

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

October 2, 2024
1:00 PM

Remote via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- [Meeting Packet](#)

In Attendance:

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

Minutes:

1) Call to Order

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

2) Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:02:07

1. Provisionally Approved License Fee Extension Discussion and Vote

- Acting General Counsel and Chief of Staff Andrew Carter (Chief Carter) provided an overview of the topic before the Commission. He explained that today the Commission would consider granting expedited review for the Licensees whose nonpayment of provisional licensing fees led to the expiration of their approval and who resubmitted their application within sixty-days. He clarified for Commissioners that if the information in the application was still up to date, resubmitting would be a simple process. Commissioner Roy expressed concern that allowing for resubmission would not be equitable to other Licensees. Commissioner Camargo stated that, in her opinion, the best option was to provide a sixty-day window. The AC concurred but noted Commissioner Roy's concerns. Commissioner Roy added that a sixty-day window may preclude Social Equity Program (SEP) participants and Certified Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants (EEAs) from qualifying from the higher tiers of the Social Equity Grant Program. The AC noted that that Licensees had received notice that their Licenses would expire if the prorated fees were not paid,



and that the actions of the Social Equity Trust Fund were out of the Commission’s control. Commissioner Roy reiterated her concern. Commissioner Camargo reiterated her opinion that this was the best path forward. The AC read proposed motion language into the record to allow for a sixty-day window to resubmit. Commissioner Roy asked Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) if Licensees would need to pay an application fee again and Director Koval responded that it would be a decision for the Commission. Commissioner Roy asked if the expedited review was allowed, was it reasonable to think that they could apply for the Social Equity Grant Program by the deadline of the 17th. Director Koval said that was subjective and she could not say for sure. Commissioner Roy asked if there was a way to further prioritize SEP participants and EEAs. Commissioners discussed this point and Commissioner Roy proposed amended motion language. Commissioner Camargo asked for confirmation that this motion would not overburden staff and prevent other Licensees in the queue from receiving timely review. The AC expressed concern that this motion may prioritize some SEP/EEA applicants over others and suggested working with the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) to provide a work around. Commissioner Camargo agreed with the AC’s suggestion to work with EOED and Chief Carter proposed motion language to clarify what was proposed by the AC. Commissioner Roy stated that she was not comfortable moving forward without prioritizing SEP and EEA applicants. Commissioner Camargo requested confirmation that this would not prevent other applicants from receiving timely review. Director Koval stated that there were SEP and EEAs in the queue but confirmed that the slate which would be voted on at the next Public Meeting would be unaffected. The AC asked Director Koval to provide updates on this effort in future Public Meetings and Commissioner Roy asked to be notified if any Provisional Licenses were approved for this group.

- Commissioner Roy moved to direct the Licensing staff to assign expedited review, prioritizing Social Equity Program Participants and Economic Empowerment Applicants, for previously approved Provisional License applicants that responded to the Commission’s September 23, 2024 email, who submit their provisional license payment and resubmit their application by December 3, 2024. If the license applicant complies with all the requirements of 935 CMR 500.000 or 935 CMR 501.000, the Chief of Investigation and Enforcement shall issue a provisional license. The applicant shall not be responsible for another application fee. Commission staff shall provide notice to the Executive Office of Economic Development of the applicants who have responded to the September 23, 2024 Commission email.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

3) Next Meeting Date – 01:15:04



- The AC stated that the next meeting would be on October 7, 2024, to hear public comment on new regulations.
- 4) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 01:16:20
- The AC stated that there was no new business which was not anticipated at the time of posting.
- 5) Adjournment – 01:16:49
- Commissioner Roy moved to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.

