CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

May 11, 2023
10:00 AM

Via Remote Participation via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:
- Application Materials associated with:
  - Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
    - 220 O’NEIL LLC
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    - Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Centers (#MC283486), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor
    - Flower Power Growers, Inc. (#MC283122), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor
    - Flower Power Growers, Inc. (#MP281983), Product Manufacturing
    - High Street Cannabis Group, LLC d/b/a Primitiv Group (#MR284602), Retail
    - Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. (#MR284246), Retail
    - Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#MR284210), Retail
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  - Staff Recommendations on Renewals
• Baked Beans Farm LLC (#MPR243975)
• Bostica, LLC (#MPR243981)
• Bostica, LLC (#MCR140490)
• Calyx Peak of MA, Inc. (#MRR206408)
• CNA Stores, Inc. (#MCR140474)
• CNA Stores, Inc. (#MPR243965)
• Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRR206440)
• Community Growth Partners Great Barrington Operations LLC (#MRR206261)
• Diem Lynn, LLC (#MRR206405)
• Emerald Grove, Inc. (#MRR206416)
• Erba C3 Dorchester LLC (#MRR206412)
• Evergreen Strategies, LLC (#MRR206353)
• Evergreen Strategies, LLC (#MRR206352)
• EVG FARMS LLC (#MRR206435)
• Frozen 4 Corporation (#MRR206424)
• Frozen 4 Corporation (#MPR243976)
• Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MPR243957)
• Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MRR206397)
• Greenjeans Farms, LLC (#COR129712)
• Grow One Inc. (#MPR243915)
• Grow One Inc. (#MCR140400)
• Grow Team Gardens LLC (#MBR169308)
• Health Circle, Inc. (#MCR140448)
• Home Grown 617 LLC (#MRR206423)
• Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MRR206371)
• Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MPR243944)
• Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MCR140442)
• Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MRR206413)
• LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MCR140376)
• LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MPR243921)
• LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MRR206281)
• Mederi Inc. (#MPR243953)
• Milkmen Cultivation LLC (#MCR140463)
• Milkmen Cultivation LLC (#MPR243990)
• Munro Associates LLC (#MRR206427)
• Munro Associates LLC (#MRR206426)
• Northamption Enterprises, Inc. (#MRR206386)
• NS AJO Holdings Inc. (#MRR206421)
• Ocean Breeze Cultivators LLC (#MPR243995)
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- Ocean Breeze Cultivators LLC (#MCR140487)
- Olde World Remedies, Inc. (#MRR206411)
- Platinum HydroLab, Inc (#MPR243973)
- Power Fund Operations (fka) Silver Therapeutics, Inc. (#MRR206391)
- River Valley Growers Inc (#MCR140489)
- SOLAR THERAPEUTICS (#MRR206402)
- Solurge Inc. (#MPR243977)
- The Corner Emporium LLC. (#MRR206431)
- Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MPR243960)
- Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MCR140467)
- Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MRR206404)
- Zip Run, Inc. (#MDR272551)
- Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#RMD1506)
- Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#RMD145)
- Theory Wellness, Inc. (#RMD1567)
  - Staff Recommendations on Denial of Renewal Licenses
- Major Bloom (#MPR243897)

Meeting Packet
- Memorandum re: Drivers Education Commission Discussion and Vote
- Memorandum re: January 2023 Government Affairs Update
- Memorandum re: Draft CY 2023 Goals – For Consideration, Discussion and Vote

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) Commissioner’s Comments and Updates – 00:03:57
   - Commissioner Stebbins thanked the licensing team and support staff for their assistance in preparation of the meeting. He noted that he and Commissioner Roy recently made site visits to licensees across Western Massachusetts. He mentioned the recent legalization of cannabis in New York and Vermont and the potential impacts on the cannabis economy in Massachusetts.
   - Commissioner Roy recognized the Commission's efforts around community outreach. She mentioned meeting with stakeholders in April and May. She added that she and
the Chair met with independent testing labs, cultivators, and product manufacturers to
discuss standards and current challenges. She noted meeting with governmental and
Commission leadership, licensees, and support staff to reflect on the current state of
the industry. She further noted that she appeared on Spectrum News to discuss these
matters. She mentioned the formation of three new working groups around Host
Community Agreements (HCAs), Public Consumption, and Municipal Equity and
that details are forthcoming. She expressed that she enjoyed liaising with industry
professionals alongside Commissioner Stebbins earlier in the month and underscored
the importance of these visits to their work.

- Commissioner Camargo noted that as sitting treasurer of the Commission, she has
been meeting with the Budget Director and Chief of Operations to prepare for the end
of the 2023 fiscal year. She encouraged the Commission to think about their
investment priorities in anticipation of the July meeting. She shared that while
visiting New York City she received positive feedback about the Commission’s data
and Social Equity platforms from industry leaders of other states.

- Commissioner Concepcion thanked the Commission’s IT Department for their work
facilitating virtual public meetings. She went on to recognize additional staff by name
for their contributions to the work of the Commission at large. She noted spending
4/20 on Capitol Hill at the National Cannabis Policy Summit’s congressional forum
and stated that she gained a better understanding of the discourse around cannabis
nationwide. She underscored earlier sentiments about the importance of reflecting on
the history of the Commission as Massachusetts continues to function as a leader in
cannabis regulation nationally.

- The Chair echoed Commissioner Concepcion’s praise of Commission staff. She
thanked David O’Brien of the Cannabis Business Association for inviting the
Commission to meet about testing. She stated that she has been consulting with the
Executive Director (ED) about ways to better support licensees in running their
businesses cost-effectively. She noted the efforts of the Cannabis Social Equity Trust
Fund (CSETF) to distribute funds efficiently. She wished State Treasurer Deborah
Goldberg a Happy Birthday and acknowledged departing staff members Rebecca
Kwakye and Sabiel Rodriguez for their contributions.

3) Minutes for Approval – 00:25:51

- February 9, 2023
  - The Chair asked if the Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes and
whether there were questions or edits.
  - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2023,
Commission public meeting.
  - 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 minutes for the February 9, 2023, Commission public meeting.

March 9, 2023
- 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 the March 9, 2023, Commission public meeting.
- 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 minutes for the March 9, 2023, Commission public meeting.

April 24, 2023
- The Chair asked if the Commissioners had a chance to review the minutes and whether there were questions or edits.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the open portion of the minutes for the April 24, 2023, Commission public meeting.
- 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 open portion of the minutes for the April 24, 2023, Commission meeting.

4) Executive Director’s Report – 00:28:45
- The ED gave an overview of Licensing Data, starting on page 148 of the Meeting Packet.
  - Commissioner Concepcion asked the ED if the number of Social Equity Program (SEP) participants represented individuals or entities.
    - The ED clarified that the numbers represent businesses and not individuals.
  - Commissioner Roy noted that licensing types are not mutually exclusive and asked the ED if the overlap is reflected in the figures.
    - The ED confirmed that the figures may be duplicative in some areas.
o Commissioner Concepcion asked the ED if the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) figures were for adult-use licensees only.
  ▪ The ED confirmed that the figures represented adult-use licensees only. He detailed how DBEs are fast-tracked through the application process.
o Commissioner Roy noted the 28 Economic Empowerment applicants (EEA) who have commenced operations and asked the ED how many businesses were designated that status.
  ▪ The ED said the number was 122 individuals or entities.
o Commissioner Roy noted the abrupt Economic Empowerment Priority (EEP) application window and asked the ED if it would have to be reopened by statutory means.
  ▪ The ED acknowledged the initial two-week application window and confirmed that another application window would have to be set by statute.
  ▪ Commissioner Roy mused on evolving the framework of EEP and expressed that she would like the Commission to revisit the topic at a later date.
  ▪ Commissioner Camargo mentioned that she would also like to revisit the matter.
  ▪ Commissioner Concepcion stated that the topic has been raised in the Municipal Equity Working Group. She noted that there are pending EEP applications and asked the ED to clarify the number of individuals or entities with EEP status.
  ▪ The ED reiterated his earlier statements about overlap in the figures and how the licensing designations are meant to be complimentary.
o Commissioner Camargo asked the ED how many of the marijuana cultivator and marijuana retailer licensing applicants are EEA or SEP participants. She noted the importance of ensuring equitability in the processing of all license application types. She suggested the possibility of halting the processing of these application types pending an assessment of equitability compliance.
  ▪ The ED noted a perceived conflict of priorities between the Commission’s equity mission and the need to preserve the market.
o Commissioner Concepcion noted a number of applicants that have advanced through SEP but not yet been permitted to commence operations. She proposed conducting an impact evaluation to better understand how the Commission’s equity model is working in practice.
o The Chair remarked that the Commission is prioritizing statutory matters presently but will consider modes for more efficiently regulating matters around which there is a general consensus.
o Commissioner Stebbins echoed the ED’s remarks about microbusinesses. He suggested the need to revisit any parameters that might be an impediment to their growth. He noted he has had discussions with Commissioner Roy, the ED and Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin (DOL Potvin) about potential regulatory changes in this area.
Comissioner Roy added that she visited with several microbusiness licensees who expressed concerns about pricing, growth potential, and scaling. She noted that in her discussion with DOL Potvin, he proposed microbusinesses be allowed more than once license type.

Commissioner Concepcion noted that under Chapter 180 there have been changes to the suitability standards. She cited confusion among applicants about the effective impact of those changes and asked to clarify what point in the application process background checks are being completed.

The ED responded that background checks are completed during the first phase of the process. He added that background checks are completed on those individuals who would be in management or control of the license. He noted that for certain license types, disclosures are made during the pre-certification phase that may also prompt a suitability review. He added that applicants are notified of any suitability concerns that may pose a risk during the background check phase.

Commissioner Concepcion asked if the disclosures are voluntary.

The ED responded that the disclosures are voluntary. He likened the process to getting preapproved for a mortgage. He further elaborated on suitability and disqualification in the application process.

Commissioner Concepcion shared that she would work on developing guidelines to help applicants better understand the suitability standards.

The Chair noted that this matter has been a topic of discussion among the Social Equity Working Group. She added that there is a specific need to establish the suitability of SEP participants early-on.

Commissioner Roy echoed the need for SEP participants to confirm their suitability status before expending undue time and resources.

The Chair noted there is a module on suitability within the onboarding protocol. She added that because the modules are self-guided there may be a need to reassess how that information is conveyed.

Commissioner Roy underscored the need for clear and widely understood suitability standards to help ensure that potential applicants are not making incorrect assumptions about their fitness for the program.

Commissioner Camargo offered her assistance to Commissioner Concepcion is establishing a suitability guideline.

The ED echoed earlier sentiments about ensuring potential applicants are not self-excluding. He added that the regulations allow for some discretion on the part of the Commission when determining suitability.

Commissioner Roy noted CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) friendly job fairs around the state and expressed the desire for the Commission to take part in future hiring events to reinforce that it is a CORI-friendly agency.

The ED gave an overview of current cultivation license application figures. He noted a trend of licensing activity gravitating toward smaller scale operations.
Commissioner Roy noted two figures in canopy listed on the ED’s slide presentation.
- Commissioner Camargo asked the ED to offer procedural insight into how licensing applications are processed along the pipeline to final licensure.
- The ED detailed the application process from the provisional phase onward.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the ED for his remarks. She noted that the added context will allow her to better communicate the agencies’ methodology around application processing.

Commissioner Roy cited 935 CMR 500.105(16) in reference to an earlier statement by the ED that there is no minimum capital required for adult-use license applicants. She noted that applicants are required to have a bond or escrow account in case of a dismantling. She asked the ED to elaborate on the minimum financial requirements and what happens if there is a “wind down” or dismantling.
- The ED noted that the amount of capital required in a bond or escrow is tied to the amount of the licensing fee. He added that the funds are intended to cover costs in the event of an “unwinding” and elaborated on the protocol around the transfer of funds in those scenarios.
- Commissioner Roy asked the ED when in the application process applicants are required to provide proof of the reserve funds.
- The ED responded that proof of the reserve is required as part of the Application of intent.
- Commissioner Roy asked what would trigger the funds to be withdrawn from the reserve account and deposited to the Marijuana Regulation Fund.
- The ED responded that the Commission would have to specifically seek the funds by way of a court proceeding.

Commissioner Stebbins asked the ED to identify the cutoff point for applicants to make it onto an upcoming agenda.
- The ED noted that there is no finite cutoff point because the agenda is tentative until it is published. He acknowledged that this framework might be frustrating for applicants and recommended that they reach out 48 hours before the public meeting to confirm their recommendation status.

Commissioner Roy moved to take a ten-minute recess.
- 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 taking a ten-minute recess, returning at 12:15 PM (02:09:27)
• The ED gave an overview of Commission Updates, starting on page 156 of the Meeting Packet.  
  o The Chair asked the ED for clarification about how UMass will evaluate the curriculum and whether they will be evaluating the entire suite of Advance Course Curricula (ACC) or just Responsible Vendor Training (RVT). She noted the possible need for the Core Curriculum to be reassessed after five years in use.  
    ▪ The ED commented that he would like to see worker safety guidelines incorporated into the Core Curriculum. He expounded on the nature of the partnership with UMass. He outlined some of the topics contained in the new RVT curriculum. He expressed that the Commission will be spotlighting RVT vendors who carry a DBE designation.  
  o Commissioner Roy noted that she and Commissioner Stebbins visited with public health officials in Western Massachusetts and were asked how the ACC will evolve to include Social Consumption, and the accompanying protocols.  
    ▪ The ED acknowledged the distinct challenges of establishing guidelines for Social Consumption sites.  
  o The Chair asked the ED if California or Colorado have in place a cannabis server program that might function as a template.  
    ▪ The ED responded that he is not aware of any such program in those states. He noted that in Massachusetts there is currently a regulation allowing budtenders to deny dispensing cannabis to individuals believed to be significantly impaired. He added that the framework of the regulation could be reasonably applied to Social Consumption contexts.  
• The ED gave an outline of the current COVID-19 agent reporting protocol. He noted that operators are required to report any instance of COVID-19 in their facilities. He added that the Commission will be revisiting its COVID policies as the pandemic becomes more managed.  
• The ED noted educational webinars and trainings that were recently put forth to established and prospective industry professionals in response to compliance deficiencies in the field.  
  o The Chair noted that in a recent discussion with the ED of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC), she learned that the ABCC conducts 12 in-person trainings annually, resulting in 50% less violations. She expressed her full support of the trainings.  
    ▪ Commissioner Camargo echoed the Chair’s support of the webinars and noted her fondness of the “compliance through education” concept.  
    ▪ Commissioner Stebbins likewise expressed his appreciation of the webinar training model in particular the flexibility it offers. He noted the value of in-person trainings, like those by the ABCC, for providing a venue for industry professionals to liaise with peers.
• The ED noted that consumers and patients may now purchase cannabis seeds and clones, allowing them to home-grow. He outlined the regulations around this development.
  o Commissioner Concepcion asked the ED to expound on regulations around the tracking of seeds.
    ▪ The ED clarified that the seeds will be tracked as a unit package via Metrc. He noted the challenges of developing a system for tracking individual seeds.
• The ED announced the rollout of a new telephone system for the Commission.
  o The Chair asked if there would be a system of transcribing phone messages to e-mail.
    ▪ The ED confirmed the system would offer this functionality.
    ▪ Commissioner Concepcion asked the ED if the system would have language translation functionality and an accommodation for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.
    ▪ The ED responded that he did not have that information on-hand but would revisit the topic at that time. He noted the importance of accommodating different communication styles.
    ▪ The Chair noted that she would like the ED to expound on the new telephone system at a later date.
• The ED gave an agency hiring update. He noted that a number of positions are in the process of being onboarded or in the final hiring stages. He further noted the potential need for temporary workers in some departments. He added that job listings would stay posted until the position is filled rather than on a deadline.
  o Commissioner Roy recognized DOL Potvin and the Licensing team for their processing efficiency. She added that there may be a need for additional personnel in that area given the number of incoming labor-intensive HCAs.
    ▪ Commissioner Camargo outlined some other areas where additional personnel support may be needed.

5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 02:54:12

1. 220 O’NEIL LLC
• Licensing Manager Anne DiMare (Licensing Manager DiMare) presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
• The Chair asked for questions or comments.
• Commissioner Roy noted, as a reminder to licensees, that it is required by new ownership that an update be provided to the Commission within 5 days of any changes, modifications, or implementation issues of prior ownership’s Commission-approved Diversity Plan and/or Positive Impact Plan pursuant to 935 CMR 500.104.
• The Chair cited anecdotal reports of licensees not upholding commitments to their chosen causes.
• Commissioner Roy proposed adding a stipulation to the Change of Ownership conditions to help enforce compliance.
• Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
• Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
• Chair O’Brien took a roll call vote:
  o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
  o Commissioner Roy – Yes
  o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  o Chair O’Brien – Yes
• The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

2. Baked Beans Farm, LLC
• Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for Change of Ownership.
• Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
• Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
• The Chair took a roll call vote:
  o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
  o Commissioner Roy – Yes
  o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  o Chair O’Brien – Yes
• The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

3. Haze of Grafton, LLC
• Licensing Manager DiMare 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 Stebbins seconded the motion.
• The Chair took a roll call vote:
  o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
  o Commissioner Roy – Yes
  o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  o Chair O’Brien – Yes
• The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

6) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 03:00:34

1. CATDOGG, LLC d/b/a Sublime Cannabis (#MPN282258), Product Manufacturing
• Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
• The Chair asked for questions or comments.
• Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  o 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 License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
• Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
• The Chair took a roll call vote:
  o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
  o Commissioner Roy – Yes
  o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  o Chair O’Brien – Yes
• The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

2. CATDOGG, LLC d/b/a Sublime Cannabis (#MRN284871), Retail
• Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
• The Chair asked for questions or comments.
• Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
  o 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:
  o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
  o Commissioner Roy – Yes
  o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  o Chair O’Brien – Yes
• The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

3. Elevated Access Center, Inc. (#MCN283520), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
• Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for the next two Provisional Licenses.
• The Chair asked for questions or comments.
• Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, contact CCC Licensing Division with an update to confirm your training and recruitment partners and eligibility to support your activities in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c)(8)(k).

- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Provisional License, 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 Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.

4. Elevated Access Center, Inc. (#MPN282074), Product Manufacturing
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
  - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, contact CCC Licensing Division with an update to confirm your training and recruitment partners and eligibility to support your activities in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c)(8)(k).
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
- 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 Stebbins.

5. ELEVATION RETAIL LLC d/b/a CANA Craft Cannabis (#MRN284765), Retail
- Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Stebbins 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
6. GVLP Corporation d/b/a Vida Verde (#MRN284839), Retail
   • Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
   • The Chair asked for questions or comments.
   • Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
   • Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
   • The Chair took a roll call vote:
     o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
     o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
     o Commissioner Roy – Yes
     o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
     o Chair O’Brien – Yes
   • The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

7. Holistic Industries, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Cannabis (#MRN281787), Retail
   • Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
   • The Chair asked for questions or comments.
   • Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
     o 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 Stebbins requested two conditions on this license.
     o Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and consider strategy for programming in nearby Areas of Disproportionate Impact designated communities of Chelsea, Revere and Boston and provide any update in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)11.
     o Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, contact CCC Licensing Division with an update to confirm your training and recruitment partners and eligibility to support your activities in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c)(8)(k).
   • Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.
   • Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
   • The Chair took a roll call vote:
     o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
     o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
     o Commissioner Roy – Yes
The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.

8. Jolly Green, Inc. (#MPN282234), Product Manufacturing
   - Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendation for the Provisional License.
   - Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
     - 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 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.

7) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 03:13:28
   - The Chair noted that Final Licenses would be considered in one roster and one recusal.
   - Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendations for Final Licenses.
     - Adult-Use and Medical-Use Rosters
       - The Chair noted that the Final License roster will consist of items numbered 1 through 9, as identified on the agenda.
       - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
       - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the roster of Final Licenses.
       - 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 roster of Final Licenses.

- Western Front, LLC
  - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Final License will consist of item number 10, as identified on the agenda.
  - Commissioner Camargo recused herself from the vote.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Adult-Use Final License.
  - 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 Adult-Use Final License by a vote of four in favor and one recused.

8) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 03:15:59
   - The Chair noted that the Renewal Licenses will be considered in rosters.
   - Licensing Manager DiMare presented the Staff Recommendations for Renewal Licenses.

- Adult-Use
  - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewals roster will consist of items numbered 1 through 11, 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
The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Adult-Use Renewals.

- Evergreen Strategies, LLC (MRR206353)
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  - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewals will consist of items numbered 12 and 13, as identified on the agenda.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition on item numbered 12.
  - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Adult-Use Renewals, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins on item numbered 12.
  - 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 Renewals, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins on item numbered 12.

- Adult-Use
  - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewals roster will consist of items numbered 14 through 41, as identified on the agenda.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Adult-Use Renewals.
  - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
  - The Chair took a roll call vote:
    - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
    - Commissioner Roy – Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
    - Chair O’Brien – Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Adult-Use Renewals.

- Platinum HydroLab, Inc. (MPR243973)
  - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use Renewal will consist of item number 42, as identified on the agenda.
  - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
  - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
  - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Adult-Use Renewal, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Stebbins.
  - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
The Chair took a roll call vote:
- Commissioner Camargo – 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.

- Adult-Use and Medical-Use
  - The Chair noted that the Adult-Use and Medical-Use Renewals will consist of items numbered 43 through 54, 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 Roy – Yes
    - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
    - Chair O’Brien – Yes
  - The Commission unanimously approved the roster of Adult-use and Medical-Use Renewals.

1. Baked Beans Farm LLC (#MPR243975)
2. Bostica, LLC (#MPR243981)
3. Bostica, LLC (#MCR140490)
4. Calyx Peak of MA, Inc. (#MRR206408)
5. CNA Stores, Inc. (#MCR140474)
6. CNA Stores, Inc. (#MPR243965)
7. Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRR206440)
8. Community Growth Partners Great Barrington Operations LLC (#MRR206261)
9. Diem Lynn, LLC (#MRR206405)
10. Emerald Grove, Inc. (#MRR206416)
11. Erba C3 Dorchester LLC (#MRR206412)
12. Evergreen Strategies, LLC (#MRR206353)
  - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
    - Proposed Condition: Within thirty business days of approval of an Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division for an update to include either the substantive response received or an attestation that no response was received from the City of Worcester in accordance with 935 CMR 500.103(4)(f).
13. Evergreen Strategies, LLC (#MRR206352)
14. EVG FARMS LLC (#MRR206435)
15. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MRR206424)
16. Frozen 4 Corporation (#MPR243976)
17. Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MPR243957)
18. Ganesh Wellness, Inc. (#MRR206397)
19. Greenjeans Farms, LLC (#COR129712)
20. Grow One Inc. (#MPR243915)
21. Grow One Inc. (#MCR140400)
22. Grow Team Gardens LLC (#MBR169308)
23. Health Circle, Inc. (#MCR140448)
24. Home Grown 617 LLC (#MRR206423)
27. Jushi MA, Inc. (DBA Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.) (#MCR140442)
29. LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MCR140376)
30. LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MPR243921)
31. LDE Holdings, LLC. (#MRR206281)
32. Mederi Inc. (#MPR243953)
33. Milkmen Cultivation LLC (#MCR140463)
34. Milkmen Cultivation LLC (#MPR243990)
35. Munro Associates LLC (#MRR206427)
36. Munro Associates LLC (#MRR206426)
37. Northamton Enterprises, Inc. (#MRR206386)
38. NS AJO Holdings Inc. (#MRR206421)
39. Ocean Breeze Cultivators LLC (#MPR243995)
40. Ocean Breeze Cultivators LLC (#MCR140487)
41. Olde World Remedies, Inc. (#MRR206411)
42. Platinum HydroLab, Inc (#MPR243973)
   o Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
   ▪ Proposed Condition: Within thirty days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division for an update to include either the substantive response received or an attestation that no response was received from the City of Lowell in accordance with 935 CMR 500.103(4)(f).
43. Power Fund Operations (fka) Silver Therapeutics, Inc. (#MRR206391)
44. River Valley Growers Inc (#MCR140489)
45. SOLAR THERAPEUTICS (#MRR206402)
46. Solurge Inc. (#MPR243977)
47. The Corner Emporium LLC. (#MRR206431)
48. Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MPR243960)
49. Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MCR140467)
50. Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC (#MRR206404)
51. Zip Run, Inc. (#MDR272551)
52. Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (#RMD1506)
53. Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#RMD145)
9) Staff Recommendations on Denial of Renewal Licenses – 03:21:16

1. Major Bloom (#MPR243897)
   - DOL Potvin presented the Staff Recommendation for the Denial of the Renewal License. He noted that the licensee provided the Commission with a certificate of good standing, which has led to a modification in the recommendation for Commission consideration. He indicated that based on this new information, the recommendation is to approve the licensee’s renewal application.
   - The Chair asked for questions or comments.
   - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Modified Renewal License.
   - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
   - The Chair took a roll call vote:
     o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
     o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
     o Commissioner Roy – Yes
     o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
     o Chair O’Brien – Yes
   - The Commission unanimously approved the Modified Renewal License.

Commissioner Stebbins moved to take a thirty-minute recess.
   - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
   - The Chair took a roll call vote:
     o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
     o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
     o Commissioner Roy – Yes
     o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
     o Chair O’Brien – Yes
   - The Commission unanimously approved taking a thirty-minute recess, returning at 2:00 PM (04:00:57)

10) Commission Discussion and Votes

1. Regulatory Review Discussion: Social Consumption Pilot Program
   - Commissioner Stebbins discussed his role on the Social Consumption Working Group. He noted that the working group is not on the same timeline as the other two working groups. He explained that the working group revisited the Social Consumption regulations. He discussed the Social Consumption Pilot Program and raised the issue of removing the Pilot Program in order to not slow the rollout of the license type and unfairly inhibit Economic Empowerment, Microbusinesses, and/or Craft Marijuana Cooperative license holders. He added that maintaining the program could fail to align with the goals of the legislature with respect to the changes enacted by Chapter 180. He explained the potential challenges faced by applicants of this
license-type if the Pilot Program remained in the regulations. He noted the current cap of municipalities in the Pilot Program and that potential Host Communities would not be allowed to enter the market because of the regulations. He proposed that the Commissioners vote on the question of whether the Social Consumption Working Group should be directed to remove the Pilot Program from their draft proposal and eventually remove them from the regulations.

- Commissioner Roy inquired about the historical rationale for the development of the Pilot Program.
- The ED inferred that it was due to a desire by the framers to act with prudence as the agency and regulations took shape. He added that the notion of regulated social cannabis consumption was then, and still is, in its infancy. He explained the municipal voting issue that restricted cities and towns from voting on the question of whether they wanted Social Consumption Establishments in their municipality.
- Associate General Counsel Andrew Carter (AGC Carter) concurred and noted that the focus at the time was on more traditional supply chains.

- The Chair asked Commissioner Stebbins a clarifying question about how the agency should proceed with assessing this matter.
  - Commissioner Stebbins responded that the working group is seeking guidance on whether the Commission is inclined to advance the Pilot Program, or else consider a regulatory path forward for Social Consumption that does not include the Pilot Program.
  - Commissioner Camargo clarified that the working group envisions a path forward whereby the Pilot Program concept is effectively discarded. She cited the proven licensing processes that were not in place when the Pilot Program was conceived. She noted that within this new framework, cities and towns could opt-in as with current cannabis delivery regulations.
  - The Chair asked a clarifying question about the “crux of the problem”.
    - Commissioner Stebbins explained that, in short, the limitations the Pilot Program would put on communities and license applicants are incongruent with Chapter 180.
    - AGC Carter noted that the proposal from the working group would amount to incorporating the Social Consumption license-type into the established licensing structure. He proceeded to outline that process and added that it would result in a lower barrier to entry.
    - Commissioner Camargo added that by removing the Pilot Program, any community could opt in and begin the process of conceptualizing their ordinances.

- The Chair expressed that Social Consumption in practice may not be clearly defined enough to determine the best path forward currently.
- Commissioner Roy asked how the application process would differ without the Pilot Program.
  - AGC Carter noted that under the Pilot Program, a municipal application would have to preclude any licensee application. He added that is not the case
for other license-types. He suggested that the process of opting in would instead become a localized ballot measure.

- Commissioner Camargo reflected on the complexity of the topic.
- The Chair reiterated that Social Consumption may not be clearly defined enough to assess the viability of the Pilot Program.
- Commissioner Stebbins noted talks with other jurisdictions about their licensing models and that there are existing regulations around what Social Consumption might look like.
- The Chair asked if the working group has a timeline for further defining Social Consumption.
  - Commissioner Roy echoed the Chair’s sentiment about definitions and requested more information about how the Pilot Program’s cap of 12 participating communities was rationalized.
  - Commissioner Camargo noted that the working group is striving to establish definitions around Social Consumption and maintained their biggest hurdle is the Pilot Program. She added that striking a balance of public health, public safety and social equity would remain a top priority.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if the working group had a sense of the level of interest in Social Consumption among communities.
  - Commissioner Stebbins responded that the discourse has been mainly limited to the working policy group. He noted attending a recent session with the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) but that the issue was not raised.
  - The Chair requested a survey of the MMA and reflected more on her desire for a clearer definition of Social Consumption.
  - Commissioner Camargo underscored the working group’s rationale for seeking to eliminate the Pilot Program from the regulations.
- Commissioner Concepcion asked if there are elements of the Pilot Program that the working group is incorporating into the proposed regulations.
  - Commissioner Camargo shared that the working group has discussed carrying over the pre-certification process.
- Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question about how the Pilot Program would be prohibitive.
  - AGC Carter clarified the position of the working group and reiterated earlier statements about optimizing the Social Consumption licensing process.
  - The ED added that the value proposition of the Pilot Program is not the same today and expounded on rationales for eliminating it.
  - Commissioner Stebbins proposed that the working group table the Pilot Program discussion until such time as they have defined Social Consumption more succinctly.
- Commissioner Camargo noted that the MMA provided feedback to the Commission regarding Social Consumption previously and expressed that a large-scale survey might cause undue delay.
• Commissioner Roy asked if the working group spoke with the former Commissioners about the rationales for creating the Pilot Program.
  o Commissioner Camargo noted their original memo is available for review and that the industry landscape has evolved.
  o Commissioner Camargo indicated that she had not spoken to former Commissioners about the Social Consumption Pilot Program.
• Commissioner Roy asked a clarifying question about why eliminating the Pilot Program should precede discussions by the working group to define the policies around Social Consumption.
  o Commissioner Stebbins clarified that the working group is seeking direction on where to focus their efforts, as well as to assess the collective stance on eliminating the Pilot Program.
  o Commissioner Roy reiterated that she feels she is lacking sufficient context to properly consider the working group’s proposal.
  o The Chair underscored her own reservations and offered potential ways to reframe the Pilot Program. She emphasized the difference between public consumption and other license-types, particularly, as it relates to public health and safety.
• Commissioner Camargo asked Commissioner Stebbins if he would be comfortable with a vote taking place today.
  o Commissioner Stebbins responded affirmatively that he would like to return to the working group with a clear path forward.
• Commissioner Roy noted that asking the MMA to conduct surveys will provide the empirical data needed to make a thoughtful decision.
  o Commissioner Camargo noted the surveys would go to Microbusiness licensees and applicants, Cooperative Growers, SEP participants, et al. and not cities and towns.
• Commissioner Concepcion asked Commissioner Stebbins to clarify if a vote to eliminate the Pilot Program was to take place today.
  o Commissioner Stebbins indicated that he did not intend to make a motion for a vote today.
  o The Chair said the matter would be added to the agenda for the May 22 meeting.

2. Regulatory Review Discussion: Municipal Equity Memo
• The Chair introduced and summarized the Municipal Equity Memo and its purpose relative to Chapter 180 compliance in the Host Community Review process. She noted that by July 1 municipalities must begin incorporating equity into these processes.
• Commissioner Concepcion explained that the Memo will provide municipalities with insight about where the Commission is headed in its regulation of equity matters.
• The Chair noted that she was not asking for a vote today.
• The ED clarified that the July 1 deadline is when municipalities need to have their initial plans in place. He added that this is a newfound mandate for some municipalities while other have been onboard.
• Commissioner Roy asked if recommendations can be made for additions to the Memo.
  o Commissioner Concepcion noted that there will be an opportunity for further input and discussion at the next meeting.

3. Periodic Review of Executive Session Minutes
• Paralegal Sabiel Rodriguez (Paralegal Rodriguez) presented the Legal Department’s recommendation on the Commission’s Periodic Review of Executive Session Minutes.
• The ED explained the Commission reviews Executive Session Minutes on a triannual basis.
• Commissioner Roy moved to withhold the Executive Session Minutes as presented by Paralegal Rodriguez.
• Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
• The Chair took a roll call vote:
  o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
  o Commissioner Roy – Yes
  o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  o Chair O’Brien – Yes
• The Commission unanimously approved the motion to withhold the Executive Session Minutes as presented by Paralegal Rodriguez.

Commissioner Roy moved to take a ten-minute recess.
• Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
• The Chair took a roll call vote:
  o Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  o Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
  o Commissioner Roy – Yes
  o Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  o Chair O’Brien – Yes
• The Commission unanimously approved taking a ten-minute recess, returning at 4:05 PM (06:00:38)

4. ED 2022 Performance Evaluation and Salary Recommendation
• Commissioner Stebbins presented an overview of the ED’s Performance Evaluation.
  o The ED noted the contract that will allow for data on the Commission’s responsiveness to constituents. He noted that his goals will be reflected in each department’s goals. He discussed Commissioner Stebbins’ idea that the ED present a mid-year update to the Commission on progress. He noted the
tension in this goal of a safe workspace in that the agency is a public body and the public is entitled to access to the agency. He noted that balance and collaboration that is required for this goal to be successful.

- Commissioner Roy asked if the evaluation will be discussed at the next meeting
  - The Chair replied affirmatively that it would.

11) New Business the Chair Did Not Anticipate at the Time of Posting – 06:03:57
- No new items were identified.

12) Next Meeting Date – 06:04:10
   11) The Chair noted that the next meeting would be on May 22, 2023.
   12) The Chair gave a tentative schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.

13) Adjournment – 06:10:39
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
  - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
  - Commissioner Roy – Yes
  - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
  - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.