

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

October 25, 2024

1:00 PM

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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- [Meeting Packet](#)
- Ryan Dominguez’s October 7, 2024, letter to Commissioners

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 stated that the version of the regulations which they had worked off of at the last meeting had not included all requested revisions, but the version today would include the amendments requested at that meeting as well as previous meetings.

2) Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:02:41

1. Discussion and Review of Draft Regulations

- The AC began reading the amended adult-use regulations aloud. Commissioner Roy suggested an amendment for a new 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.005(1)(b)4.d to clarify the annual License fees which Microbusinesses with a delivery endorsement would qualify for and Commissioners agreed to circle back to this point. There were no further requested amendments until 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.050(5)(d), where AC suggested striking “that is not a Social Equity Program Participant or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant.” Commissioners discussed and Commissioner Roy expressed some concern that would make the Microbusiness License type too restrictive.



- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:00:40.)
- Commissioners resumed discussing the AC’s requested amendment. Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin (EC Goodin) discussed the licensing fee implications and explained that the fee reductions would stack for Microbusinesses owned by Social Equity Program (SEP) participants, Certified Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants (EEA) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) applicants. Commissioners discussed and agreed to not strike any language and instead include “Social Equity Business.” The AC continued reading the amendments. Regarding 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.105(13)(a)6, the AC suggested including language which reduced the two-driver requirement for transportation between Marijuana Establishments (MEs).
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:42:58.)
- Commissioners continued to discuss reducing the two-driver rule for deliveries by copying the amended language from on 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.145(1)(h) to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.105(13)(a)6. Commissioner Camargo requested that they continue to discuss the amendments in order before resolving that issue. The AC confirmed that there was consensus on 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.145(1)(h) and continued reading the amendments. Chief of Staff Andrew Carter (Chief Carter) asked whether the list in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.146(1)(b) should include the words “but not limited to.” Commissioners discussed and agreed to amend this section to “Warehouses shall comply with all applicable requirements of 935 CMR 500.105 and 935 CMR 500.110” and to strike (c). There were no further edits to the adult use regulations and Commissioners agreed to take up the medical-use regulations before revisiting reducing the two-driver rule for deliveries to businesses.
- The AC began reading the amendments to the medical-use regulations aloud. Commissioner Roy requested that the definition of Social Equity Business be included in the medical-use regulations. The AC continued reading the amendments to the medical-use regulations and Commissioner Camargo asked if 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 501.110(8)(b) should include the dollar amounts restricting the use of a single driver. The AC asked Acting Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (ADGC Baker) to prepare language to include this edit.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 03:07:44.)
- ADGC Baker proposed new language for 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 501.110(8)(b) to read: “The maximum retail value of Medical-use Marijuana or Marijuana Products allowed in an MTC's vehicle at any one time shall not exceed \$5,000; provided, however, that a vehicle with two Agents shall be allowed to have the maximum retail value of up to \$10,000. Each Marijuana Product shall be associated with a specific Individual Order. For purposes of this provision, "maximum retail value" shall mean the aggregate value of Medical-use Marijuana and Marijuana Products as priced on the day of the order for Patient delivery.” The AC read the remaining amendments and there were no further edits to the medical-use regulations.
- The AC circled back to the topic of reducing the number of drivers required for transportation between MEs in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.105(13)(a)6. Commissioner Camargo explained that she had requested a breakdown of how other



jurisdictions regulated this from Director of Government Affairs and Policy Matt Giancola (Director Giancola). She suggested further conversation on this topic as she was not comfortable reducing the two-driver rule for Third-party Transporters. Commissioner Roy noted that they had already amended regulations related to Third-party Transporters and advocated for reducing the two-driver requirement for deliveries to businesses. Director Giancola summarized his findings on other jurisdictions. Chief Carter noted that the section Commissioners were contemplating related to transportation between MEs, not just Third-party Transporters. EC Goodin confirmed that further discussion would be helpful in determining any enforcement concerns. Commissioner Roy read an email into the record from Ryan Dominguez. Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Nomxolisi Khumalo (Chief Khumalo) indicated that she did not want to opine on the topic as she had not considered it. Commissioner Camargo reiterated her concerns but stated that she was agreeable to reducing the requirements for Independent Testing Laboratories (ITLs). Commissioners discussed and Commissioner Camargo requested a recess to consult with Legal.

- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 04:12:58.)
- The AC suggested noticing another Public Meeting for October 30th and ADGC Baker confirmed that would still allow him to file the amended regulations with the Secretary of State's office by November 8th. Commissioner Camargo stated that she still may not be in favor of reducing the two-driver rule on Wednesday and Commissioner Roy stated that she was not comfortable voting on the regulations today.

3) Next Meeting Date – 04:22:08

- The AC stated that an additional meeting would be noticed for October 30th.

4) Adjournment – 04:22:37

- 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.

