

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

January 9, 2025
10:00 AM

In-Person with Remote Access 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
 - Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewal
- [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) Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:02:22
 - Commissioner Roy discussed a recent meeting with Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director (ED) of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission regarding the accounts receivable issue and highlighted a recent guest appearance on the High Functioning podcast as well as a meeting she attended with Licensees facilitated by David O'Brien and a speaking event with Equitable Opportunities Now. The AC noted the arrival of the new ED Travis Ahern in March and his intent to reorganize agenda setting meetings.



3) Minutes for Approval – 00:11:56

- October 22, 2024
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the October 22, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 October 22, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- October 25, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the October 25, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 October 25, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- October 28, 2024
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the October 28, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 October 28, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- October 30, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the October 30, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 October 30, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- October 31, 2024
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the October 31, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 October 31, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- November 7, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the November 7, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 November 7, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- November 14, 2024
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the November 14, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 November 14, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- November 25, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the November 25, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 November 25, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- December 4, 2024
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the December 4, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 December 4, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- December 5, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the December 5, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.
- 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 December 5, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

4) Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report – 00:16:39

1. Operational Updates

- Acting Executive Director Debra Hilton-Creek (AED Hilton-Creek) asked to postpone this topic until the next Public Meeting.

2. Cultivation Tier Relegation Update

- Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) discussed the Commission’s authority under 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.050(2)(d) to review Marijuana Cultivator’s records in connection with the License renewal process and reduce their maximum Canopy if the Licensee sold less than 70% of the product which they produced in the six months prior to the application for renewal for an indoor Cultivator or during the harvest season prior to the application for renewal for an outdoor Cultivator. Commissioner Roy asked her colleagues to consider requiring Marijuana Cultivators to disclose whether products had been remediated through irradiation and for that to be a factor when considering tier relegation pursuant to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.050(2)(e)5.



3. Licensing Conditions Update

- Director Koval explained that the Licensing department would be checking on Licensees whose application for renewal had been approved with conditions to confirm that those conditions had been met. She stated that if the conditions had not been met, she would bring it before the Commissioners at a Public Meeting to determine next steps.

4. Licensing Data Updates

- Director Koval presented highlights from Licensing data. Commissioner Roy noted that extensions which had been granted to Licensees seeking renewal to obtain compliant Host Community Agreements (HCAs) would expire in May. She advocated for the Commission to consider next steps to allow the effected Licensees to obtain a compliant HCA. Director Koval provided an overview of the Licensing review process and Commissioner Roy advocated for further transparency on ownership and control. Director of Investigations Katherine Binkoski (Director Binkoski) broke down how the Financial Investigations Team (FIT) conducted financial due diligence reviews for all Changes of Ownership (COOs) and Commissioner Camargo requested that this information be available to Licensees. She advocated for the Commission to develop a position on control limitations and to make it a topic for legislative outreach.

5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 01:05:35

- Licensing Manager Anne DiMare (Manager DiMare) presented on behalf of the Licensing department the Staff Recommendations for Changes of Ownership, Renewals, Provisionals, Final Licenses and Responsible Vendor Training (RVT).

1. Seaside Joint Ventures 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
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

6) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 01:07:13

- Commissioner Roy noted that she had an abstention.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to direct AED Hilton-Creek to approve the renewal of Resinate, Inc. (#MCR140827).
- 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.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the renewal of items numbered 1-28, 30-32, 34-48, and 50-61 as indicated on the agenda.
- 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 renewal of items numbered 1-28, 30-32, 34-48, and 50-61 as indicated on the agenda.

1. HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#MCR140775)

- The AC requested a condition.
 - First proposed condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, provide to CCC Licensing Division a response and explanation of how new Diversity Plan complies with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8.k. and 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b).
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the License renewal, subject to the condition requested by the AC.
- 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 renewal License, subject to the condition requested by the AC.

2. Legal Greens, LLC (#MRR206824)

- The AC requested a condition:
 - Proposed condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, please resubmit progress and success toward goals in Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b).
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the License renewal, subject to the condition requested by the AC.
- 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 renewal License, subject to the condition requested by the AC.



7) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 01:13:20

1. Sugarloaf Cambridge Cannabis, LLC (#DOA100178), Marijuana Courier
 - The AC requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, consider revision to Diversity Plan Goal #2 and clarify how goal can be completed by a Delivery Courier Licensee in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8.k. and provide a response to CCC Licensing Division.
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by the AC.
 - 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 Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by the AC.
2. Sugarloaf Cambridge Cannabis, LLC (#MRN283726), Marijuana Retailer
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - 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 Provisional License.
3. Sugarloaf Cambridge Cannabis, LLC (#MRN285089), Marijuana Retailer
 - 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
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
4. Berkley Botanicals, LLC (#MRN284877), Marijuana Retailer
 - Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - 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 Provisional License.

8) Staff Recommendation on Final Licenses – 01:19:29

1. Clovercraft, LLC (#MR284574), Marijuana Retailer
2. GreenSoul Organics, Inc. (#MR284855), Marijuana Retailer
3. New England Craft Cultivators, LLC (#MR284689), Marijuana Retailer
4. U4EA Farms, LLC (#MP282065), Marijuana Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner Camargo moved to approval the Final License roster from 1-4 as indicated on the agenda.
- 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 Final License roster from 1-4 as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Roy asked if Licensees Positive Impact Plans (PIPs) were available online and Director Koval confirmed that currently they were not. The AC suggested that Licensees could post these plans on their own websites and Commissioner Roy asked General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (GC Chattopadhyay) on whether this would require a regulatory amendment.
- The Commission took a brief recess.

9) Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training – 01:34:46

1. Marmelade Learning (#RVN454228)
 - Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training.
 - 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 Responsible Vendor Training.
 - Commissioner Roy noted that Ellen Brown of Green Path Training had been invited to participate in the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) hearings and that the RVT program may need to be updated in light of Social Consumption.

10) Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals – 01:40:23

1. Green Path Training (#RVR453151)
 - Commissioner Roy 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
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Responsible Vendor Training renewal.

11) Commission Discussion and Votes – 01:42:01

1. Job Description: Employee Relations Manager

- AED Hilton-Creek suggested postponing this topic until the next meeting so she could meet with Commissioners offline to discuss the position.

2. Guidance on Plans to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People

- Director Koval explained that this was an update to a previously approved document intended to guide Licensees in creating effective PIPs. Commissioner Roy asked if the guidance document could require Licensees to publish their PIPs online and the AC requested staff to review to confirm if that could be included in the document. The AC further requested an edit to provide more detail on how Licensees could donate to the Social Equity Trust Fund. GC Chattopadhyay suggested holding off on approval for Legal to provide a response on whether posting PIPs online would require regulatory amendment.

3. Guidance on Equity Programs

- Director Koval explained that this document provided an overview of the equity programs offered by the Commission. It outlined the criteria for eligibility and benefits offered to Licensees. Commissioner Camargo requested more time to review the document and to take up approval in February. The AC asked if the document should provide more details on municipalities' new responsibilities under Chapter 180 and Director of Equity Programming & Community Outreach Silea Williams (Director Williams) explained that those responsibilities were detailed in other guidance documents. Commissioner Roy suggested including the Social Equity Program (SEP) designation on the Commission's Licensing tracker and Director of Digital and Creative Services AnnMarie Burt (Director Burt) explained that functionality already existed. Commissioner Roy suggested updating the website to add transparency regarding Licensees ownership and Director Burt confirmed that her team was working on this.

4. Triannual Review of Executive Session Minutes

- The AC stated that this topic was being tabled until the next meeting.

5. Commission Election of Treasurer and Secretary

- Commissioner Camargo moved to appoint Commissioner Roy to serve as Treasurer.
- The AC 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.
- Commissioner Roy thanked Chief Financial Accounting Officer (Chief Schlegel) for her support.

- Commissioner Roy moved to appoint Commissioner Camargo to serve as Secretary.
- The AC 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.
- Commissioner Camargo thanked the Legal team for their support.

12) Next Meeting Date – 02:28:42

- The AC stated that the next meeting was scheduled for January 23, 2025.

13) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 02:29:49

- The AC stated that there was no new business which was not anticipated at the time of posting.

14) Adjournment – 02:31:07

- 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.

