

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

January 11, 2024

10:00 AM

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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Application Materials associated with:
 - Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
- [Meeting Packet](#)
- January 2024 Government Affairs Update Memorandum
- Model Host Community Agreement Template
- Periodic Review of Executive Session Minutes Recommendation Memorandum

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner 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 was being recorded.
- The AC gave an overview of the agenda.

2) Commissioners' Comments and Updates – 00:01:24

- Commissioner Camargo noted the work to come this year with the implementation of Chapter 180 and stated her focus going forward would be on social consumption, delivery policy and equity programing. Commissioner Roy celebrated the Commission's work in 2023. She discussed additional policy areas she wished to address in the new year with a focus on potency inflation and lab shopping.



Commissioner Stebbins noted recent meetings with Commissioner Camargo and House Cannabis Policy Chair Daniel Donahue and, separately, with Senate Chair Adam Gomez. He added that himself and Commissioner Camargo had presented an update on social consumption to the Cannabis Advisory Board. Commissioner Stebbins noted a comment made by State Representative Jay Cutler regarding the state's disability employment tax credit which might be useful to licensees. He mentioned upcoming visits with licensees and a Cannabis Business Association round table. The AC discussed a recent interview with Channel 5 news and commented on the accomplishments of the Commission and growth of the industry. She noted the search for the next Executive Director and the regulatory changes on the horizon.

3) Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report – 00:22:03

- Acting Executive Director Debra Hilton-Creek (AED Hilton-Creek) reported that the Fiscal Year 2025 budget had been submitted to the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, the bulletin on telehealth consultations was posted, and noted Cohort IV of the Social Equity Program would open for applications on February 5, 2024. Commissioners Roy, Camargo and Stebbins discussed the importance of reaching out to additional stakeholders to cast the widest net for the next cohort and asked what steps were taken as far as outreach. AED Hilton-Creek stated she could provide this information later. Commissioner Stebbins suggested having the equity team at the February public meeting. AED Hilton-Creek continued to give an update on the Executive Director search and presented a framework for the recruitment process. She stated that the job description was complete and would be circulated for review before potentially being discussed in the February public meeting. AED Hilton-Creek agreed with a comment from Commissioner Stebbins that an external contractor could be useful in finding qualified candidates and discussed costs. She clarified that the job search would only be public once the field of applicants had been narrowed down to the final three. Commissioner Stebbins noted that the public aspect should be disclosed from the start of the search process and expressed his preference that at least one Commissioner be on the search committee. The AED stated she would like to have at least two Commissioners on the search committee and discussed the process of the final public interview.
- Licensing Director Kyle Potvin (Director Potvin) provided an update on the implementation of Chapter 180 and identified key dates and milestones through five phases addressing HCAs, municipal equity standards, Community Impact Fees, pre-certified/amended agent registration applications and finally the completion of all remaining deliverables. Director Potvin updated the Commissioners on actions taken since the last public meeting. Commissioner Camargo asked for an update on the model equity ordinance. Director Potvin stated that the document was an identified deliverable and would likely be completed in phase two. Commissioner Camargo noted the State of Cannabis event at the Massachusetts State House and that it would be a good opportunity to educate lawmakers on the implementation of Chapter 180.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to adjourn for a ten-minute recess.



- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn for a ten-minute recess (2:07:17).
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- Director Potvin presented highlights from licensing data. He noted that there were zero applications awaiting a first review and licensees were moving through the process quickly. Director Potvin showed the numbers of applications that had been approved and where the applications were in the process.
- 4) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 02:12:45
- Licensing Analyst Derek Chamberlin (LA Chamberlin) presented the Staff Recommendations for Changes of Ownership, Renewal Licenses, Provisional Licenses, Final Licenses, and Responsible Vendor Training Renewals.
1. Aspen Blue Cultures, Inc.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.
2. BeachGrass Topicals, LLC
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.
3. GreenCare Collective, LLC d/b/a Plant
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes



- Commissioner Roy – Yes
- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
- AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

5) Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses – 02:15:32

- Commissioner Stebbins noted his reasoning for offering more conditions for license renewal applicants and highlighted some renewals. He noted the diversity guidance document him and Commissioner Camargo worked on that helped direct licensees to adapt strategies to meet Commission expectations and expressed his excitement to see many of those suggestions being incorporated into diversity plans.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve items numbered 1-16, 18-33, 35-54, and 56-61, on the agenda.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved items numbered 1-16, 18-33, 35-54, and 56-61, on the agenda.
- BeWell Organic Medicine, Inc. (#MRR206702)
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Within thirty business days of License renewal, consider revision to Positive Impact Plan Goal #1 and consider hiring or other strategies to impact Disproportionately Impacted Area designated communities of Lawrence and Haverhill in accordance 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101 (1)(a)11, and 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b), and provide any update to the CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve item number 17 on the agenda, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved item number 17 on the agenda, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
- Good Feels Inc (#MPR244106)



- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Within thirty business days of License renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division and consider an update to identify any goals for utilizing LGBTQ+ business enterprises (LGBTBE's) and Disability Owned Business Enterprises (DOBE's) under licensee's Diversity Plan goal #3 in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8.k.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve item number 34 on the agenda, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved item number 34 on the agenda, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
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- Turning Leaf Centers Northampton, LLC (#MRR206633)
 - Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Within thirty business days of License renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division with an update to confirm your training and recruitment partners and eligibility to support your activities in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8.k.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve item number 34 on the agenda, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved item number 34 on the agenda, subject to the condition articulated by Commissioner Stebbins.

6) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 02:27:59

1. ARL Healthcare, Inc. (#MRN284873), Retail

- Commissioner reminded the licensee of the statutory requirement that, prior to performing job functions at a marijuana establishment, all internship program participants must become registered agents in the Commonwealth.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.



- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
2. Aro 31, LLC (#MRN284775), Retail
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
3. Cloudfarming, LLC (#MBN281350), Microbusiness
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
4. Fusion Drop, LLC (#MPN282269), Product Manufacturing
- 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 in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. 500.130(5)(k), and 935 Code Mass. Regs. 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 AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.



5. Uma Flowers Waltham, LLC (#MRN284983), Retail

- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. 500.140(6)(g) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
- Commissioner Stebbins requested a condition.
 - Proposed Condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, contact CCC Licensing Division and provide an update to identify any goals for including LGBTQ+ residents under licensee's Diversity Plan Goal #2 in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k.
- 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 AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and Commissioner Stebbins.

6. Witch City Gardens, LLC (#MCN283839), Cultivation, Tier 1 / Indoor

- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - 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 in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. 500.120(12) and 935 Code Mass. Regs. 500.120(14).
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

7) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 02:37:45

1. Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#MR284457), Retail
2. Catdogg, LLC (#MP282258), Product Manufacturing



3. Catdogg, LLC (#MR284871), Retail
4. Community Growth Partners Boston, LLC (#MR284256), Retail
5. DMS Trinity, LLC (#MR282590), Retail
6. Mainely Productions, LLC (#MC281899), Cultivation, Tier 2 / Indoor
7. UC Cultivation, LLC (#MC282106), Cultivation, Tier 3 / Indoor

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the final license roster from one to seven as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the final license roster from one to seven as indicated on the agenda.

8) Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals – 02:39:00

1. Bud Education (#RVR453144)

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.

2. Green Flower Inc (#RVR453142)

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.

3. Leafy Green Agency LLC (#RVR453143)



- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Responsible Vendor Training Renewal.
- Commissioner Roy asked Director Potvin for an update about the Responsible Vendor Training licensees who had registered with the Supply Diversity Office (SDO). Director Potvin responded that a notification went out to all certified vendors and all current applicants about the Commission adopting a policy for identification of any vendor which is certified by the SDO. He stated it went out in August, they were given a 60-day turn around and they only received one response. He added this would eventually be built into the Responsible Vendor Training applications.

9) Commission Discussion and Votes – 02:50:12

1. Model HCA Review and Discussion

- Director Potvin presented the Model HCA Template to the Commission and discussed its purpose and utility. Commissioner Roy asked how applicants with compliant HCAs could be indicated to Commissioners and Director Potvin stated that information would be available in the executive summary and that high-level data on compliant HCAs would be available in the future. The AC noted that the public could comment for the next two weeks on the model. Commissioner Roy suggested editing the model so that it provided for all license types including social consumption, which Director Potvin said he would add. Commissioner Roy also suggested adding a section which could allow for the model to act as an interim agreement.

2. Periodic Review of Executive Session Minutes

- GC Gasson presented Legal’s recommendation regarding the periodic review of executive session minutes. Commissioner Roy asked if the purpose of withholding minutes related to governance would expire once the governance document was approved. GC Gasson stated that at the next tri-annual review they would be reviewed, and she would come back to the Commission with a new recommendation.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve Legal’s recommendation to withhold the universe of executive session minutes until the next periodic review.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes



- Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
- AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved Legal’s recommendation to withhold the universe of executive session minutes until the next periodic review.

3. Election of Commission Secretary and Treasurer

- The AC noted Commissioner Camargo expressed her interest in being the secretary and Commissioner Roy expressed her interest in being the Treasurer.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to nominate Commissioner Camargo as the Commission’s Secretary.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved to nominate Commissioner Camargo as the Commission’s Secretary.
- Commissioner Roy expressed the honor and pleasure it was to have served as Secretary and mentioned her and Commissioner Camargo helping each other transition to these new positions. Commissioner Camargo expressed her gratitude for serving as Treasurer for the last three years and her happiness to serve as Secretary. Commissioner Stebbins suggested that he serve in a support position to Commissioner Roy in this transition period. Commissioner Roy stated she would love to have a co-pilot.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to nominate Commissioner Roy as the Commission’s Treasurer.
- Commissioner Camargo seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Camargo – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - AC Callender Concepcion – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved to nominate Commissioner Roy as the Commission’s Treasurer.

10) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 03:36:05

- Commissioner Roy mentioned revisiting a worker safety hotline at a future meeting and unique issues which Third-Party Transporters face. She also flagged accounts receivable as a policy discussion at a future date. Commissioner Camargo noted the



work that she and Commissioner Stebbins were doing with Third-Party Transporters. Commissioner Camargo explained that she would talk with Commissioner Stebbins and figure out their priorities. Commissioner Stebbins suggested inviting Third-Party Transporters to a public meeting to discuss issues. Commissioner Camargo noted she would have a conversation with Commissioner Stebbins prior to the next public meeting to set expectations for third party transporters. Commissioner Roy stated she would be happy to be the sponsoring Commissioner around Third-Party Transporters and accounts receivable if it would be helpful to expedite the process.

11) Next Meeting Date – 03:48:24

- The AC noted that the next meeting would be on February 8, 2024, and gave a tentative schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.

12) Adjournment – 03:49:38

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

