

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

December 5, 2024

10:00 AM

In-Person with Remote Access 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.

2) Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:00:33

1. Presentation and Discussion of Social Consumption Regulatory Framework

- The AC explained that today he planned to share the work of the Social Consumption Working Group, proposed License-types and what the working group had considered. He discussed the state of Social Consumption across the country and encouraged interested stakeholders to share their feedback.
- Director of Government Affairs and Policy Matt Giancola (Director Giancola) provided a timeline of regulated Cannabis in Massachusetts and described how the passage of Chapter 180 allowed communities to opt-in for Social Consumption through the passage of by-laws or ordinance changes. The AC discussed the outreach which had been conducted through public listening sessions, visiting other jurisdictions, and existing smoking establishments. He described the License classes which would be available: supplemental, which would allow existing Marijuana Establishments (MEs) to add a Social Consumption space; hospitality, which would allow for a Qualifying Consumption Licensee to establish a Social Consumption space in a new or existing non-Cannabis commercial business space; and event organizer, which would organize and host temporary consumption events. Deputy



General Counsel Michael Baker (DGC Baker) provided further details on the License types and described potential ways that they could be implemented.

- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 1:09:24.)
- Meaka Brown, a member of the Cannabis Social Equity Advisory Board spoke briefly and stated that she was excited to see the presentation. The AC reviewed the policy considerations related to public health and safety such as employee safety, a ban on alcohol and tobacco products as well as signage and ventilation. He explained that there would be an exclusivity period during which Social Consumption Licenses would be available only to Social Equity Program (SEP) participants and Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants (EEAs) and there would be a carve out for qualified patients to bring their own higher dose medical products. DGC Baker explained the timeline for promulgation which would include an informal comment period with a goal of the new regulations being published in mid-2025. The AC discussed the steps for implementing the regulations following promulgation and asked that stakeholders provide feedback. Commissioner Roy asked whether the event organizer would require a Host Community Agreement (HCA) and DGC Baker explained that entities which pursued this License type would be required to have an HCA at their principal place of business and a permit for each event they organized.

### 3) Adjournment – 1:57:19

- Commissioner Camargo moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Roy 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.

