicants. She commented about the time being right to review the policy after two years of having delivery licenses that have Commenced Operations. She noted the current number of delivery couriers as being 9 and pointed out that a year ago the number was 6. She believed there is an issue with that number and a change is required for the delivery licenses. She hoped to have a larger conversation on the issue with the Commissioners soon.
- The Chair compared this issue with the prior conversation. She pointed out that both conversations referenced a license type that is not sought after because the business plan is not lucrative. She welcomed the conversation with stakeholders and the potential conversation about regulatory changes.
- Commissioner Stebbins discussed that a licensee at the public meeting pursued a Delivery Operator License but also had a Delivery Courier application and questioned whether the business would proceed.
- The Chair asked for further questions or comments.
- Commissioner Roy thanked the other Commissioners for the discussion.

2. 2022 ED Performance Evaluation

- Commissioner Stebbins gave an update on the performance evaluation.



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

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

- The Chair asked for additional questions or comments.

11) Next Meeting Date– 04:35:51

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

12) Adjournment – 04:36:48

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

