

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

October 7, 2024
10:00 AM

In-Person and Remote via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- N/A

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 and rules of conduct.

2) Public Hearing on Draft Regulations – 00:01:38

- Devin Alexander, owner of Rolling Releaf, LLC, spoke first. He stated that he lived in the Disproportionately Impacted Area of Quincy and was a graduate of the first cohort of the Social Equity Program (SEP). He discussed his experience advocating for reducing the two-driver rule over the last four years and recommended that Commissioners continue and promulgate the regulatory changes which were before them.
- The next speaker was Ryan Dominguez, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cannabis Coalition. He explained that he was in agreement with all of the regulatory amendments which were before the Commission and advocated for further amendments to allow for a single driver to complete business to business transfers and to make regulations relating to manifests more consistent. He stated that agent registration cards were another area which the Commission could address quickly. Commissioner Roy noted that she had heard from Third-party Transporters who told her that they wanted the option to implement single drivers for business-to-business



transfers as Marijuana Establishments (MEs) with a delivery endorsement had an advantage over them.

- The next speaker was Debe Campaniello Burbo. She stated that she was a Registered Qualifying Patient and advocated for changes to the medical-use regulations to ensure product availability and that her listed underlying condition was incorrect. She expressed frustration with providers and insurance companies and how terpenes were not properly tested for. She stated that Registered Qualifying Patients used cannabis for terpenes and there should be regulatory amendments to allow for consistent access to the products that benefit them.
- The next speaker was Ruben Seyde, an owner of Delivered, Inc. He explained that he was a graduate of the first SEP cohort and that he was in favor of the regulatory amendments before the Commission. He advocated for an extension of the exclusivity period for the delivery licenses, delivery to no-towns and delivery to hotels as he regularly heard from customers on those issues.
- The next speaker was Brandon Pollock, president of Theory Wellness, Inc. He said that he was in favor of the redline edits and noted that Massachusetts was now in competition with neighboring jurisdictions and that was something to keep in mind when considering further amendments. He discussed the tough business conditions that Licensees in the state had to deal with, noting Agent Registrations as an unnecessary expense and advocated for allowing for one driver for Third-party Transporters, which he argued was not riskier than delivering to consumers directly.
- The next speaker was Christopher Fevry CEO of Your Green Package and Dris brands. He stated that he was one of the only licensees who was currently operating as a Courier, Delivery Operator and Third-party Transporter. He explained that he was in favor of the regulatory amendments before the Commission and advocated for digitized manifests, for Third-party Transporters to have single compartments for transports. He added that there should be clearer regulations on waiting as Third-party Transporters sometimes waited multiple hours for orders to be fulfilled and counted. He asked to extend the exclusivity period for delivery license types. Commissioner Camargo asked if he was speaking for himself, and he confirmed that he was. Commissioner Roy asked Acting Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (ADGC Baker) if changing regulations for Third-party Transporters was within the scope of the current selection of amendments, which he confirmed.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:03:15.)
- The next speaker was Chandra Batra. She stated that MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs) were having a hard time competing with larger companies backed by venture capital. She cited Microbusinesses which were allowed in Canada and New York. She clarified for Commissioner Roy that she was in favor of the amendments before the Commission and advocated for social consumption and events to be allowed.
- The next speaker was Jeremiah MacKinnon. He stated that the Massachusetts Patient Advocacy Alliance was in favor of telehealth. He stated that the current draft regulations required for patients to request a virtual telehealth visit, which would add confusion. He stated that patients needed clarity and asked that Commissioners slow



down and consider the amendments as well as vertical integration requirements for MTCs.

- The next speaker was Kimberly Gibson of Gibby’s Garden, LLC. She discussed the Microbusiness license type. She supported the regulatory changes before the Commission. She expressed interest in allowing for partnerships between Microbusinesses and MEs. She noted that the \$5,000 cap on deliveries for single drivers would not allow for it to be a reasonable option for Third-party Transporters. She was in favor of digital manifests. Commissioner Roy described how she had been informed by feedback from Licensees and encouraged Ms. Gibson to provide feedback on sustainability.
- The next speaker was Dave O’Brien, founder of Massachusetts Cannabis Business Association. He indicated support for the redline amendments and discussed the upcoming legislative hearings. He discussed how in 2021 he had approached Commissioners regarding the exclusivity period and would like it to be extended. He advocated for the same driver reduction for business-to-business transfers and for Independent Testing Laboratories. Commissioner Camargo asked if his membership included any Third-party Transporters and he said that there was one which was not opposed to implementing a single driver option.
- The next speaker was Lucas Thayer, owner of Apple Guy Flowers LLC. He advocated for extending the exclusivity period for ten years. He stated that SEP and EEA priority review should also be extended to all stages of licensing and that the money in the Social Equity Trust Fund should be able to be used for property. He stated that Microbusinesses needed to expand their operations and that he agreed with allowing for a single driver for Third-party Transporters.
- The next speaker was Alfredo Johnson. He asked for resources and help educating himself on entering the industry. The AC stated that staff would reach out and Commissioner Roy stated that the SEP may be a good resource.
- The next speaker was Gabriel Vieira. He was in favor of the redline amendments and advocated for extending the exclusivity period for delivery licenses.
- Christopher Fevry spoke again and advocated for delivery licensees to be highlighted on the Commission’s website and for SEP cohorts to accept applications on a rolling basis.
- David O’Brien spoke again and asked for a regional round table to speak to issues faced by delivery licensees.
- The AC suggested taking a recess to allow for more speakers. He said that the next step would be to hold a Public Meeting on October 27th to vote on the redline amendments.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 02:38:46.)
- Kevin Gilnack, the Executive Director of Equitable Opportunities Now, spoke next. He indicated that he was in favor of the redline regulations and advocated for extending the exclusivity period for delivery license types. He asked that Commissioners consider extending the timeframe until 12:00 p.m., to allow for delivery to hotels and to apply the single driver rule to Third-party Transporters.



- The AC asked for anyone interested in providing comment to submit their testimony in writing.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 04:40:20.)
- The next speaker was Raphael Richter. He said he was a Third-party Transporter and that the two-driver rule for Third-party Transporters did not provide any additional security. He suggested that the Commission make this requirement optional for transporters who only had a single stop or were carrying less than \$50,000 in supply. He clarified for Commissioner Roy that he would submit an alternative security provision to guarantee the same level of safety as two drivers.
- The AC stated that there were no speakers left and reminded listeners to submit feedback before the end of the day.

3) Next Meeting Date – 04:50:08

- The AC stated that the next meeting date was October 10, 2024.

4) Adjournment – 04:50:19

- 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.

