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In accordance with Sections 18-25 of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Cannabis Control Commission. The meeting will take place as noted below.

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

**December 12, 2024
10:00 AM**

In-Person and Remote via Microsoft Teams Live*

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
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5. Green Gold Group, Inc. (#RMDA4217), Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

VIII. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses

1. Rasta Rootz, LLC (#MR284000), Marijuana Retailer
2. Reverie 73 Beverly, LLC (#MR282952), Marijuana Retailer
3. The Grateful Mind, LLC (#MR282378), Marijuana Retailer



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CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

October 2, 2024
1:00 PM

Remote 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.
- The AC gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
- The AC gave an overview of the agenda.

2) Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:02:07

1. Provisionally Approved License Fee Extension Discussion and Vote

- Acting General Counsel and Chief of Staff Andrew Carter (Chief Carter) provided an overview of the topic before the Commission. He explained that today the Commission would consider granting expedited review for the Licensees whose nonpayment of provisional licensing fees led to the expiration of their approval and who resubmitted their application within sixty-days. He clarified for Commissioners that if the information in the application was still up to date, resubmitting would be a simple process. Commissioner Roy expressed concern that allowing for resubmission would not be equitable to other Licensees. Commissioner Camargo stated that, in her opinion, the best option was to provide a sixty-day window. The AC concurred but noted Commissioner Roy's concerns. Commissioner Roy added that a sixty-day window may preclude Social Equity Program (SEP) participants and Certified Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants (EEAs) from qualifying from the higher tiers of the Social Equity Grant Program. The AC noted that that Licensees had received notice that their Licenses would expire if the prorated fees were not paid,



and that the actions of the Social Equity Trust Fund were out of the Commission’s control. Commissioner Roy reiterated her concern. Commissioner Camargo reiterated her opinion that this was the best path forward. The AC read proposed motion language into the record to allow for a sixty-day window to resubmit. Commissioner Roy asked Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) if Licensees would need to pay an application fee again and Director Koval responded that it would be a decision for the Commission. Commissioner Roy asked if the expedited review was allowed, was it reasonable to think that they could apply for the Social Equity Grant Program by the deadline of the 17th. Director Koval said that was subjective and she could not say for sure. Commissioner Roy asked if there was a way to further prioritize SEP participants and EEAs. Commissioners discussed this point and Commissioner Roy proposed amended motion language. Commissioner Camargo asked for confirmation that this motion would not overburden staff and prevent other Licensees in the queue from receiving timely review. The AC expressed concern that this motion may prioritize some SEP/EEA applicants over others and suggested working with the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) to provide a work around. Commissioner Camargo agreed with the AC’s suggestion to work with EOED and Chief Carter proposed motion language to clarify what was proposed by the AC. Commissioner Roy stated that she was not comfortable moving forward without prioritizing SEP and EEA applicants. Commissioner Camargo requested confirmation that this would not prevent other applicants from receiving timely review. Director Koval stated that there were SEP and EEAs in the queue but confirmed that the slate which would be voted on at the next Public Meeting would be unaffected. The AC asked Director Koval to provide updates on this effort in future Public Meetings and Commissioner Roy asked to be notified if any Provisional Licenses were approved for this group.

- Commissioner Roy moved to direct the Licensing staff to assign expedited review, prioritizing Social Equity Program Participants and Economic Empowerment Applicants, for previously approved Provisional License applicants that responded to the Commission’s September 23, 2024 email, who submit their provisional license payment and resubmit their application by December 3, 2024. If the license applicant complies with all the requirements of 935 CMR 500.000 or 935 CMR 501.000, the Chief of Investigation and Enforcement shall issue a provisional license. The applicant shall not be responsible for another application fee. Commission staff shall provide notice to the Executive Office of Economic Development of the applicants who have responded to the September 23, 2024 Commission email.
- 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.

3) Next Meeting Date – 01:15:04



- The AC stated that the next meeting would be on October 7, 2024, to hear public comment on new regulations.
- 4) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 01:16:20
- The AC stated that there was no new business which was not anticipated at the time of posting.
- 5) Adjournment – 01:16:49
- 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.



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.



CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

October 10, 2024

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
- [Meeting Packet](#)

In Attendance:

- Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins
- Commissioner Nurys Z. Camargo
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy

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 – 00:02:17

- Commissioner Roy discussed a meeting with the Massachusetts Cannabis Equity Council regarding an industry tipline and a visit with Paper Crane Cannabis. The AC discussed visits with Licensees Suncraft Outdoor Cultivators and Cannabarn, the Municipal Police Training Committee, Calyx Berkshire Dispensary, Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, and the Payments Banking and Compliance Conference. He reminded Commissioners of assignments regarding the Charter and suggested that they discuss policy changes in a November meeting to focus on through 2025. He advocated for holding more listening sessions to hear from stakeholders.

3) Minutes for Approval – 00:11:51



- July 11, 2024
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the July 11, 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 July 11, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- July 19, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the July 19, 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 July 19, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- August 8, 2024
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the August 8, 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 August 8, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.

- August 14, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the August 14, 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 August 14, 2024, Commission public meeting minutes.



4) Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report – 00:14:27

1. Operational Updates

- Acting Executive Director Debra Hilton-Creek (AED Hilton-Creek) said that she would defer the majority of her report until the next meeting and introduced General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (GC Chattopadhyay).

2. Licensing Data and Updates

- Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) presented an overview of licensing data. Licensing Analyst Derek Chamberlin (Analyst Chamberlin) clarified for Commissioner Roy that the data reflected all Licenses issued by the Commission, including ones which had gone out of business and she requested an additional slide to indicate the number of Licensees which were currently open for business. Director Koval continued and presented data on Host Community Agreement (HCA) review. Commissioner Roy discussed feedback from stakeholders disputing HCA determinations and stated that the Commission was aware of this issue and was working on it. Director Koval discussed the issue of provisional Licenses set to expire due to unpaid prorated fees and stated that no applications had been received.
- The AC requested to take the agenda out of order and take up the Point-of-Sales system discussion item as external participants were available.

3. Point-of-Sales Systems

- The AC acknowledged the point-of-sales failure on April 20th and stated that representatives from Dutchie were here to discuss their response. Chris Ostrowski, Dutchie's Chief Technology Officer, provided history of the company which he co-founded. He acknowledged the failure in their point-of-sale systems on April 20th and the impact it had on Licensees. He stated that the failure had been due to an internal error and explained that their infrastructure had been upgraded to deal with a higher peak load. Commissioner Camargo asked if Dutchie offered any discounts for social equity and Mr. Ostrowski confirmed that they offered discounts and also made contributions to organizations focused on social equity. Commissioner Roy asked about the new audit function in an upcoming Dutchie update and Chris explained that this was intended to make inventorying more efficient. He additionally confirmed that Dutchie did not currently include any accounts receivable but was considering it for a future update. Francine Muhammad, Director of Compliance, explained how Dutchie's point-of-sale systems were used by Licensees and advocated for the Commission to allow for digital payment methods and for advertising for adult-use cannabis. Commissioner Roy suggested that Dutchie connect with the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) to see if payments at Marijuana Establishments (ME) could be rounded up with a donation to the Social Equity Trust Fund and Chris confirmed that they would reach out.

4. Commission's 7-Year Anniversary



- Director of Digital and Creative Services AnnMarie Burt (Director Burt) presented an overview of the Commission’s achievements over the past year and a video celebrating the Commission’s seven-year anniversary. She gave recognition to Multimedia Content Manager Fiona St. Pierre (Manager St. Pierre) who had personally produced the video and its content. The AC mentioned the “Faces of Equity” video and how wonderfully done it was. He encouraged anyone to go watch it who had not already. Commissioner Camargo thanked and encouraged an applause from the audience. Commissioner Roy asked where the video would be accessible for the public and Director Burt stated it was on YouTube and on their website. She added that they posted it on all of their social media channels in September.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:20:44.)

5) Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 01:20:44

- Licensing Analyst Jamie Wakefield (Analyst Wakefield) presented on behalf of the licensing department the Staff Recommendations for Changes of Ownership, Renewals, Provisionals and Final Licenses.

1. Assured Testing Laboratories, LLC.

- 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.

2. Good Feels, Inc.

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

3. Green Choice Dispensaries LLC.

- 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.



4. J-B.A.M., Inc.
 - Commissioner Roy 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
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

5. Neamat LLC.
 - 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. Silver Therapeutics, Inc.
 - Commissioner Roy 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
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

7. Silver Therapeutics of Palmer, 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.

 - Commissioner Roy suggested that Licensee’s Changes of Ownership be incorporated in the Commission’s License tracker.

- 6) Staff Recommendations on Renewals – 01:30:20
 - Commissioner Roy made a motion to approve items numbered 1 – 46 as indicated on the agenda.



- 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 roster of items numbered 1 – 46 on the agenda.

7) Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 01:31:08

1. Motah 420, LLC (#MDA1327), Marijuana Delivery Operator

- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.146(5)(g) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
- The AC requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, consider revision to Positive Impact Plan Goal #2 and consider hiring or other strategies to impact Disproportionately Impacted Area designated communities in closer proximity to city of Adams in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)11 and provide an update to the Commission’s Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and 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 conditions requested by Commissioner Roy and the AC.

2. SAWF Estate, LLC (#MRN284312), Marijuana Retailer

- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6)(g) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.
- 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, subject to the condition requested by Commissioner Roy.

8) Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 01:35:57

1. Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth, Inc. (#MR283521), Marijuana Retailer
2. Green Gold Group (#MR284703), Marijuana Retailer

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Final License roster 1 and 2 as indicated on the agenda.
- 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 Final License roster 1 and 2 as indicated on the agenda.

9) Enforcement Actions – 01:38:04

- Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin (EC Goodin) provided an overview of the enforcement actions before the Commission and stated that all civil penalties were the result of agreements between the and all fines would be deposited into the Marijuana Regulation Fund. Commissioner Roy asked if the fines assessed through enforcement actions were publicly available and EC Goodin explained that this information was available in the board packet and on the Commission’s website. Commissioner Roy asked if Notices of Deficiency (NOD) were publicly available, and EC Goodin deferred to the Director of Investigations Katherine Binkoski (Director Binkoski) or Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Nomxolisi Khumalo (Chief Khumalo).

1. Ascend Mass, LLC

- Associate Enforcement Counsel Philip Schreffler (AEC Schreffler) provided an overview of the matter and stated that Ascend Mass, LLC had self-reported discrepancies which had resulted from improperly accounted for product. He stated that the three failures that had been agreed to were the failure to follow real-time inventory practices, failure to follow SOPs, and a finding that the conduct involved was so egregious as to amount to incompetent or negligent operation. He described the corrective measures.
- Commissioner Camargo moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement as recommended by Enforcement Counsel for Ascend Mass, LLC.
- 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 Stipulated Agreement as recommended by Enforcement Counsel for Ascend Mass, LLC.

2. Curaleaf, Inc.

- EC Goodin noted that this Stipulated Agreement related to two Licenses. He described the civil penalty and affirmative relief in the form of an 80k fine, a six-month probationary period during which the Licensee must report any and all test results indicating or detecting the presence of pesticide at any level and test results of pesticide at or above 10 parts per billion would result in a fine and must submit 10% of its total test samples as a duplicate or quality control sample, and Commission staff may take random test samples in accordance with their authority. EC Goodin confirmed that this matter was self-reported.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement as recommended by Enforcement Counsel for Curaleaf, Inc.
- 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 Stipulated Agreement as recommended by Enforcement Counsel for Curaleaf, Inc.
- EC Goodin stated that six enforcement actions had been resolved in 2024 resulting in \$785,000 being deposited into the Marijuana Regulation Fund. He noted that this represented an increase over previous years and described other remedies which the Investigations and Enforcement department used to ensure compliance.

10) Commission Discussion and Votes – 02:06:26

1. Executive Director Search – Subcommittee Update

- AED Hilton-Creek presented an update on the Executive Director (ED) search and stated members were set to meet in the next week to finalize its recommendations on the top three candidates and to plan the logistics of conducting the final public interviews. She stated that the group’s work was anticipated to be completed by the end of October. Commissioner Camargo asked if candidates who had not been chosen had been notified and AED Hilton-Creek confirmed that had happened as they moved candidates through the different stages. Commissioner Camargo asked how the final interviews would be conducted and how candidates would be prepared to perform their best. AED Hilton-Creek described how candidates had been informed how the interview would be conducted throughout the process to make them more comfortable. Commissioner Roy asked if the top three candidates had been informed and AED Hilton-Creek confirmed that they had been told informally and would be formally notified after the group finalized its decision. She stated that two candidates were from Massachusetts and one candidate was not. The AC cautioned against



sharing too much information. The AC stated that the interview questions would be shared with Commissioners and Commissioner Camargo recommended rearranging the room to better suit the interview.

2. Complaint Tipline Update

- Commissioner Roy explained that the Commission regularly received complaints which were routed to the appropriate department internally. She listed the current ways that complaints were currently submitted and explained that a dedicated tipline was in development to better handle complaints and tips. AED Hilton-Creek noted that the current methods for reporting complaints and tips would remain in place until the dedicated tipline was in place. The AC asked what information would be gathered through the tipline and Commissioner Roy confirmed that information would be gathered to help staff follow up with the complainant if necessary. Commissioner Roy confirmed that she would make an announcement once the tipline became operational and that, once it was, it would either be run by the Legal department or an external vendor. Commissioner Camargo volunteered to assist.

3. Seventh Annual Activities Report

- Director of Government Affairs and Policy Matt Giancola (Director Giancola) explained the statutory mandate for the Commission to submit an annual activities report detailing the work it completed each year. He stated that, if approved, it would be available to stakeholders and submitted to legislature. He clarified that it would be shared with the Governor's office, the Treasurer's office, the Office of the Attorney General, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the co-chairs of the joint committee on cannabis policy, the co-chairs of the joint committee on ways and means, and the full membership of the cannabis policy committee. Commissioner Roy suggested including the Administrative Order allowing for transportation of Cannabis over water as well as the public listening sessions which had been held. Director Giancola confirmed that the report would be posted to the Commission's website and shared over social media. Commissioner Camargo suggested including the work towards Social Consumption and for Commissioners to be notified after the report was published. The AC asked for clarification on the dates which the report covered, and Director Giancola responded that it generally covered July-July. The AC requested a cover letter to cover activities which fell outside of that range.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Commission's seventh annual activities report subject to the amendments discussed amongst Commissioners.
- 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.



4. Independent Testing Laboratory Listening Session Overview

- Commissioner Roy stated that the listening session to hear feedback from the public regarding testing, Independent Testing Laboratories and Commission regulations would be held on November 7, 2024, at Commission headquarters. She noted that testing concerns had been brought up during the listening session with outdoor cultivators. Director Giancola confirmed that written testimony could be submitted on the topic.

11) New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 02:57:35

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

12) Next Meeting Date – 02:57:42

- The AC stated that the next meeting date was October 11, 2024, solely to enter Executive Session and the final meeting on promulgating regulations was scheduled for October 22, 2024.

13) Adjournment – 02:58:47

- 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.



Noble Manna, Inc.
0204-COO-03-1022

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	Noble Manna, Inc.
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Joint Operations

2. License(s) Affected by this Change Request:

License Number	License Type
MR282984	Retail

3. The licensee has paid the applicable fees for this change request.

4. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Persons Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Individual	Role
Michael Scott	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Todd Sullivan	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Douglas Lennick	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

5. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Entity	Role
Cannapreneur Partners LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

6. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.

7. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.

8. Commission staff conducted an organizational and financial inspection into the parties associated with this request and found no issues or inconsistencies with the information provided to the Commission.



RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the request for change of ownership and control, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the following conditions:

1. The licensee and proposed parties may now effectuate the approved change.
2. The licensee shall notify the Commission when the change has occurred.
3. The licensee shall submit a change of name request following this approval if any business or doing-business-as names associated with the license(s) will require modification.
4. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
5. The licensee shall remain suitable for licensure.
6. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
7. The licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) and/or 935 CMR 501.105(1) after effectuating the change, if applicable, and shall give Commission staff adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.



RC Retail Amherst, LLC 0297-COO-03-0724

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	RC Retail Amherst, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Red Cardinal

2. License(s) Affected by this Change Request:

License Number	License Type
MR282975	Retail

3. The licensee has paid the applicable fees for this change request.

4. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Persons Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Individual	Role
Alan Shorr	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Christopher Gallant	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Marcia White	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Seth Rutherford	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

5. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Entity	Role
253 Organic, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

6. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.

7. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.



8. Commission staff conducted an organizational and financial inspection into the parties associated with this request and found no issues or inconsistencies with the information provided to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the request for change of ownership and control, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the following conditions:

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6. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
7. The licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) and/or 935 CMR 501.105(1) after effectuating the change, if applicable, and shall give Commission staff adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.



The Botanist, Inc.
0286-COO-03-0724

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	The Botanist, Inc.
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2. License(s) Affected by this Change Request:

License Number	License Type
MR282160	Retail
MR282186	Retail
MTC1225	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
MTC905	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

3. The licensee has paid the applicable fees for this change request.

4. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Persons Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Individual	Role
David Klein	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Nancy Whiteman	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Robert Hambrecht	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Fang Li	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

5. The licensee is proposing to add the following as Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control:

Entity	Role
Canopy USA, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

6. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.

7. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.



8. Commission staff conducted an organizational and financial inspection into the parties associated with this request and found no issues or inconsistencies with the information provided to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the request for change of ownership and control, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the following conditions:

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4. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
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6. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
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MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT RENEWALS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMISSION MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2024

RENEWAL OVERVIEW

1. Name, license number, renewal application number, host community, and funds deriving from a Host Community Agreement allocated for the municipality for each Marijuana Establishment presented for renewal:

	Licensee Name	License Number	Renewal Application Number	Location
1	253 Organic, LLC	MR281245	MRR207029	Montague
2	253 Organic, LLC	MP281302	MPR244250	Montague
3	311 Page Blvd Holding Group LLC	MR282714	MRR207036	Springfield
4	Ahava, LLC	MC283670	MCR140792	Holyoke
5	Ahava, LLC	MP282159	MPR244221	Holyoke
6	ARL Healthcare Inc.	MR282382	MRR206999	Middleborough
7	Budega, Inc.	MR281353	MRR206966	Cambridge
8	Caroline's Cannabis, LLC	MR283694	MRR207028	Hopedale
9	Clean Technique LLC	MP281479	MPR244172	Westfield
10	Coastal Cultivars, Inc.	MP281764	MPR244263	Wareham
11	COASTAL CULTIVARS, INC.	MC282052	MCR140815	Wareham
12	Community Care Collective, Inc.	MR283742	MRR207048	Littleton
13	dba EMJ LLC	MC282135	MCR140861	Cummington
14	Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc.	MR281552	MRR207041	Sharon
15	Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc.	MP281715	MPR244253	Sharon
16	Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc.	MC282243	MCR140825	Sharon
17	Good Feels Inc	MP281932	MPR244268	Medway
18	Health Circle, Inc.	MR282585	MRR206751	Marshfield
19	Hidden Hemlock, LLC	MB281355	MBR169336	Westfield
20	High Five Inc.	MP281787	MPR244180	Easthampton
21	High Hawk Farm LLC	MC282412	MCR140768	Barre
22	House of Ermiias, LLC	MR284346	MRR206783	Chelsea



23	HTC Trinity, LLC	MR283121	MRR206885	Taunton
24	Hudson Botanical Processing, LLC	MP282157	MPR244272	Hudson
25	I & I Rose Garden LLC	MR284031	MRR206939	Boston
26	I.N.S.A., Inc.	MR281680	MRR206994	Easthampton
27	I.N.S.A., Inc.	MP281426	MPR244230	Easthampton
28	I.N.S.A., Inc.	MC281268	MCR140788	Easthampton
29	Jolly Green Inc	MC283508	MCR140836	Gardner
30	Leaf Relief, Inc.	MR283784	MRR207071	Brockton
31	Local Roots NE Inc.	MR283231	MRR206982	Sturbridge
32	Massbiology Technology, LLC	MC283150	MCR140832	Holyoke
33	Massbiology Technology, LLC	MP281972	MPR244254	Holyoke
34	MCR Labs, LLC	IL281278	ILR267940	Framingham
35	NEO Manufacturing MA LLC	MC282043	MCR140830	Medway
36	NEO Manufacturing MA LLC	MP281622	MPR244236	Medway
37	Nova Farms, LLC	MP281325	MPR244240	Attleboro
38	Pioneer Valley Trading Company, Inc	MR284022	MRR206886	Westfield
39	ProVerde Laboratories, Inc.	IL281279	ILR267943	Milford
40	ReLeaf Alternative Inc.	MR283153	MRR206976	Mansfield
41	RISE Holdings, Inc.	MC281674	MCR140851	Holyoke
42	RISE Holdings, Inc.	MP281453	MPR244271	Holyoke
43	Royal Sun Farm LLC	MP281544	MPR244276	Royalston
44	Royal Sun Farm LLC	MC281430	MCR140705	Royalston
45	Sira Naturals, Inc.	MR282672	MRR206937	Somerville
46	Sira Naturals, Inc.	MR283946	MRR206935	Boston
47	Smokey Leaf	MR284276	MRR207085	Greenfield
48	SunnyDayz Inc.	MR284636	MRR207077	Deerfield
49	Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC	MR281309	MRR206995	Hudson
50	Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC	MR281588	MRR206992	Pittsfield
51	Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC	MP281402	MPR244256	Worcester
52	The Green Lady Dispensary II, Inc.	MR284161	MRR207055	Newton
53	Trifecta Farms Corp	MC283350	MCR140797	Brimfield
54	UC Retail, LLC	MR284616	MRR207052	Groton
55	UC Retail, LLC	MR284774	MRR207051	Bolton
56	UPROOT LLC	MB281346	MBR169340	Worcester
57	Witch City Gardens LLC	MC283839	MCR140852	Salem
58	Yellow House Cannabis LLC	MR284969	MRR207047	Tyngsborough
59	YouCanBeCo LLC	MP281844	MPR244131	Wareham



2. All licensees have submitted renewal applications pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(4) which include the licensee's disclosure of their progress or success towards their Positive Impact and Diversity Plans.
3. All licensees have submitted documentation of good standing from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Department of Revenue, and Department of Unemployment Assistance, if applicable.
4. All licensees provided a compliant HCA or HCA Waiver, that was accepted by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3).
5. All licensees have paid the appropriate annual license fee.
6. The licensees, when applicable, have been inspected during the current renewal period.
7. Commission staff certify that, to the best of our knowledge, no information has been found that would prevent renewal of the licenses mentioned above pursuant to 935 CMR 500.450.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the above-mentioned licenses applying for renewal, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the licensee remaining in compliance with the Commission regulations and applicable law.



MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER RENEWALS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COMMISSION MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2024

RENEWAL OVERVIEW

1. Name, license number, host community, for each Medical Marijuana Treatment Center presented for renewal:

	Licensee Name	License Number	Host Community (Cultivation)	Host Community (Dispensing)
60	Bask, Inc.	RMD445	Fairhaven	Fairhaven
61	Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc.	RMD1691	Sharon	Sharon
62	Holistic Industries, Inc.	RMD685	Monson	Somerville
63	INSA, Inc.	RMD845	Easthampton	Springfield
64	INSA, Inc.	RMD365	Easthampton	Easthampton
65	Patriot Care Corp.	RMD165	Lowell	Lowell
66	PharmaCannis Massachusetts, Inc.	RMD1688	Holliston	Newton

2. All licensees have submitted renewal applications pursuant to 935 CMR 501.100(5).
3. All licensees have paid the appropriate annual license fee.
4. All licensees provided a compliant HCA or HCA Waiver, that was accepted by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3).
5. The licensees, when applicable, have been inspected during the current renewal period.
6. Commission staff certify that, to the best of our knowledge, no information has been found that would prevent renewal of the licenses mentioned above pursuant to 935 CMR 501.405.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend review and decision on the above-mentioned licenses applying for renewal, and if approved, request that the approval be subject to the licensee remaining in compliance with the Commission regulations and applicable law.

MTC Renewal Executive Summary 1





Rasta Rootz, LLC
MR284000

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Rasta Rootz, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Rasta Rootz
Licensed Location:	21 Broad St., Boston, MA 02109

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

The licensee is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

LICENSING OVERVIEW

4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on January 20, 2022.
5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): October 17, 2024.



9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

- a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

- b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

- c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

- d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:



1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

The licensee has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the licensee is recommended for final licensure.

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.



Reverie 73 Beverly, LLC

MR282952

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Reverie 73 Beverly, LLC
Licensed Location:	350 Rantoul Street, Beverly, MA 01915

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

The licensee is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

LICENSING OVERVIEW

4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on October 8, 2020.
5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): September 27, 2024.



9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

- a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

- b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

- c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

- d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:



1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

The licensee has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the licensee is recommended for final licensure.

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.



The Grateful Mind, LLC

MR282378

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	The Grateful Mind, LLC
Licensed Location:	15 Bank Street, Wellfleet, MA 02667

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

3. The licensee is associated with the following license type(s):

The licensee is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

LICENSING OVERVIEW

4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on February 10, 2022.
5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): September 10, 2022.

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9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

- a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

- b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

- c. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor; and
- iii. Availability and contents of adult-use consumer education materials.

- d. Transportation

The licensee will not be performing transportation activities at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:



1. The licensee may possess and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations.
2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure.
4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 500.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

The licensee has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the licensee is recommended for final licensure.

As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.



Hennep, Inc.

MRN284387

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	Hennep, Inc.
Proposed Location:	164 Grove Street, Franklin, MA 02038

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Provincetown

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Andrew Koudijs	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this license applicant business.

6. License Applicant's Status:

General Applicant

7. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA Waiver that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.



8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on November 25, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to provide business assistance (time, organization skills, mentorship) that will have a direct impact on Social Equity and Economic Empowerment Applicants.
2	The license applicant proposes to hire at least one individual from the Town of Mansfield.
3	The license applicant proposes to donate \$2,000 to the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

10. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

12. The license applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
13. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire 50% of individuals who are Women, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposes to promote and facilitate education about the importance and benefits of diversity and inclusion in the workplace by requiring at least one (1) hour of diversity and inclusion training annually for all registered agents and by providing other diversity and inclusion focused courses, programs or seminars at no cost.
3	The license applicant proposes to engage with at least five (5) businesses that meet any one or more of the following: Small businesses, WBE, MBE, VBE, EE or SEP.

RECOMMENDATION



Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee within 90 days of an affirmative vote of the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(1)(e) and 935 CMR 501.103(1)(d)
2. Provisional licensure does not allow the license holder to cultivate, manufacture, or possess marijuana and/or marijuana infused products (MIPs) prior to being approved for a final license.

The license applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.



Jo Worcester, Inc.
MRN285223

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	Jo Worcester, Inc.
License Applicant d/b/a Name:	Joint Operations
Proposed Location:	142 Southbridge St., Worcester, MA 01608

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

The license applicant is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Todd Sullivan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Douglas Lennick	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Michael Scott	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Tania Boardman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Francis Maher	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
Cannapreneur Partners, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. License Applicant's Status:

General Applicant



7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement (“HCA”) on February 25, 2024. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.
8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on October 8, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire 10% of staff that residents of Worcester and individuals who are Social Equity Participants or residents with past drug convictions.
2	The license applicant proposed to engage in educational seminars for residents of Worcester, Social Equity Participants, Certified EE recipients, Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and/or Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have past drug convictions, twice a year.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

10. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

12. The license applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
13. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 50% Women, 10% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposes to engage with contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers who are 5% Minority-owned, 5% Woman-owned, 5% Veteran-owned, 5% LGBTQ-owned, and 5% Disability-owned.



RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee within 90 days of an affirmative vote of the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(1)(e) and 935 CMR 501.103(1)(d)
2. Provisional licensure does not allow the license holder to cultivate, manufacture, or possess marijuana and/or marijuana infused products (MIPs) prior to being approved for a final license.

The license applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.



JTJD, LLC
MDA1328

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	JTJD, LLC
License Applicant d/b/a Name:	Ember Gardens
Proposed Location:	610 Chelsea St., Boston, MA 02128

Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Delivery Operator

2. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

The license applicant is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

3. The license applicant was pre-certified by the Commission on July 23, 2021. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b)(2), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a license.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Joseph Hoffman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Joseph Lavoie	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Thiago DeSouza	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Shane Hyde	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
JLTD Investments, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor



Ember Gardens Holdings, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
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6. License Applicant’s Status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)
Joseph Hoffman / 51% / SE305345)

- 7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement (“HCA”) on July 2, 2024. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.
- 8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on October 7, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
- 9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to provide scholarship funds and internship/training opportunities for one student who is a Massachusetts resident who has past drug convictions or with a parent or spouse with a drug conviction.
2	The license applicant proposed to donate \$4,000 to CCOE annually.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

- 10. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
- 11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 12. The license applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
- 13. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 25% Women, 25% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5% Veterans, 5% Persons with Disabilities, and 5% LGBTQ+ People.



2	The license applicant proposes to promote in managerial roles the following: 25% Women, 25% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5% Veterans, 5% Persons with Disabilities, and 5% LGBTQ+ People.
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RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee within 90 days of an affirmative vote of the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(1)(e) and 935 CMR 501.103(1)(d)
2. Provisional licensure does not allow the license holder to cultivate, manufacture, or possess marijuana and/or marijuana infused products (MIPs) prior to being approved for a final license.

The license applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.



Lazy River Products-Tewksbury, LLC

MRN284805

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	Lazy River Products-Tewksbury, LLC
Proposed Location:	553 Main Street, Unit 2, Tewksbury, MA 01876

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

The license applicant is not associated with any other license applications or licenses.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
William Cassotis	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Mark Leal	Close Associate
Kevin Platt	Close Associate

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
Real Estate Dynamics, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control/Capital Contributor
Lazy River Products, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control/Capital Contributor
Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control/Capital Contributor

6. License Applicant's Status:

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General Applicant

- 7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement (“HCA”) on July 25, 2024. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.
- 8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on November 13, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
- 9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire 35 individuals by the end of year one with 15% being classified as a past or current residents living in a Massachusetts ADI, specifically Lowell and/or Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have prior or current drug convictions.
2	The license applicant proposes to participate in one volunteer event for a total of 4 hours annually.
3	The license applicant proposes to support Merrimack Valley Food Bank by hosting annual holiday food drives.
4	The license applicant proposes to donate up to \$5,000 annually to Project Kompass, Merrimack Valley Food Bank and Lowell General Hospital (Team Walks).

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

- 10. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
- 11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 12. The license applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
- 13. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 35% Women, 30% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 15% Veterans, 5% Persons with Disabilities, and 15% LGBTQ+ People.



2	The license applicant proposes to create an internal Diversity & Inclusion opportunities throughout the year to participate in an “Employee Spotlight” for its monthly internal Employee Newsletter.
3	The license applicant proposes to develop an Individualized Career Development Program that focuses on topics such as communication skills, leadership skills, improving areas of improvement, and maximizing off of top strengths with an annual goal of 50% of its employees participating.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee within 90 days of an affirmative vote of the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(1)(e) and 935 CMR 501.103(1)(d)
2. Provisional licensure does not allow the license holder to cultivate, manufacture, or possess marijuana and/or marijuana infused products (MIPs) prior to being approved for a final license.

The license applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.



Green Gold Group, Inc.

RMDA4217

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name, address, and license type(s) sought of the proposed License Applicant:

License Applicant Business Name:	Green Gold Group, Inc.
Proposed Cultivation Location:	60 Prospect Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535
Proposed Manufacturing Location:	60 Prospect Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535
Proposed Dispensary Location:	1140 Thorndike Street, Plamer, MA 01069

2. Type of final license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 7, Indoor / Outdoor, (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)
Marijuana Product Manufacturer
Marijuana Retailer

3. The license applicant is associated with the following license type(s):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Charlton
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Marlborough
Marijuana Retail	Provisional License	Palmer
Marijuana Cultivation, Tier 7/Indoor (50,001-60,00 sq. ft.)	Final License	North Brookfield
Marijuana Product Manufacturing	Final License	North Brookfield
MTC	Commence Operations	North Brookfield/Charlton

1. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Rafel Aronov	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Jacob Aronov	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Zhana Aronov	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control



2. List of all required entities and their roles:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this license applicant business.

3. License Applicant's Status:

General Applicant

4. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on April 26, 2024. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.
5. The license applicant and the second host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on April 23, 2024. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.
6. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community of North Brookfield on September 10, 2024 and from the host community of Palmer on September 18, 2024 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
7. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire 20 individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Monson and Spencer, Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants, Social Equity Participants, MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.
2	The license applicant proposes to provide training to residents of Monson and Spencer.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

8. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
9. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW



10. The license applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.

11. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 50% Women, 30% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposes to contract with at least 30% of suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners who are Women, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and LGBTQ+ People.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee within 90 days of an affirmative vote of the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(1)(e) and 935 CMR 501.103(1)(d)
2. Provisional licensure does not allow the license holder to cultivate, manufacture, or possess marijuana and/or marijuana infused products (MIPs) prior to being approved for a final license.

The license applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.



ACTA LLC
RVR453150

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING (“RVT”) TRAINER RENEWAL SUMMARY

1. Name, address, and contact information of the RVT trainer:

Item	Information
RVT Trainer Name	Acta LLC
RVT Certification Number	RV453553
RVT Trainer d/b/a Name	N/A
RVT Address	1650 Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA 19025
RVT Business Phone Number	617-213-0439
RVT Business Email Address	hello@actatraining.org
RVT Business Website	https://www.actatraining.org/

2. The RVT trainer has submitted a renewal application to continue to provide a training program for the Basic Core Curriculum.
3. No owner, manager, or employee of the RVT trainer is a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control of a Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center. The following is a list of all required individuals disclosed:

Individual	Role
Insuk Lee	Owner

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAM

4. The RVT trainer was originally certified on January 21, 2021. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instruction to 1,544 Marijuana Establishment and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center agents.
5. The RVT trainer’s program is presented in a virtual format model.
6. The RVT trainer has continued to demonstrate the following:
- Verify the identification and certify completion of the RVT program for each agent;
 - Track trainees' time needed to complete the course training;
 - Allow the trainees to ask questions of the RVT trainer; and



- d. To evaluate each trainee's proficiency with course material.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommends the RVT trainer listed above be approved for renewal for a two-year certification to provide its training program with the following conditions:

1. The RVT trainer shall ensure all training materials reflect current Commission regulations.
2. The RVT trainer shall remain fully compliant with all applicable Commission regulations.

This recommendation is based on the review and evaluations of required materials and information submitted to the Commission.



American Safety Council d/b/a Cannabis Education Center
RVR453149

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING (“RVT”) TRAINER RENEWAL SUMMARY

1. Name, address, and contact information of the RVT trainer:

Item	Information
RVT Trainer Name	American Safety Council d/b/a Cannabis Education Center
RVT Certification Number	RV454005
RVT Trainer d/b/a Name	Cannabis Education Center
RVT Address	225 East Robinson Street Suite 570, Orlando FL 32801
RVT Business Phone Number	(888) 754-0549
RVT Business Email Address	kiara.scott@certus.com
RVT Business Website	https://www.cannabiseducationcenter.com/

2. The RVT trainer has submitted a renewal application to continue to provide a training program for the Basic Core Curriculum.
3. No owner, manager, or employee of the RVT trainer is a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control of a Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center. The following is a list of all required individuals disclosed:

Individual	Role
John Comly	Controlling Person
Joseph Huie	Controlling Person
Kiara Scott	Employee

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAM

4. The RVT trainer was originally certified on December 8, 2022. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instruction to 27 of Marijuana Establishment and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center agents.
5. The RVT trainer’s program is presented in a virtual format model.



6. The RVT trainer has continued to demonstrate the following:
 - a. Verify the identification and certify completion of the RVT program for each agent;
 - b. Track trainees' time needed to complete the course training;
 - c. Allow the trainees to ask questions of the RVT trainer; and
 - d. To evaluate each trainee's proficiency with course material.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommends the RVT trainer listed above be approved for renewal for a two-year certification to provide its training program with the following conditions:

1. The RVT trainer shall ensure all training materials reflect current Commission regulations.
2. The RVT trainer shall remain fully compliant with all applicable Commission regulations.

This recommendation is based on the review and evaluations of required materials and information submitted to the Commission.



***Cannabis Control Commission
Job Description***

Department: Government Affairs & Policy

Reports to: Director, Government Affairs and Policy

Job Title: Senior Manager, Government Affairs and Policy

FLSA Status: Exempt

I. PURPOSE OF THE JOB

The Senior Manager of Government Affairs and Policy, under the direction of the Director of Government Affairs and Policy, provides comprehensive analysis of cannabis policy, state and federal laws while assisting in shaping and advancing the Commission's legislative and regulatory agenda. This role assists the Director in the government relations and policy functions of the Commission, including liaising with stakeholders across all levels of government, and contributes to the implementation of legislative and regulatory changes. This position will research, draft, and review policies, regulations, and legislative proposals, and offer legal insights on issues impacting Commission programs and initiatives. The Senior Manager plays a critical role supporting the Director in protecting the agency's intergovernmental interests and facilitating informed decision-making on policy matters.

II. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- In collaboration with the Director of Government Affairs and Policy, Executive Director, Chief Communications Officer, Commissioners, and other senior staff, support and manage strategy for strengthening relationships with local, state, regional, and federal officials, and government agencies to increase their understanding of and support for the Commission;
- Work in partnership with Commissioners and the senior management team to assist the Director in managing processes surrounding policy review, execution, assessment and implementation; including leadership of internal policy review and development working groups;
- Research, draft, and assist Commissioners with policy statements supporting the Commission's Legislative and Executive Branch Outreach Strategy, write legislative proposals and policy documents, and recommend legislation for the Commission to consider;
- Monitor and interpret legislative developments at the state and federal level; update and advise senior leadership and staff on relevant proposals and actions, analyze potential impacts on the Commission's work, and provide guidance on the legal implications of proposed policies, programs, and initiatives;
- Develop and draft Special Policy Reports and unique projects that further the Commission's mission, goals, and policy objectives collaborating with internal and external stakeholders and experts;
- Develop a wide range of materials in support of the Commission's work, including, but not limited to, legislative summaries, talking points, facts sheets, memoranda, testimony, reports, letters and analyses;
- Liaise with other state agencies, municipalities, and external stakeholders to coordinate policy efforts and promote the Commission's goals;
- Assist with the development, management and implementation of special projects, including, but not limited to, legislative reports as required by law;
- Communicate and advocate the Commission's priorities and mission to state legislators, municipal officials, and other stakeholders;



- Coordinate timely responses to inquiries and requests for information from municipal leaders, legislators, and other external stakeholders;
- Provide legal advice to ensure that the agency's outreach strategies and stakeholder engagement efforts comply with lobbying, ethics, and other relevant laws;
- Prepare documents, materials, and high-level staff for Public Meetings, Listening Sessions, and other Commission events;
- Collaborate with Equity Programming staff to plan and execute outreach events targeted to all levels of government; and
- Supervise and oversee Policy Analysts or other staff as needed and ensures the timely completion of work products, reports, and other deliverables

III. OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain the highest standards of personal, professional, and ethical conduct and support the Commission's goals for a diverse and culturally aware workforce;
- Work with the Director, Executive Director and Commissioners to ensure open communication between local, state, regional, and federal agencies, and staff;
- Attend meetings and hearings that directly impact the Commission, including state agency trainings;
- Preparing a variety of written communications such as testimony, fact sheets, and special policy reports;
- Draft and/or review responses to relevant correspondence;
- Ability to travel to and work out of the Worcester Headquarters and satellite office in Boston; and
- Perform related duties as assigned.

V. KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Knowledge of the Commission's mission, standards, and goals;
- Commitment to Social Justice and Equity;
- Knowledge of Massachusetts state government, the cannabis regulatory environment, cannabis laws and the cannabis industry;
- Excellent project management and communication skills, including strong writing, research and analytical skills;
- Presents clear, concise, and correct legal arguments;
- Excellent ability to analyze, draft, and interpret legislation, policy, and budget documents;
- Creativity, intellectual flexibility, and the ability to navigate a wide range of multi-faceted issues;
- Strong communication and organizational skills with the ability to tailor information that establishes rapport and the ability to communicate and disseminate this information across the Commission;
- Ability to build constructive working relationships characterized by a high level of acceptance, integrity, cooperation, and mutual regard;
- Ability to think critically and strategically
- Strong computer skills (i.e., Word, Excel) and experience with case management tools/systems;
- Ability to work on multiple assignments; exercise good judgment in decision-making; meet deadlines; demonstrate attention to detail and be flexible;
- Excellent planning and organization skills;
- Ability to seek opportunities to resolve problems, achieve goals, or otherwise advance the Commission's mission; and
- Ability to work independently, as well as with teams.

VI. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- 3 - 5 years of experience practicing in the area of cannabis and/or regulatory law;
- Law Degree from an ABA accredited institution of higher education preferred;
- Admission to practice law in Massachusetts or ability to obtain admission;
- 4 or more years of experience working in government, law, or public policy;



- Strong written, communication and customer service skills;
- Strong organizational and project management skills with attention to detail;
- Knowledge in the areas of constitutional law, statutory interpretation and policy analysis;
- Background in state or federal government entities;
- Committed to working with groups from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds; and

VI. SALARY RANGE: \$86,000-\$108,000

Benefits Package:

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This position is non-civil service. This position is an exempt position.

The overall benefits available include: paid vacation, sick and personal leave time, health, dental and vision insurance through the Commonwealth's Group Insurance, and optional pre-tax Health Savings Account plans.

In addition, the Commission provides employees the opportunity to elect life insurance, long term disability insurance, deferred compensation savings, tuition remission and pre-tax commuter account plans, along with other programs.

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This background check includes a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, Federal IRS and Department of Revenue state tax compliance on all prospective employees as a condition of their employment.

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HUMAN RESOURCES
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER
Job Description

Department: Human Resources

Reports To: Chief People Officer

Job Title: Employee Relations Manager

FLSA Status: Exempt/Salaried

Job Summary

The Human Resources Employee Relations Manager collaborates with CCC managers and supervisors to foster a positive work environment by managing employee relations, addressing workplace issues, and ensuring compliance with employment laws, and CCC HR policies and procedures. The Employee Relations Manager works closely with the HR Manager, DEI Director, and CPO, and plays a key role in the development of strategies to promote employee and organizational development, resolve conflicts and grievances, and improve morale. The HR Employee Relations Manager supports organizational and people growth, by striving to maintain a healthy workplace environment and build a sustainable culture of respect, collaboration, and cooperation among all teams. This role requires the HR EE Relations Manager to exercise a high degree of discretion, integrity, and confidentiality.

Key Responsibilities

Employee Relations:

- Acts as the primary point of contact for employee relations matters, including conflict resolution, grievances, and disciplinary actions.
- Conducts thorough investigations into workplace complaints such as harassment, discrimination, and other policy violations, ensuring prompt and fair resolutions.
- Collaborates with management and employees to resolve interpersonal and work-related conflicts while maintaining confidentiality.
- Works closely with the DEI Director to facilitate employee engagement initiatives and promote a positive workplace culture.
- Serves as a member of and supports the CCC Union Negotiation Team.

Policy and Compliance:

- Ensures compliance with federal, state, and local employment laws, as well as Commission policies and procedures.
- Works closely with CPO and HR Manager to reviews and update HR policies, employee handbook, and applicable guidelines to reflect legal changes and best practices on a quarterly basis.

- Works closely with the HR Manager to advise managers and employees on interpretation and adherence to HR policies, employment laws, and ethical conduct and expectations.
- Works closely with the CPO to coordinate and oversee the implementation of disciplinary measures, including terminations, in a legal and consistent manner, and in accordance with CCC's HR disciplinary policy and other applicable and related policies.

Performance Management:

- Support the development and execution of performance management programs to foster employee growth and address underperformance.
- Works with managers on strategies for coaching, mentoring, and developing team members.
- Advises and supports managers and supervisors on best practices and strategies for managing conflict and grievances.
- Assist the CPO with development and delivery of HR mandatory trainings such as conflict resolution, team building, legal training for managers and supervisors and other required trainings.
- Works closely with managers and supervisors to ensure all required CCC and Mass CIP trainings are completed in a timely manner.
- Works closely with managers and supervisors to address unacceptable conduct and other disciplinary issues and assist with performance improvement plans as necessary.

Employee Engagement and Retention:

- Works closely with the HR team to develop strategies to improve employee engagement, morale, and retention by utilizing employee satisfaction surveys, facilitation of focus groups, and feedback initiatives.
- Develop strategies for employee recognition and career development to ensure job satisfaction and reduce turnover.
- Manage exit interviews, analyze trends, and recommend actions to address recurring issues or concerns.

Collaboration and Communication:

- Works closely with the DEI Director and Chief People officer to develop an internal communications plan and establish a consistent cadence for communicating to staff across all spectrums.
- Works closely with the DEI Director to liaison between employees and management, by facilitating open communication and discussions to resolve issues and/or avoid potential conflict.
- Provide guidance and support to managers on how to handle sensitive and confidential employee relations issues.
- Collaborate with other HR functions such as talent acquisition, compensation, and benefits to ensure alignment of employee-related policies and practices.

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree and 3 to 5 years human resources experience.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong knowledge of employment laws and regulations (e.g., FMLA/PFMLA, FLSA, Wage and Hour, ADAA (and Amendments, Title VII).
- Excellent conflict resolution, negotiation, and mediation skills.
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to interact effectively at all organizational levels.
- Strong problem-solving abilities and decision-making skills.
- Strong collaboration and investigation skills with an ability to formulate reports, document outcomes, and make recommendations.
- High degree of discretion, confidentiality, and professionalism.
- Ability to work independently, manage multiple projects simultaneously, and establish priorities.

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Guidance on Community Impact Fees

May 2024

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I. Purpose

The Cannabis Control Commission (“Commission”) is issuing this guidance document to provide insight into regulations promulgated related to Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022 (“Chapter 180”) and applicable law. This guidance focuses on the general parameters of Community Impact Fees. The Commission seeks to support applicants, licensees, and municipalities in complying with its new regulations promulgated on October 27, 2023.

Please note that this guidance is not legal advice. If applicants, licensees, and municipalities have legal questions regarding marijuana laws in the Commonwealth, they are encouraged to consult their counsel and other applicable resources. Municipalities should also note that this guidance is subject to change if the Legislature further amends the adult-use cannabis statute, G. L. c. 94G, or the medical-use statute, G. L. c. 94I.

II. Introduction

Under G. L. c. 94G, § 4, and G. L. c. 94I, the Commission has the authority to promulgate regulations governing the state licensure processes for the adult- and medical-use marijuana programs. In general, the Commission will not issue a license to an applicant unless (1) the applicant has submitted an application in compliance with Commission regulations¹ and (2) the Commission is not notified by the municipality that the proposed applicant is not in compliance with local ordinances or by-laws.²

Generally, a municipality can adopt a by-law or ordinance imposing “reasonable safeguards,” on licensing activities which can include restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operations within its borders.³ Under the “Local Control” provisions of G. L. c. 94G, § 3, and subject to statutory and regulatory requirements, municipalities have the authority to negotiate and enter into Host Community Agreements (“HCAs”) or HCA Waivers with license applicants, Marijuana Establishment (“ME”) licensees and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (“MTCs”) (collectively, the “licensees”). For more information on Host Community Agreements and responsibilities of municipalities, please see VIII Seeking Counsel, Support and Questions.

A Host Community is allowed to submit a claim for a Community Impact Fee (“CIF”) for costs

¹ G. L. c. 94G, § 5 (b) (1).

² G.L. c. 94G, § 5 (b) (2).

³ G. L. c. 94G, § 3 (a) (“A city or town may adopt ordinances and by-laws that impose reasonable safeguards on the operation of marijuana establishments, provided they are not unreasonably impracticable and are not in conflict with this chapter or with regulations made pursuant to this chapter”).



reasonably related to the impact of a Marijuana Establishment's operations.⁴ CIFs are not mandatory and may be waived by the municipality on a case-by-case basis or for all MEs and MTCs operating within a municipality. Otherwise, the CIF provisions and terms must be structured appropriately and consistently with G. L. c. 94G, § 3 (d), 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ ("CMR") 500 and 501, and applicable case law.

III. What is a Community Impact Fee (CIF)?

A Community Impact Fee is an "impact fee(s) claimed by a Host Community in relation to the operations of a particular Marijuana Establishment or MTC which have been certified by the Commission or ruled upon by a court of competent jurisdiction as being Reasonably Related to the actual costs imposed on a Host Community by a Marijuana Establishment or MTC's operations."⁵

Statutes and regulations require CIFs to comply with the following:

- Be Reasonably Related to the costs imposed upon the municipality by the operation of the licensee;
- Not amount to more than three (3) percent of the gross annual sales of the license;
- Not be effective after the license's eighth year of operation;
- Commence no sooner than the date the license is granted a final license by the Commission; and
- Not be mandated as a certain percentage of total or gross sales as the community impact fee.

The term "Reasonably Related" means a demonstrable nexus between the actual operations of an ME or MTC and an enhanced need for a municipality's goods or services in order to offset the impact of operations.⁶ Fees customarily imposed on other non-marijuana businesses operating in a municipality shall not be considered Reasonably Related.⁷

Possible costs included in an invoice for CIFs may include, but are not limited to, the following if the costs imposed are beyond those required for non-marijuana businesses in the municipality:

- Consultation costs;

⁴ 935 Code Mass. Regs. § ("CMR") 500.002 Community Impact Fee (CIF) ("means impact fee(s) claimed by a Host Community in relation to the operations of a particular Marijuana Establishment or MTC which have been certified by the Commission or ruled upon by a court of competent jurisdiction as being Reasonably Related to the actual costs imposed on a Host Community by a Marijuana Establishment or MTC's operations.")

⁵ 935 CMR 500.002

⁶ 935 CMR 500.002 and 501.002.

⁷ *Id.*



- Traffic intersection design studies;
- Public safety personnel overtime costs; and
- Environmental impact studies.

Prohibited CIF practices may include but are not limited to the following:

- A Host Community may not mandate or require the CIF be a certain percentage of an ME or MTC's total or gross sales.
- A CIF invoice exceeding 3% of the gross sales of an ME or MTC.
- In circumstances where the licensed Premises is the site of multiple final licenses, claimed impact fees must be specifically related to the distinct operations of each licensed entity.
- A Host Community may not include additional payments or obligations in its invoice of claimed impact fees, including but not limited to monetary payments, in-kind contributions and charitable contributions by an ME or MTC to a Host Community or any other organization.

Prohibited Provisions of an HCA Related to CIFs

To ensure compliance with the wording and intent of Chapter 180, the Commission has adopted policies through regulations that govern prohibitive provisions and terms of HCAs related to CIFs. No HCA will be certified by the Commission that contains the following provisions or terms relating to CIFs:

- A promise to make a future monetary payment, in-kind contribution, or charitable contribution;⁸
- A requirement that the CIF be a certain percentage of a licensee's total or gross sales as a term or condition;⁹
- A demand of a CIF exceeding 3% of the gross sales of a licensee as a term or condition;¹⁰
- A provision that requires an applicant or licensee to make upfront payments as a condition for operating in the municipality;
- A provision waiving a licensee's ability to dispute whether impact fees claimed by a municipality are reasonably related and properly due and payable as a CIF;
- A provision that categorically deems a municipality's claimed impact fees to be reasonably related or that otherwise excuses a municipality from calculating impact fees based on the licensee's actual operations;

⁸ 935 CMR 500.180(2)(k)1.; 935 CMR 501.180(2)(k)1.

⁹ 935 CMR 500.180(2)(k)3.; 935 CMR 501.180(2)(k)3.

¹⁰ 935 CMR 500.180(2)(k)4.; 935 CMR 501.180(2)(k)4.



- A provision that imposes legal, overtime, or administrative costs or any costs other than a CIF on a licensee with the exception of a licensee’s tax obligations or its responsibility for paying routine, generally occurring municipal fees;
- A provision that obligates a licensee to set aside money in an escrow, bond, or other similar account for a municipality’s use or purposes; and
- A provision including or otherwise deeming good faith estimates, unquantifiable costs, generalized expenses, or pro-rated expenses as a CIF.

The preceding items are not an exhaustive list of prohibitive provisions or terms. For more information on Host Community Agreements, please see the section “VIII Seeking Counsel, Support and Questions.”

IV. Submission and Certification Procedure

The submission and certification procedure of CIFs involves Host Communities, MEs and MTCs and the Commission. First, Host Communities must promptly invoice all claimed CIFs. Then MEs and MTCs must verify gross annual sales and submit supporting documentation with the Commission. Finally, the Commission will review and certify claimed impact fees.

Host Community Claimed Community Impact Fee Invoicing

A Host Community is responsible for submitting an invoice to the ME or MTC within one month of the anniversary of the licensee’s final license date. The invoice should include a specific description of how the claimed impact fees were spent, including each line item for each good or service charged stating its cost, purpose and relation to the ME or MTC’s operation.¹¹

The invoice period must cover only a one-year period that starts from the date the Commission grants an ME a final license. A Host Community shall further ensure that all subsequent, one-year invoice periods are consistent with the anniversary of an ME or MTC’s final license date. The Commission will not certify any impact fees attributable to dates outside of the applicable invoice period. Host Communities are encouraged to develop a process for monitoring claimed impact fees.¹² Host Communities can use the Commission provided [Community Impact Fee Invoice Form for Municipalities](#) or use their own provided all the information is included in the invoice. Host Municipalities should also notify the Commission when submitting the invoice to the ME or MTC.

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When writing invoices of claimed community impact fees, Host Communities may not:

¹¹ 935 CMR 500.180(4)(a) and 501.180(4)(a).

¹² Id.



- Use good faith estimates, unquantifiable costs, generalized expenses, or pro-rated expenses in its CIF invoice.
- Attempt to collect impact fees relating to any operations occurring prior to the date an ME or MTC is granted a final license by the Commission.
- Attempt to collect impact fees from any ME or MTC that has held a final license for more than nine years.
- Include any legal costs incurred by a Host Community to defend against a lawsuit brought by an ME or MTC in its invoice of claimed impact fees.
- Modify the effective date of a preexisting CIF for any final license that becomes subject to an ownership or control change.

ME and MTCs Responsibilities

Within 30 calendar days of receiving a Host Community's invoice of claimed impact fees, the ME or MTC must submit the following to the Commission via the CIF MassCIP application:

1. The Claimed Impact Fee invoice,
2. Verification of its Gross Annual Sales including wholesale revenue, and
3. Any supporting documentation.

The ME or MTC shall provide verification of its Gross Annual Sales including wholesale revenue by submitting a summary of all sales of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods for that license to consumers and other Licensees.¹³

If product was wholesaled or otherwise sold or transferred to other Licensees at no cost or reduced cost, a Marijuana Establishment shall apply the average cost per gram or milligram to the amount sold or transferred to establish and report the fair market value of the product and include that amount in its summary submission.¹⁴

Gross Annual Sales data and supporting documentation submitted with Claimed Impact Fees shall not be used by the Commission for any other purposes related to other obligations, including tax filings, for a Marijuana Establishment.¹⁵

Commission Review and Certification

The Commission shall review a Host Community's invoice of claimed impact fees and make a determination certifying, in whole or in part, the CIF that may be assessed for the preceding year of an

¹³ 935 CMR 500.180 (4)(c)(1)(a) and 501.180(4)(c)(1)(a).

¹⁴ 935 CMR 500.180 (4)(c)(1)(b) and 501.180(4)(c)(1)(b).

¹⁵ 935 CMR 500.180(4)(c)(2) and 501.180(4)(c)(2).



ME or MTC's operations.

The Commission will review the claimed impacts from the Host Community as listed on the invoice and certify each line item based on a finding that the fee is reasonably related to the ME or MTC's operations.

After totaling the sum of the certified line items, the Commission will review the ME or MTC's Gross Annual Sales using the following factors:

- Consumer Sales as represented by a Marijuana Establishment;
- Consumer Sales as represented by the Commission Seed-to-sale System of Record;
- Fair Market Value of wholesaled or transferred Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods;
- Any wholesaled or transferred Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods that has been refunded or is otherwise the subject of a voided sale;
- Value of services rendered, wholesaled or transferred Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods as represented by the Commission Seed-to-sale System of Record; and
- Other factors as determined necessary by the Commission to calculate the Gross Annual Sales by the licensee in the absence of available information as listed in 935 CMR 500.180(4)(c) and 501.180(4)(c).

The Commission will provide notice of its CIF determination to the ME/MTC and the Host Community. The notice will outline the invoiced items that were certified and the amount the ME or MTC owes the Host Community. The notice will also remind an ME or MTC of their options to dispute the findings of the Commission.¹⁶

V. Dispute Resolution

If an ME, MTC or Host Community wishes to challenge the findings of the Commission's CIF determination, there are three remedies available to them to settle the dispute: 1) Private Mediation, 2) Court Review; or, 3) Administrative Hearing.¹⁷

Private Mediation

The parties may also elect to retain a private mediator to resolve a dispute if mediation is included as a term of the HCA or is voluntarily elected by the parties. Neither party may unilaterally compel private mediation.

¹⁶ 935 CMR 500.180(4)(c), and 501.180(4)(c).

¹⁷ Id.



Administrative Hearing

An ME or MTC may request an administrative hearing before an independent Hearing Officer of the Commission to challenge the findings of fact and conclusions of law included in the Commission's CIF determination. The Host Community may also seek intervention as a party to the hearing. Any administrative proceeding elected by a Marijuana Establishment must be conducted pursuant to 801 CMR 1.01: *Formal Rules* and according to the Commission's hearing process for licensees as outlined in 935 CMR 500.500 and 501.500: *Hearings and Appeals of Commission Actions on Licensees*.

Court Review

A Licensee may seek court intervention to independently review a Host Community's claimed impact fees by bringing a breach of contract action against a Host Community in a court of competent jurisdiction.

VI. Payments

An ME or MTC shall annually pay any undisputed CIF no later than the end of the current fiscal year or within 90 days of the date of the Commission's CIF certification, whichever is later directly to the Host Community.¹⁸

After a CIF dispute has resolved, an ME or MTC must provide proof of payment of the certified CIF with its renewal application to the Commission.¹⁹

If an ME or MTC prevails in a CIF dispute, the ME or MTC must also provide proof to the Commission that its CIF payment obligation has been eliminated.²⁰

VII. Complaints of Non-Compliance with Host Community Agreements and Municipal Equity Regulations

The Commission may investigate any complaint alleging non-compliance with the HCA and municipal equity regulations and will take enforcement action if necessary. Failure by a municipality to correct the noncompliant conduct may result in one or more of the following:²¹

- Issuance of sanctions pursuant to 935 CMR 500.360 and 501.360;

¹⁸ 935 CMR 500.180(4)(a)(8) and 501.180(4)(a)(8).

¹⁹ 935 CMR 500.180(4)(c)(6) and 501.180(4)(c)(6).

²⁰ Id.

²¹ 935 CMR 500.180(3)(d)4 and 501.180(3)(d)4.



- Loss of a municipality’s good compliance standing for purposes of 935 CMR 500.180(2)(g) and 501.180(2)(g);
- Identification of a municipality’s lack of good compliance standing in a form and manner determined by the Commission;
- A fine totaling the sum of all Community impact fees received by the municipality for the preceding year; or
- Abstaining from consideration of any new license applications affiliated with a municipality until a municipality’s good compliance standing is restored.

VIII. Seeking Counsel, Support, and Questions

Municipalities, license applicants, and licensees are encouraged to seek legal advice from a licensed attorney with respect to municipal by-laws, requirements, processes, negotiations regarding HCAs, and community impact fees.

Other available resources include:

- The Cannabis Control Commission’s [Adult Use Regulations 935 CMR 500](#)
- The Cannabis Control Commission’s [Guidance on Host Community Agreements](#)
- The Cannabis Control Commission’s [Guidance on Municipal Equity and Industry Participation](#)
- Office of the Attorney General [Municipal Law Unit’s website at Municipal Law Review | Mass.gov](#).
- Individuals concerned about fraud, waste, and abuse can contact the Office of the Inspector General’s hotline at (800) 322-1323 or use the [online form](#).

For more information and resources regarding CIFs, please [visit our page](#). If you have additional questions on these CIF policies, please contact the Commission at Licensing@CCCMass.com or (774) 415-0200.



Community Impact Fee Invoice Form for Municipalities

Date: _____

Initial Invoice Period Start: _____

Initial Invoice Period End: _____

To: _____

From: _____



Host Community Cannabis Business Application Standard Evaluation Form

Introduction & Purpose

Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.181(3)(c)1 and 935 CMR 501.181(3)(c)1, a Host Community is required to develop a standard evaluation form, or use a form developed by the Cannabis Control Commission (“Commission”), that scores components of an application. This Host Community Cannabis Business Application Standard Evaluation Form (“Form”) is provided by the Commission for Host Communities to utilize when scoring individuals or entities (“Applicants”) seeking Host Community Agreements (“HCAs”). Host Communities can create their own standard evaluation form with tailored metrics provided that equity constitutes no less than 25% of the total evaluation score. Applicants who meet one or more of the specified criteria within the Equity Metric should be awarded the total points available.

Host Communities should review the Commission’s [Guidance on Municipal Equity and Industry Participation](#), [Guidance on Host Community Agreements](#), relevant law, and regulations.

These instructions and the contents of this form do not constitute legal advice. The Commission encourages Host Communities to consult with appropriate counsel and other relevant authorities to ensure compliance requirements are met.

Directions

This Form is intended to assist Host Communities with incorporating equity considerations into their overall evaluation score of Applicants. Host Communities should award points for each evaluation metric item listed based on materials submitted or presented by the Applicant. The total points that can be awarded for each metric is listed under the “Total Points Available” column. When awarding points, the Host Community should enter them in the “Points Awarded” column and enter the calculated total on the last row of the Evaluation Metrics Table. Applicants who meet one or more of the specified criteria within the Equity Metric should be awarded the total points available. Host Communities are encouraged to provide an explanation, rationale, or additional notes for the scores entered for each of the listed evaluation metrics.



Host Community Cannabis Business Application Standard Evaluation Form

I. Applicant Information

1. Name of Applicant: _____

2. Name of Business Entity: _____

3. License Type(s) Being Sought (*select all that apply*)

- Craft Marijuana Cooperative
- Independent Testing Laboratory
- Marijuana Courier
- Marijuana Cultivator
- Marijuana Delivery Operator
- Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement
- Marijuana Product Manufacturer
- Marijuana Retailer

- Marijuana Microbusiness:
 - Product Manufacturing
 - Cultivation
- Marijuana Research Facility
- Marijuana Transporter
 - Third-party Transporter
 - Existing Licensee Transporter
- Social Consumption Establishment



II. Evaluation Metrics

EVALUATION METRICS	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	POINTS AWARDED	REASONING
<p>Cannabis Business Metric- Applicants have a complete business plan, and the management and operations team(s) demonstrate prior experience in commercial cannabis ventures or other relevant experience in relevant fields.</p>	7.5		
<p>Diversion Prevention Metric- The Applicant has a plan for preventing diversion and prohibiting access to individuals under the age of 21, or under the age of 18 for medical patients.</p>	7.5		
<p>Energy and Environmental Metric- The Applicant has a plan to be energy efficient and recycle where possible. The Applicant will meet or exceed the Cannabis Control Commission's energy regulations and standards.</p>	7.5		
<p>Consumer Education Metric- The Applicant has provided adequate consumer education materials or a plan to develop the materials, before commencing operations.</p>	7.5		
<p>Security Metric – The Applicant’s Security Plan clearly demonstrates that it meets professional standards, was prepared by a qualified professional, and has been reviewed by the local police and local fire departments. The plan includes an operational security plan including but not limited to general security for visitor access and inventory control, employee training, and general security policies.</p>	7.5		



EVALUATION MEASURE	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	POINTS AWARDED	REASONING
<p>Local Involvement Metric- The Applicant has demonstrated a plan to positively impact the local community and to be a good business neighbor. The Applicant has a plan, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to make good faith efforts to hire municipal residents for employment, supplier services, and/or vendor services.</p>	7.5		
<p>Location Metric- The Applicant has a proposed location that is appropriately zoned or can obtain a special permit. Proposed location of establishment has acceptable parking and/or public transportation options for customers and employees. The Applicant's proposed location has business hours in line with local ordinances and a nuisance abatement plan. The Applicant has a plan to keep the parking area, exterior and interior well maintained.</p>	7.5		
<p>Timeline Metric- Applicants show a reasonable proposed timeline for commencing operations including but not limited to permitting, licensing from the Cannabis Control Commission, inspections, construction, etc.</p>	7.5		
<p>Compliance Metric- The Applicant demonstrates an understanding of local laws, state laws and federal laws concerning cannabis. The Applicant demonstrates a willingness to work with local law enforcement when necessary. The Applicant demonstrates ability to comply with Cannabis Control Commission regulations.</p>	7.5		



EVALUATION MEASURE	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	POINTS AWARDED	REASONING
<p>Labor and Employment Metric- Applicant has a described plan for recruiting employees. Applicant will provide benefits to employees such as health care, vacation, and medical leave, to the degree they are offered as part of employment. Applicant has a plan that embraces a rich and diverse work force with a diverse set of perspectives, work and life experiences, as well as religious and cultural differences that provide equal opportunities for employee development.</p>	7.5		
<p>Equity Metric- <i>For the Equity Metric, Applicants meeting one or more of the criteria listed below will be awarded full points for this section:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the individual, entity, or Applicant is pre-verified or verified as a Social Equity Business pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(7) or 935 CMR 501.101(4); b. the Applicant is a Social Equity Program Participant; c. the Applicant is an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant; d. an Applicant or pre-verified individual or entity has a prior Marijuana-related criminal offense or conviction; e. an Applicant or pre-verified individual or entity is part of an Area of Disproportionate Impact, as identified by the Commission; or f. a pre-verified individual is of Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Native American or indigenous descent, or a majority of a pre-verified entity or Applicant entity is comprised of individuals that are of Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Native American or indigenous descent. 	25		
TOTAL	100		



III. Certification of Accuracy

The Municipality or Host Community’s representative affirms by signing below that to the best of their knowledge all required information and documentation has been reviewed accurately and that no material information has been omitted.

Name of the Municipality or Host Community Representative:

Signature of the Municipality or Host Community Representative:

Date of Application Review:



2025 CCC Meeting Calendar

January 9, 2025

January 23, 2025 (Policy Meeting / Transporters)

February 13, 2025

February 27, 2025 (CCC Medical Program Listening Session)

March 13, 2025

March 27, 2025 (Policy Meeting)

April 10, 2025

May 8, 2025

May 22, 2025 (CCC Social Equity Listening Session)

June 12, 2025

July 10, 2025

August 14, 2025 (Licensing, COO's action items only)

September 11, 2025

September 23, 2025 (Policy Meeting / CCC Listening Session)

October 9, 2025

October 23, 2025 (CCC Listening Session)

November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025 (Licensing, COO's action items only)

Project Charter

Project Name	2025 Legislative Session Impact Working Group
Sponsor	Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins Executive Director (TBD)
Project Lead	Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy
Project Team	Commissioner Kimberly Roy Jessica Porter, Policy Analyst Callie MacDonald, Policy Analyst CFAO (or their designee) General Counsel (or their designee) Director of Communications (or their designee) Chief of Investigations and Enforcement (or their designee) Chief of Staff
Problem Statement	As a new state legislative sessions commences, numerous cannabis policy issues will likely emerge at the legislative level when bills are filed. Commissioners and the Commission’s various Departments should have an opportunity to make use of their subject-matter expertise, with a coordinated and organized approach for recommending and analyzing pending legislation and topics that may impact the Commission or its operations.
Project Goal	<p>The Working Group (WG) will work with Commissioners and various agency Departments to proactively recommend needed legislative changes to help the Commission effectuate the CCC’s goals and mission. The WG will also assess the implications of filed legislation during this current legislative session and continue to provide analysis that may be helpful to Commissioners, agency leadership, or the Legislature. The Working Group will also coordinate with Commissioners who sponsor Topics for Legislative and Executive Branch Outreach to provide any needed research in support of their initiative, in which WG input would be supportive. The WG will create legislative priorities agenda and other topics before the Commission for final endorsement.</p> <p>The Working Group can also assess the legislative budget process to ensure the Commission advocates effectively.</p>
Project Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standing Working Group to give teams opportunity to analyze and familiarize themselves with legislation



	<p>filed within the 2025-2026 General Court legislative session, communications with the Legislature, and state policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assemble agenda of key legislative priorities of the CCC for 2025-2026 General Court legislative session - When requested r, work with Sponsoring Commissioners on developing Topics for Legislative and Executive Branch Outreach - Follow FY 2026 budget process
Out of Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval or Denial of Commissioner-Sponsored Legislative and Executive Branch Outreach Topics - Establishment of Commission Policy - Internal Government Affairs and Policy Department policies and projects - Individual Commissioner requests of the Government Affairs and Policy Department - Special Policy Reports requests and assignments.
Benefits	Ensure agency Departments are fully briefed on pending legislation and legislative action so CCC can respond within the Legislative and Executive Branch Outreach Strategy and monitor the annual budget process.
Budget	N/A
Comms Needed?	No
Timeline	<p>Upon approval of this Charter, the Working Group will convene two weeks after the effective date. The WG will meet bi-weekly in Q1 2025, tri-weekly beginning in Q2 2025. Starting in Q3 2025, the WG will meet monthly until the end of the current legislative session in 2026.</p> <p>Two new Commissioners and different staff members could be selected to serve on the WG during each future General Court legislative session.</p>

Executive Director Comment:

Approved _____

Disapproved _____



G.L. c. 94G, G.L. c. 94I

935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.105, 500.120, 500.130, 500.140, 500.141, 500.146, 500.147, 500.200, 500.160 and

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The Cannabis Control Commission, acting through its Acting Executive Director, issues this Administrative Order No. 4 (Administrative Order) to ensure proper testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products sold or otherwise marketed to Patients and Consumers consistent with its statutory mandate under G.L. c. 94G and G.L. c. 94I, and applicable adult- and medical-use regulations, 935 Code Mass. Regs. (CMR) §§ 500.000 and 501.000.

In compliance with this Administrative Order, licensed Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs) (collectively, “Licensees”), shall submit one (1) Test Sample Package to a single Independent Testing Laboratory for all compliance testing of Adult-use Marijuana and Marijuana Products and Medical-use Marijuana and Marijuana Products (collectively, “Marijuana and Marijuana Products”) in accordance with 935 CMR 500.160, 935 CMR 501.160, and the *Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Finished Marijuana Products and Marijuana Products for Marijuana Establishments, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and Colocated Marijuana Operations* and associated exhibits (collectively, the “Protocol”).

The Commission, acting through its Acting Executive Director, hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. “Originating Independent Testing Laboratory” is the Independent Testing Laboratory that receives a Test Sample Package from a Licensee for compliance panel testing.
2. “Test Sample Package” is a representative sample of Marijuana or Marijuana Products collected by a Licensee to complete all required compliance panel testing in accordance with the Protocol.
3. As of the effective date of this Administrative Order, until its rescission or amendment, Licensees shall submit all Marijuana and Marijuana Product Test Sample Packages for all required compliance testing to one (1) Independent Testing Laboratory.
4. The Originating Independent Testing Laboratory may subcontract with another Independent Testing Laboratory to perform compliance testing if the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory is incapable of performing certain required testing, and subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Prior to transferring any Test Sample Packages to another Independent Testing Laboratory, the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory must notify the Commission that it is seeking to subcontract certain compliance panel testing by submitting a subcontracting approval form, developed by the Commission, that must specify the contract term, reason(s) for why the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory must subcontract the compliance panel(s), and testing services to be provided by the subcontracted Independent Testing Laboratory;

- b. All subcontracting agreements must be approved by Commission staff before the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory transfers any Test Sample Packages to the subcontracted Independent Testing Laboratory;
 - c. The Commission shall only approve subcontracting agreements when the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory is incapable of performing certain required tests due to a hardship relative to its facilities, instrumentation, personnel, or required consumable materials or in the event of an actual or potential conflict of interest;
 - d. The Commission's approval of said subcontracting agreement shall be limited to approval that the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory has met the conditions required pursuant to this Administrative Order, and shall not be considered to be a certification of compliance with any other statutory or regulatory requirements;
 - e. The Originating Independent Testing Laboratory may only subcontract with one (1) other Independent Testing Laboratory at a time;
 - f. The subcontracted Independent Testing Laboratory must have the capacity to conduct full panel compliance testing required by the Commission;
 - g. The Originating Independent Testing Laboratory shall update any Standard Operating Procedures, as applicable, and send to Commission staff within five (5) business days of implementing such procedures; and
 - h. The Originating Independent Testing Laboratory shall upload all testing results to the Seed-to-Sale System of Record within 72 hours of receipt of any testing results and ensure that all Certificates of Analysis contain all required testing results, including any testing completed by the subcontracted Independent Testing Laboratory.
5. The Licensee shall not direct the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory to subcontract any required compliance testing. Subcontracting shall only be determined by the Originating Independent Testing Laboratory and subject to Commission approval in accordance with clause a. of paragraph 4 of this Administrative Order.
 6. Licensees shall not create multiple Test Sample Packages from the same Marijuana or Marijuana Product source package for compliance testing panels; provided, however, Licensees may create one (1) additional Test Sample Packages per source package for the purposes of Quality Control Samples pursuant to *Section 5.4* of the Protocol.
 7. Failure to comply with the above conditions may result in disciplinary action against Licensees and its agents up to and including a fine, suspension, and/or revocation of licensure or registration.
 8. Nothing herein should be construed as precluding or limiting the Commission's authority to take additional administrative action to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
 9. The provisions of this Administrative Order as severable. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision to be unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

This Administrative Order No. 4 shall take effect on **April 1, 2025, at 12:00 A.M.**

This Administrative Order No. 4 shall remain in effect until the date the Commission rescinds or amends this order, whichever occurs first. The Commission may amend or modify this order as applicable to one particular licensee, a group of licensees, or all Commission Licensees. The Commission, in coordination with Metrc, will issue further technical bulletins or guidance documents to clarify required processes through the Seed-to-Sale System of Record.

Questions about this order may be directed in writing to the above address, by phone (744-415-0200) on Monday - Friday from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., or by email at Commission@CCCMass.com.

Signed this ___ day of December 2024.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission

Debra Hilton-Creek, Acting Executive Director

Memorandum

To: Commissioners
Cc: Debra Hilton-Creek, Acting Executive Director
From: Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy
Date: December 12, 2024
Subject: **December 2024 Government Affairs Update**

Legislative Update

Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins, Commissioner Nurys Camargo, and members of the Social Consumption Working Group met with Co-Chairs Daniel Donahue, Adam Gomez, and their staff to discuss the social consumption license type and progress made by the Working Group.

Municipal Update

Municipal Law Unit

The Attorney General's Municipal Law Unit (MLU) issued [two marijuana-related decisions](#) this past month:

Town of Middleborough: The MLU did not approve a re-zoning of parcels of land as it constituted unlawful spot zoning. The affected parcels proposed for re-zoning were in the Cannabis Business, Development Opportunities District and General Use Districts.

Town of Chesterfield: The MLU disapproved amendments banning Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTC) in the town citing G.L. c. 94G and G.L. c. 94I which do not extend local control over MTCs and would compromise patients' reasonable access to medical marijuana. The MLU also disapproved a provision restricting MTCs in areas where marijuana retailers are allowed as it is unreasonably impracticable and conflicts with statutes and regulations. The MLU approved amendments where the Town updated definitions to be in line with Commission regulations, and requirements related to energy efficiency and buffer zones. Potential Marijuana Establishments and MTCs wanting to open in the Town will now need to include as part of its application an Energy Compliance Letter and obtain a special permit with site plan approval from the Town Planning Board before submitting an application for a Host Community Agreement.





Cannabis Control Commission

Monthly Public Meeting

December 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

In Person and Remote Via Microsoft Teams



Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Commissioners' Comments & Updates
3. Minutes
4. Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report
5. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
6. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
7. Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
8. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
9. Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
10. Commission Discussion and Votes
11. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting
12. Next Meeting Date
13. Adjournment



Acting Executive Director and Commission Staff Report

New Commission Staff – On Board as of 7/1/2024

DATE	TEAM MEMBER/POSITION/DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
AUGUST 2024	Makenna Campbell, Investigator - Investigations & Enforcement Alex Gallagher, Investigator - Investigations & Enforcement Katherine Johnston, Investigator - Investigations & Enforcement Neal MacNamara, Press Secretary - Communications Allison O’Neill, Constituent Services Associate - Constituent Services Jennifer Rogers, Investigator - Investigations & Enforcement
SEPTEMBER 2024	John Dunn, Fiscal Specialist - Finance & Accounting Victoria Edwards, Project Coordinator - Research Autumn James, Investigator - Investigations and Enforcement Michelle Ngo, Procurement Specialist - Finance & Accounting Tyler Wehmeier, Digital Media Specialist - Digital & Creative Services



New Commission Staff – On Board as of 7/1/2024

DATE	TEAM MEMBER/POSITION/DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER	Frank Espinal, Project Coordinator – Equity Program and Community Outreach Ian Gray, Constituent Services Associate – Constituent Services Johannes Happonen, Multi-Media Specialist – Digital & Creative Services Mikaela McDermott, Hearing Officer - Legal Ezra Nugiel, Communications Specialist - Communications
NOVEMBER	Abigael Vogt, Executive Assistant – Executive Offices CURRENT EMPLOYEE POPULATION – 141



CONGRATULATIONS! STAFF PROMOTIONS

DATE	TEAM MEMBER/POSITION/DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
JULY 2024	TARA SMITH, Communications Manager - Communications



FY '23/24 Workforce Report

ETHNICITY	TOTAL EMPLOYEE POPULATION = 128
ASIAN	2%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	14%
HISPANIC	10%
UNSPECIFIED	21%
WHITE	53%
FEMALES	52%
MALES	46%
UNSPECIFIED	2%



FY '23/24 Turnover Report – July1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

TURNOVER	CURRENT EMPLOYEE POPULATION = 128	
TURNOVER BY QUARTER	1ST Quarter (Jul/Aug/Sep)	3.0%
	2ND Quarter (Oct/Nov/Dec)	5.0%
	3RD Quarter (Jan/Feb/Mar)	4.5%
	4TH Quarter (Apr/May/Jun)	3.8%



Chapter 180 Progress Report

Implementation of 279 Deliverables

DELIVERABLES	COMPLETED/ON-GOING*
COMPLETED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>179</u> of the <u>279</u> deliverables have been completed to date
IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>63</u> of the <u>279</u> deliverables are in progress
NOT STARTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>37</u> of the <u>279</u> have not started <p>(*The anticipated completion date of Chapter 180 implementation is 6 months out.)</p>



Highlights from Licensing Data

- 5 applications awaiting first review
- 10 applications awaiting supplemental review
- 5 applications for Provisional License consideration
- 3 licensees for Final License consideration
- 84,644 certified active patients



Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

The totals below are number of approvals by stage.

Type	#
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	213
Provisionally Approved	129
Provisional License	487
Final License	42
Commence Operations	714
Total	1,585

➔ + 19%

* Note: This represents the percent increase since December 2023.

Provisionally approved means approved by the Commission but has not submitted license fee payment yet – provisional license has not started



Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	N/A	0	0	4	0	0	6
Marijuana Courier License	12	N/A	0	2	9	3	10	36
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	16	106	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	122
Independent Testing Laboratory	1	N/A	0	2	2	0	16	21
Marijuana Cultivator	52	N/A	2	42	193	9	145	443
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	13	N/A	0	0	16	0	18	47
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	11	111	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	122
Marijuana Microbusiness	5	N/A	0	5	12	0	7	29
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	39	N/A	1	42	135	16	121	354
Marijuana Research Facility	5	N/A	0	1	0	1	0	7
Marijuana Retailer	769	N/A	2	32	112	6	386	607
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5	N/A	0	2	4	0	4	15
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	6
Third Party Transporter	10	N/A	0	0	0	0	5	15
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	241	220	5	128	487	35	714	1,830



Expired Provisional Approvals Update December 12, 2024

- 120 expired provisional approvals
- 30 expressed interest in proceeding
- 16 resubmitted their application
- 10 applicants pending RFI responses
- 2 currently deemed complete
- 4 received provisional license



Host Community Agreements Data | December 12, 2024

Overview	Total	SEP & EEA	DBE
The total number of applications received since March 1, 2024, containing an HCA	662	107	70
Number of Model HCAs received	179	18	21
Compliant Model HCAs	146	11	18
Number of Model HCA Waivers received	70	12	5
Compliant HCAs	371	55	43
<p>103 Towns with Compliant HCAs <i>Abington, Adams, Athol, Attleboro, Ayer, Barre, Bernardston, Beverly, Blackstone, Bolton, Boston, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Brookline, Cambridge, Charlton, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chicopee, Clinton, Colrain, Cummington, Danvers, Dartmouth, Deerfield, Eastham, Easthampton, Egremont, Fairhaven, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Franklin, Gardner, Gloucester, Greenfield, Groton, Hadley, Halifax, Hanson, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopedale, Hudson, Lee, Littleton, Lowell, Lynn, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Maynard, Medway, Melrose, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleborough, Milford, Millbury, Monson, Montague, New Bedford, Newton, North Brookfield, Northampton, Norton, Orange, Orleans, Palmer, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Plymouth, Quincy, Rockland, Royalston, Rutland, Salem, Sandisfield, Sharon, Sheffield, Somerville, Springfield, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Taunton, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, Wakefield, Ware, Wareham, Webster, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westfield, Whately, Whitman, Winchendon, Worcester.</i></p>			



Host Community Agreements Data | December 12, 2024

HCA Review Status	Total
Number of HCAs reviewed	615
Number of HCAs currently under review	47
Number of Host Community Agreement Determination Notices sent out	461

Extensions	Total
Extension requests received	854
Extension requests that received conditional pre-approval	34
Extension requests granted	736
Average Number of Days Requested	92





Staff Recommendations on Licensure

Staff Recommendations: Changes of Ownership

1. Noble Manna, Inc.
2. RC Retail Amherst, LLC
3. The Botanist, Inc.



Staff Recommendations: Renewals

1. 253 Organic, LLC (#MRR207029)
2. 253 Organic, LLC (#MPR244250)
3. 311 Page Blvd Holding Group LLC (#MRR207036)
4. Ahava, LLC (#MCR140792)
5. Ahava, LLC (#MPR244221)
6. ARL Healthcare Inc. (#MRR206999)
7. Budega, Inc. (#MRR206966)
8. Caroline's Cannabis, LLC (#MRR207028)
9. Clean Technique LLC (#MPR244172)
10. Coastal Cultivars, Inc. (#MPR244263)
11. COASTAL CULTIVARS, INC. (#MCR140815)
12. Community Care Collective, Inc. (#MRR207048)
13. dba EMJ LLC (#MCR140861)
14. Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MRR207041)
15. Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MPR244253)
16. Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MCR140825)
17. Good Feels Inc (#MPR244268)
18. Health Circle, Inc. (#MRR206751)
19. Hidden Hemlock, LLC (#MBR169336)
20. High Five Inc. (#MPR244180)
21. High Hawk Farm LLC (#MCR140768)
22. House of Ermias, LLC (#MRR206783)
23. HTC Trinity, LLC (#MRR206885)
24. Hudson Botanical Processing, LLC (#MPR244272)



Staff Recommendations: Renewals

25. I & I Rose Garden LLC (#MRR206939)
26. I.N.S.A., Inc. (#MRR206994)
27. I.N.S.A., Inc. (#MPR244230)
28. I.N.S.A., Inc. (#MCR140788)
29. Jolly Green Inc (#MCR140836)
30. Leaf Relief, Inc. (#MRR207071)
31. Local Roots NE Inc. (#MRR206982)
32. Massbiology Technology, LLC (#MCR140832)
33. Massbiology Technology, LLC (#MPR244254)
34. MCR Labs, LLC (#ILR267940)
35. NEO Manufacturing MA LLC (#MCR140830)
36. NEO Manufacturing MA LLC (#MPR244236)
37. Nova Farms, LLC (#MPR244240)
38. Pioneer Valley Trading Company, Inc (#MRR206886)
39. ProVerde Laboratories, Inc. (#ILR267943)
40. ReLeaf Alternative Inc. (#MRR206976)
41. RISE Holdings, Inc. (#MCR140851)
42. RISE Holdings, Inc. (#MPR244271)
43. Royal Sun Farm LLC (#MPR244276)
44. Royal Sun Farm LLC (#MCR140705)
45. Sira Naturals, Inc. (#MRR206937)
46. Sira Naturals, Inc. (#MRR206935)
47. Smokey Leaf (#MRR207085)
48. SunnyDayz Inc. (#MRR207077)
49. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#MRR206995)
50. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#MRR206992)



Staff Recommendations: Renewals

51. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, LLC (#MPR244256)
52. The Green Lady Dispensary II, Inc. (#MRR207055)
53. Trifecta Farms Corp (#MCR140797)
54. UC Retail, LLC (#MRR207052)
55. UC Retail, LLC (#MRR207051)
56. UPROOT LLC (#MBR169340)
57. Witch City Gardens LLC (#MCR140852)
58. Yellow House Cannabis LLC (#MRR207047)
59. YouCanBeCo LLC (#MPR244131)
60. Bask, Inc. (#RMD445)
61. Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. (#RMD1691)
62. Holistic Industries, Inc. (#RMD685)
63. INSA, Inc. (#RMD845)
64. INSA, Inc. (#RMD365)
65. Patriot Care Corp. (#RMD165)
66. PharmaCannis Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD1688)



Staff Recommendations: Provisional Licenses

1. Hennep, Inc. (#MRN284387), Marijuana Retailer
2. Jo Worcester, Inc. (#MRN285223), Marijuana Retailer
3. JTJD, LLC (#MDA1328), Marijuana Delivery Operator
4. Lazy River Products-Tewksbury, LLC (#MRN284805),
Marijuana Retailer
5. Green Gold Group, Inc. (#RMDA4217), Vertically
Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center



Staff Recommendations: Final Licenses

1. Rasta Rootz, LLC (#MR284000), Marijuana Retailer
2. Reverie 73 Beverly, LLC (#MR282952), Marijuana Retailer
3. The Grateful Mind, LLC (#MR282378), Marijuana Retailer



Staff Recommendations: Responsible Vendor Training

1. ACTA LLC (#RVR453150)
2. American Safety Council d/b/a Cannabis Education Center (#RVR453149)





Commission Discussion & Votes

Commission Discussion & Votes

1. Job Description: Senior Manager, Government Affairs and Policy
2. Job Description: Employee Relations Manager



Commission Discussion & Votes

3. Guidance on Community Impact Fees
4. Community Impact Fee Municipal Form
5. Host Community Business Application Standard Evaluation Form





FY26 Budget Request

December 12, 2024

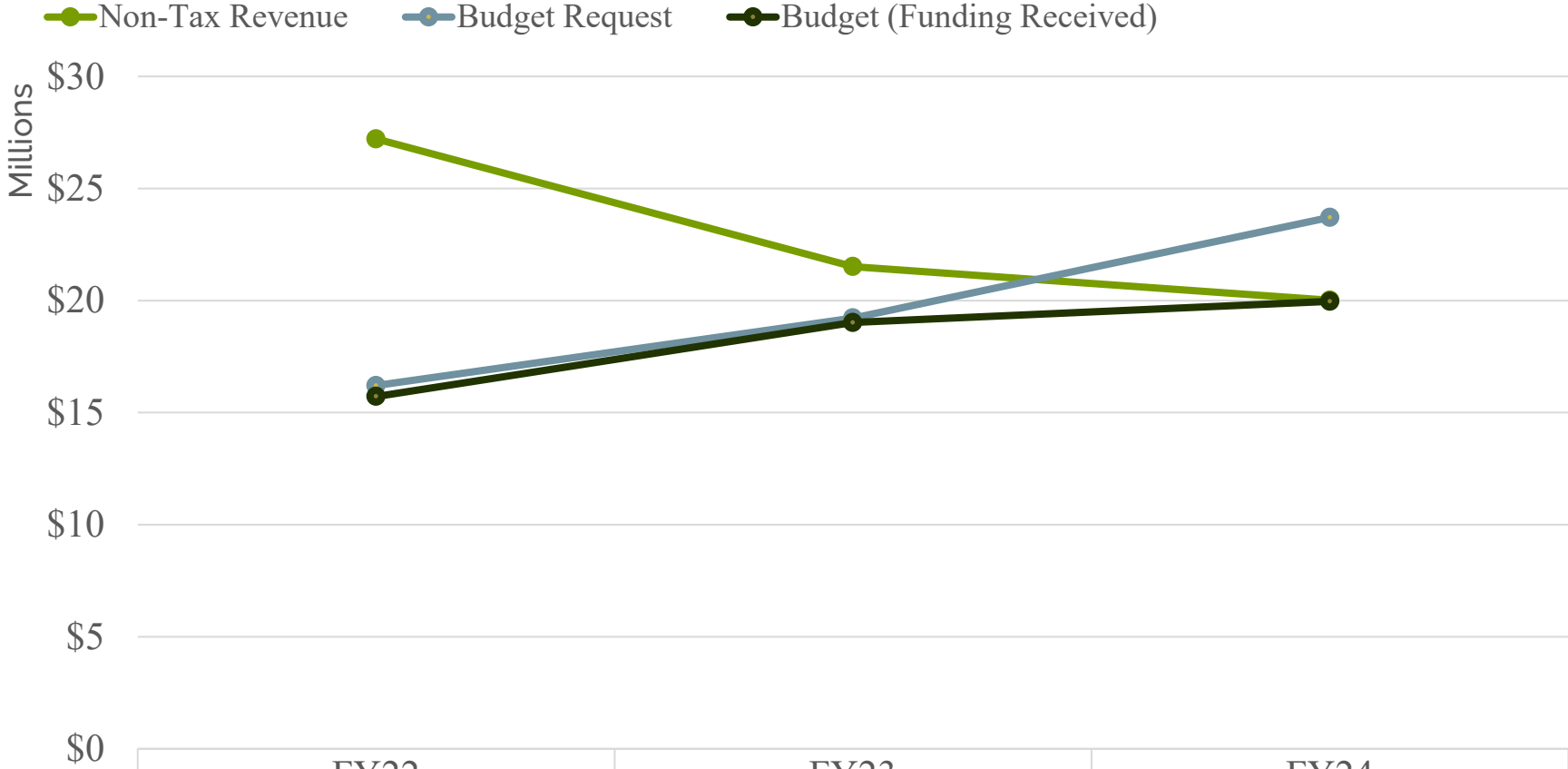
Lisa Schlegel, Chief Financial & Accounting Officer
Mark McDevitt, Director of Budget and Accounting

State Operating Budget 101



- The state fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.
- The budget planning process for each fiscal year kicks off in the fall/winter of the preceding calendar year, culminating in the final budget bill approved by the Legislature and the Governor before July 1 (more typically, by the end of July).
- The Commission's funding is drawn from the state's operating budget; therefore, it is subject to this process every year.
- In preparation for the next fiscal year budget, the Commission submits spending and revenue estimates to the Governor's and Legislature's budget staff starting in October.
- During the year, the Commission may receive additional funds through supplemental budget bills.

Non-Tax Revenue Collections vs Funding

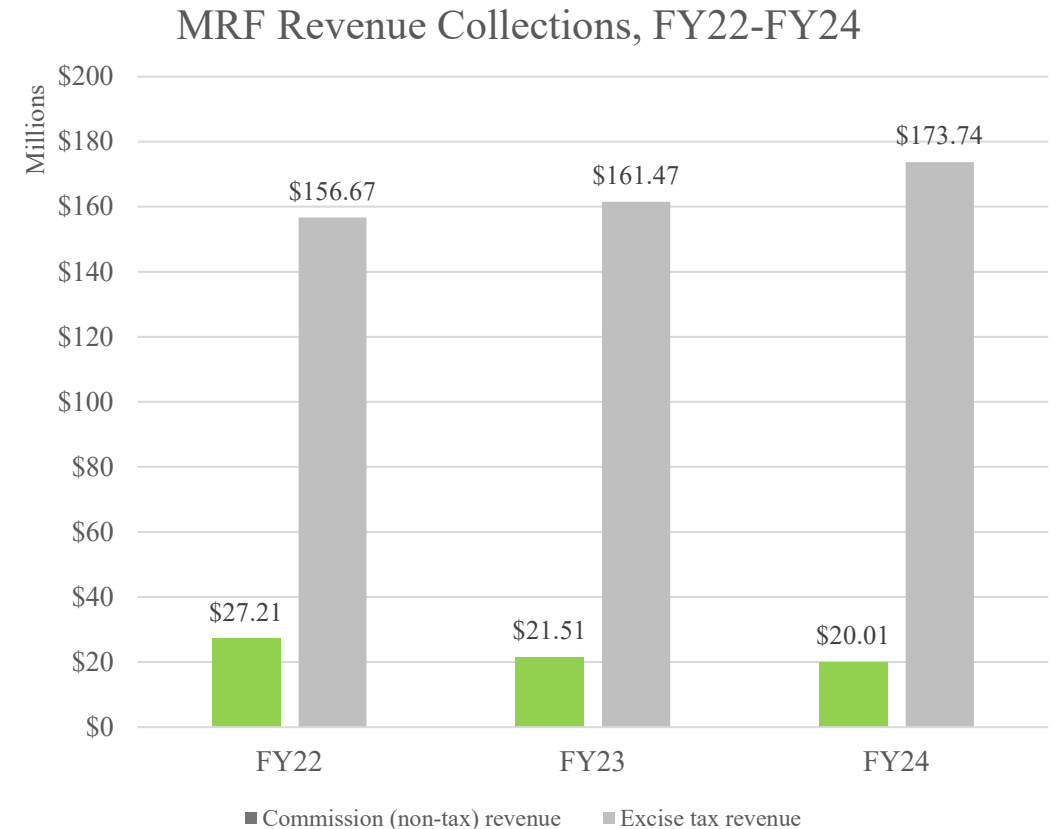


	FY22	FY23	FY24
Non-Tax Revenue	\$27,213,080	\$21,511,911	\$20,013,585
Budget Request	\$16,209,408	\$19,218,649	\$23,711,684
Budget (Funding Received)	\$15,717,877	\$19,018,629	\$19,963,742



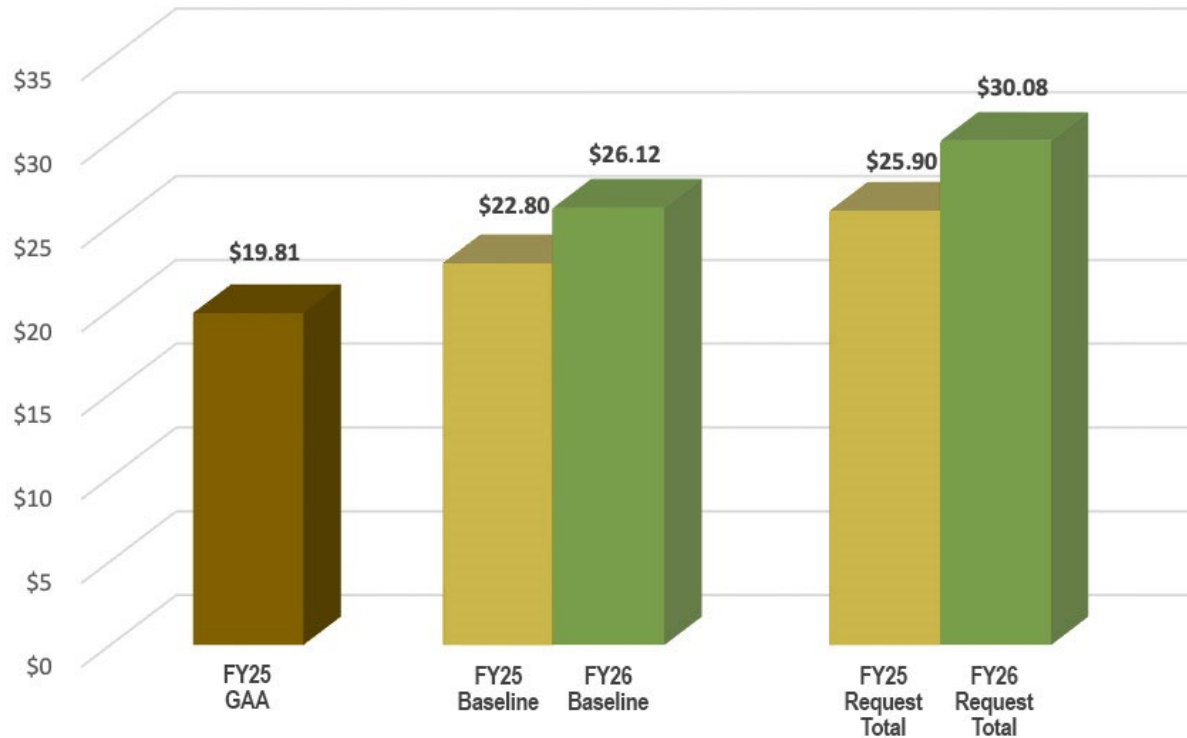
Marijuana Regulation Fund

- The Marijuana Regulation Fund is a statutory budgeted fund. All application, licensing and other fees charged to adult-use and medical-use entities are deposited into the MRF, along with marijuana excise tax collections.
- The MRF supports the budget of the Commission, along with programs within the Department of Agricultural Resources, the Department of Public Health, and other state agencies.
- Local tax revenues are not deposited into the MRF. These revenues are collected by cities and towns for municipal use.
- The Commission does not have any oversight of marijuana excise tax collections, nor any spending allocations made from the MRF.



FY26 Budget Request

Commission's total budget request for FY26 is \$30.08 million



- **FY25 GAA** – FY25 Funding received was \$19.8M resulting in a budget shortfall of \$3.0M that resulted in cuts throughout every CCC Department.
- **FY26 Baseline** – Maintenance estimate is \$26.12M which includes reinstated cuts from FY25.
- **FY26 AED** Approved Budget Request for Maintenance & Expansion of \$30.08M



FY26 Maintenance Request Detail

- The FY26 Maintenance request for CNB Operations and Medical Use of Marijuana totals **\$24.6M**. This includes **\$2.8M** to reinstate FY24 unfunded requests, and a request to reinstate the Public Education Awareness funding of **\$1.5M** for social consumption, resulting in a total Maintenance request of **\$26.1M**.
- This FY26 request total represents a **\$6.3M increase**, or 32%, over the FY25 GAA.

Maintenance Increases	\$ (K's)	Reason
Payroll	2,558	Reinstate 6 positions frozen in FY25, annualization of backfilled positions in FY25, COLA/Merit increases \$750K
Administrative Expenses	338	Restore funding for Advertising & Promotional, HR, Legal & Office Supplies. Additional funding required for DEI Training, and additional MV Leases for Investigators
Facility Operational Expenses	187	Increase funding for industry badging costs
Consultants	440	Restore funding to deliver on State and Commission goal to establish an effective Social Equity Program (240K) as well as build a research center to support development of Commission regulations and policies (\$200K) per mandate
Operational Services	1,588	Restore public education/awareness funding for Social Consumption (\$1.5M), Restore I&E Testing/Analytics
IT Costs	1,129	Contractual increases on existing software/services & increased Licensing Software costs
Other	64	Miscellaneous increases
CNB Total	6,304	



FY26 Expansionary Request Detail

- The FY26 Expansionary request for CNB Operations and Medical Use of Marijuana totals **\$4.0M**.

Expansionary Increases	\$ (K's)	Reason
Payroll	1,876	Funding requested for 21 New positions in FY26
Administrative Expenses	78	Employee Training/Professional Development, additional MV leases for new hires
Space Rental	200	Standards Testing Lab for I&E
Social Equity Programming	615	Social Equity Initiatives including Resource Center & Hub, E-Learning modules, Racial Disparity/Exclusivity study, & Public Education/Awareness
Operational Services	90	Increase Testing & Analytics
IT	1,105	Antiquated IT infrastructure can no longer support the current and future needs due to industry growth.
CNB Total	3,964	



FY26 Budget Request by Expenditure Class

Object Class	FY25 GAA	FY26 Maintenance	FY26 Request
AA - Payroll	\$13,230,217	\$15,735,639	\$17,572,677
BB - Employee Reimbursements	\$22,000	\$53,000	\$53,000
DD - Payroll Tax	\$283,140	\$336,122	\$374,883
EE - Office and Administrative	\$451,211	\$789,211	\$867,110
FF - Operational (includes industry badging)	\$1,060,587	\$1,247,587	\$1,247,587
GG - Office rent and vehicle fuel	\$767,000	\$786,000	\$986,000
HH - Consultants	\$377,500	\$817,665	\$1,432,665
JJ - Programmatic Services	\$127,000	\$1,715,000	\$1,805,000
KK - Equipment purchases	-	\$13,500	\$13,500
LL - Office Equipment Leases	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
UU - IT Services	\$3,469,230	\$4,598,319	\$5,703,319
Total	\$19,811,885	\$26,116,043	\$30,079,741



FY26 Budget Request by Department

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Maintenance	FY26 Expansionary	FY26 Total Budget Request
Payroll (incl. Payroll Tax)	13,513	16,071	1,876	17,947
Investigations & Enforcement	880	1,201	290	1,491
Information & Technology	3,466	4,580	1,105	5,685
Administration & Operations	1,654	1,806	78	1,884
Research	80	283	-	283
EPCO	119	350	615	865
Communications (excl. EPCO)	100	1,826	-	1,926
CNB Total	19,811	26,116	3,964	30,080



FY26 Budget Request by Funding Source

- The FY26 request for CNB Operations and Medical Use of Marijuana totals **\$28.58M** with an additional request of \$1.5M to restore Public Education/Awareness line item, bringing the total request is **\$30.08M**.
- This FY26 request total represents a \$6.72M, or 51.83%, increase over the FY25 GAA.
- The growth of the Commission over the past few years has outpaced the level of funding appropriated.

Line Item	FY25 GAA	FY26 Maintenance	FY26 Expansionary	FY26 Total Request	Total Increase over FY25 GAA	% Request vs. FY25 GAA
1070-0840 CNB Operations	\$16,354,563	\$19,931,010	\$3,145,699	\$23,076,709	\$6,722,146	41.10%
1070-0841 Public Education	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	100.00%
1070-0842 Medical-Use of Marijuana	\$3,457,321	\$4,684,943	\$818,000	\$5,502,943	\$2,045,622	59.17%
Total	\$19,811,884	\$26,115,953	\$3,963,699	\$30,079,652	\$10,267,768	51.83%



FY26 Budget Request by Appropriation

- Commission staff recommend the approval of the following FY 2026 budget request:

Line Item	FY26 Request
1070-0840 CNB Operations	\$23,076,709
1070-0841 Public Education	\$1,500,000
1070-0842 Medical-Use of Marijuana	\$5,502,943
TOTAL	\$30,079,652





Questions?

Commission Discussion & Votes

7. Draft 2025 Public Meeting Schedule

8. 2025-2026 Legislative Impact Working Group Charter



Commission Discussion & Votes

9. Administrative Order Requiring Licensees to Submit Full Panel Test Sample for Required Compliance Testing





Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Next Meeting Dates

December 13

Public Meeting
2:00 PM
Remote

December 16

Executive Session
1:00 PM
Remote

December 17

Public Meeting
10:00 AM
In-Person and Remote





Additional Licensing Data

Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

The totals below are all license applications received to date.

Type	#
Pending	241
Withdrawn	1,459
Incomplete	8,332
Denied	5
Approved: Delivery Pre-certifications	216
Approved: Delivery Endorsements	5
Approved: Licenses	1,341
Total	11,599



Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	4
Marijuana Courier	24
Marijuana Delivery Operator	35
Independent Testing Laboratory	20
Marijuana Cultivator	378
Marijuana Microbusiness	36
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	303
Marijuana Research Facility	2
Marijuana Retailer	524
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	5
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	10
Total	1,341



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Status	#
Application Submitted: Awaiting Review	4
Application Reviewed: More Information Requested	214
Application Deemed Complete: Awaiting 3rd Party Responses	8
All Information Received: Awaiting Commission Consideration	2
Applications Considered by Commission (includes Delivery Pre-Cert)	1,596
Total	1,824



Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

The totals below are applications that have submitted all four packets and are pending review.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2
Delivery-Only Provisional Licensure (Part 2)	12
Delivery-Only Pre-Certification (Part 1)	16
Independent Testing Laboratory	1
Marijuana Cultivator	52
Marijuana Delivery Operator Provisional License (Part 2)	13
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification (Part 1)	11
Marijuana Microbusiness	5
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	39
Marijuana Research Facility	5
Marijuana Retailer	69
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1
Third Party Transporter	10
Total	241



Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	43	N/A	1	37	173	14	120	388
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	9	N/A	1	5	20	2	25	62
Total	52	N/A	2	42	193	16	145	450



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Of 1,585 applications approved by the Commission, the following applications have Economic Empowerment Priority Review, Social Equity Program Participant, and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status. Please note, applicants may hold one or more statuses. **Please note that the end total represents the total number of applications/licenses at that step in the licensure process.**

Type	Economic Empowerment	Social Equity Program	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	Total
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	44	176	29	249
Provisionally Approved	10	21	26	57
Provisional License	31	80	101	212
Final License	1	6	5	12
Commence Operations	31	64	88	183
Total	117	347	249	713

+5.75%

+14.7%

+17.81%



Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

The totals below are distinct license numbers that have submitted all required packets.

The 1,824 applications represent 1,044 separate entities

Type	#
MTC Priority	260
Economic Empowerment Priority	136
Expedited Review	696
General Applicant	732
Total	1,824

Type	#
Expedited: License Type	79
Expedited: Social Equity Participant	361
Expedited: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	191
Expedited: Two or More Categories	65
Total	696



Licensing Applications – EE Only | December 12, 2024

Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Courier License	4	N/A	0	2	2	0	4	12
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	2	30	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	1	N/A	0	2	6	0	0	9
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	1	N/A	0	0	3	0	3	7
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	1	14	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Marijuana Microbusiness	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	1	N/A	0	3	3	0	3	10
Marijuana Research Facility	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marijuana Retailer	5	N/A	0	2	16	1	21	45
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	0	N/A	0	1	1	0	0	2
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Third Party Transporter	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	44	0	10	31	1	31	134



Licensing Applications – SEP Only | December 12, 2024

Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	0	N/A	0	0	1	0	0	1
Marijuana Courier License	7	N/A	0	0	7	3	7	24
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	14	82	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	6	N/A	0	6	21	0	8	41
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	7	N/A	0	0	13	0	16	36
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	11	98	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	109
Marijuana Microbusiness	0	N/A	0	0	4	0	1	5
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	8	N/A	0	8	15	2	8	41
Marijuana Research Facility	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	16	N/A	1	5	18	1	20	61
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	1	N/A	0	1	1	0	2	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	6
Third Party Transporter	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	72	183	1	20	80	6	64	426



Cultivation Applications | December 12, 2024

Type	Pending Application	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Microbusiness w/ Tier 1 Cultivation (up to 5,000 sq. Ft.)	0	0	3	4	0	6	13
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	14	0	3	43	5	30	94
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	8	0	7	57	4	40	116
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	7	2	7	41	1	23	81
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	4	14	2	12	33
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	4	0	9	7	1	11	32
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	4	0	4	8	0	7	23
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	1	4	1	4	12
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	0	1	0	2	4
Cultivation Tier 9 (70,001-80,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	1	3	1	2	10
Cultivation Tier 10 (80,001-90,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	1	0	1	6	9
Cultivation Tier 11 (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)	7	0	5	15	0	8	35
Total	5	2	45	197	16	151	462
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	1,895,000	40,000	1,650,000	4,775,000	415,000	4,070,000	

+65.6%

+10.6%

* Note: percentage is of “Total” commence operations licenses



Non-Active Licenses By Stage | December 12, 2024

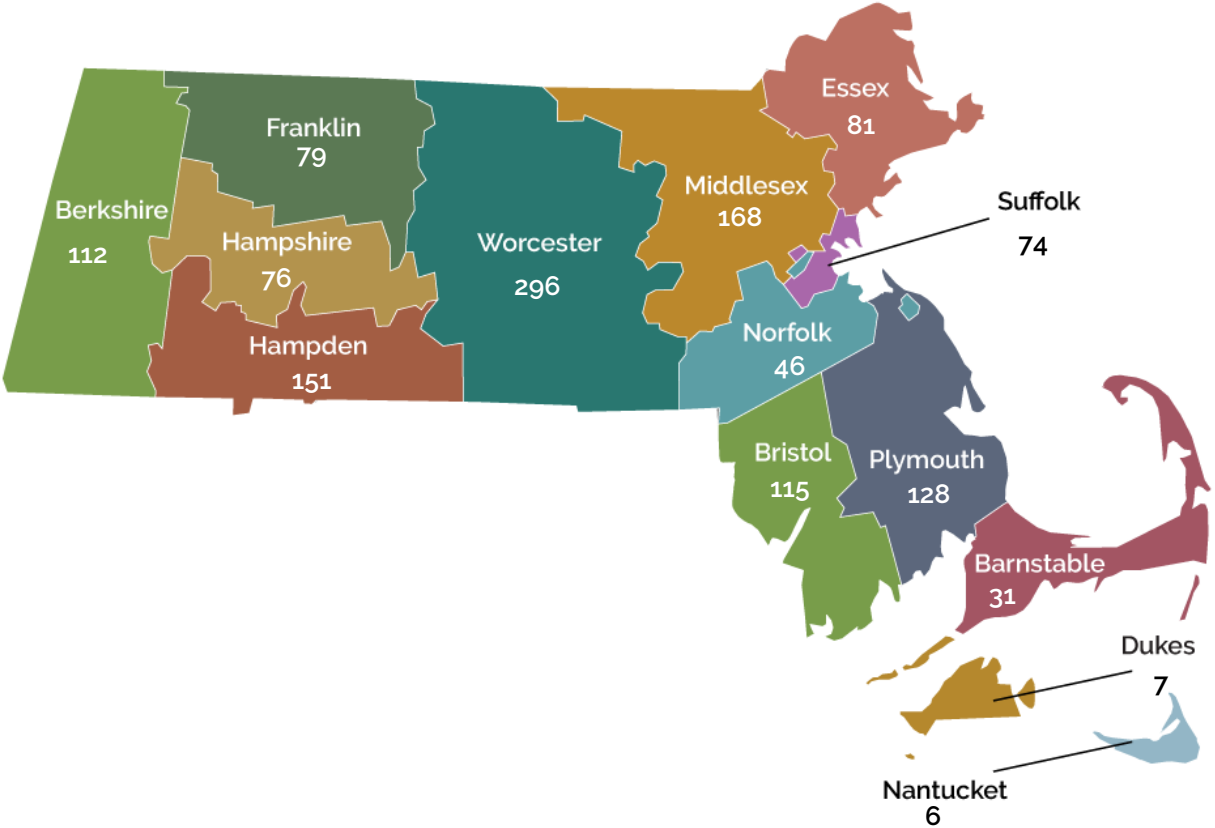
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Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	0	0	2
Marijuana Courier License	8	1	4	13
Independent Testing Laboratory	2	0	1	3
Marijuana Cultivator	116	3	12	131
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	12	0	2	14
Marijuana Microbusiness	7	0	1	8
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	74	5	12	91
Marijuana Research Facility	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	47	1	16	63
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	2	0	0	2
Third Party Transporter	0	0	1	1
Standards Laboratory	0	0	0	0
Total	270	9	49	328



Marijuana Establishment Licenses | December 12, 2024

The totals below represent entities in each county that have achieved at least a provisional license

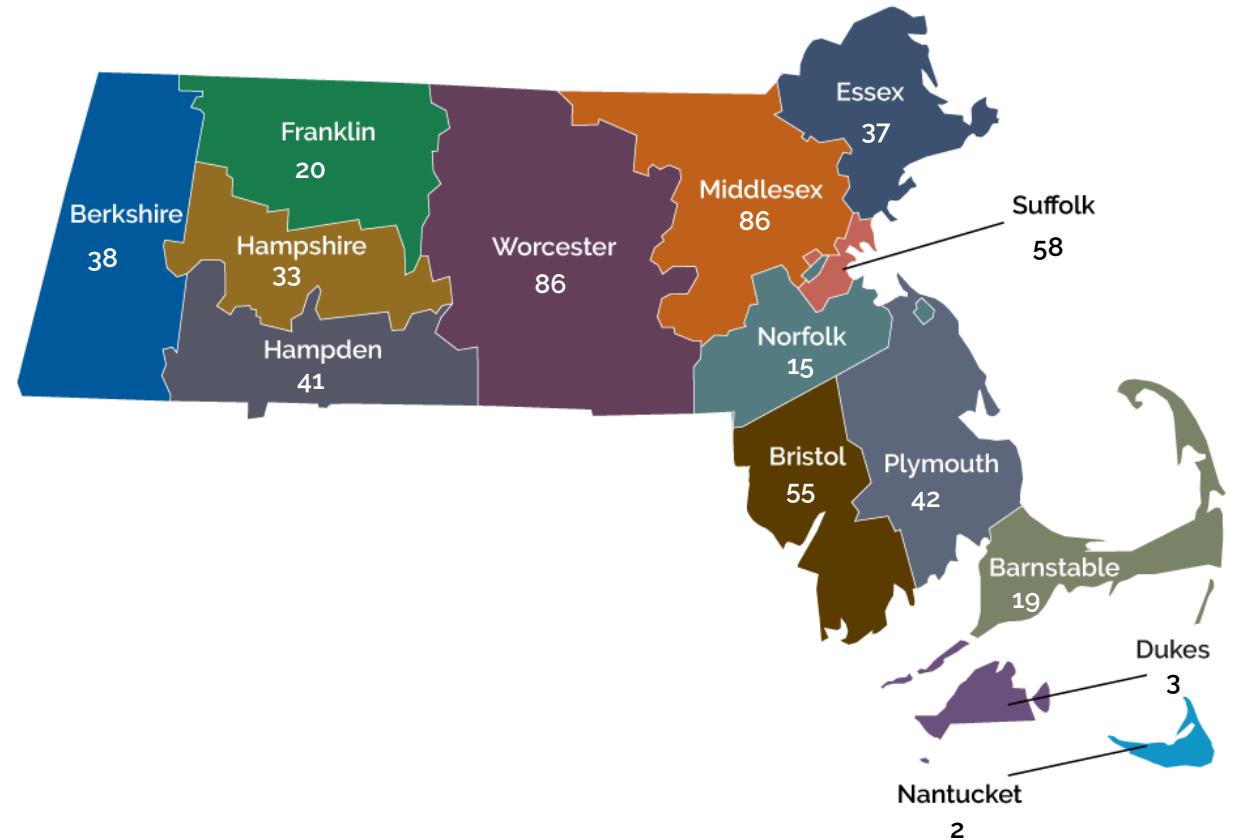
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Barnstable	31	0
Berkshire	112	0
Bristol	115	2
Dukes	7	0
Essex	81	0
Franklin	79	1
Hampden	151	1
Hampshire	76	0
Middlesex	168	0
Nantucket	6	0
Norfolk	46	0
Plymouth	128	0
Suffolk	74	0
Worcester	296	1
Total	1,370	5



Marijuana Retailer Licenses | December 12, 2024

The totals below are the total number of retail licenses by county.

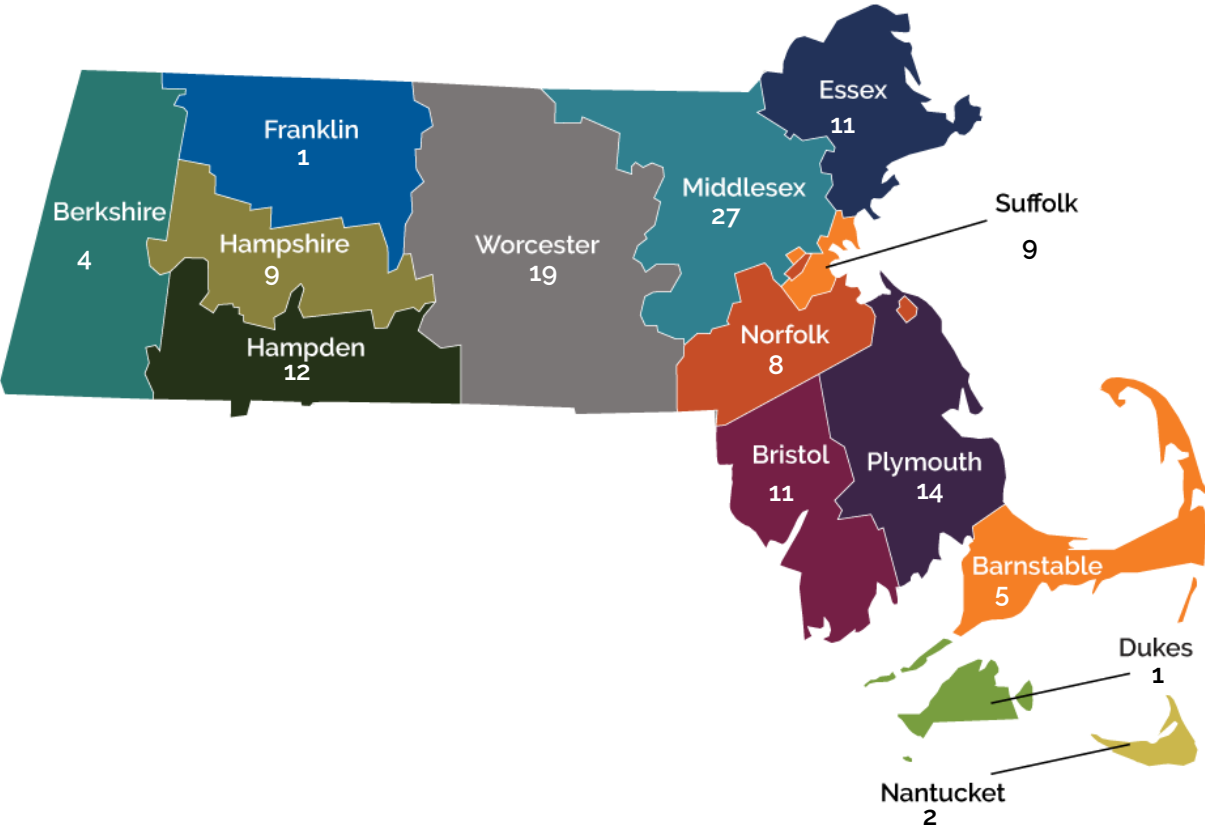
County	#	+/-
Barnstable	19	0
Berkshire	38	0
Bristol	55	2
Dukes	3	0
Essex	37	0
Franklin	20	0
Hampden	41	0
Hampshire	33	0
Middlesex	86	0
Nantucket	2	0
Norfolk	15	0
Plymouth	42	0
Suffolk	58	0
Worcester	86	1
Total	536	3



Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses (Dispensing) December 12, 2024

The totals below are the total number of MTC (Dispensing) licenses by county.

County	#
Barnstable	5
Berkshire	4
Bristol	11
Dukes	1
Essex	11
Franklin	1
Hampden	12
Hampshire	9
Middlesex	27
Nantucket	2
Norfolk	8
Plymouth	14
Suffolk	9
Worcester	19
Total	133



MMJ Licensing and Registration Data | December 12, 2024

The numbers below are a snapshot of the program for the month of July.

MTC Licenses	#
Provisional	24
Final	0
Commence Operations	107
License Expired	61
Total	192

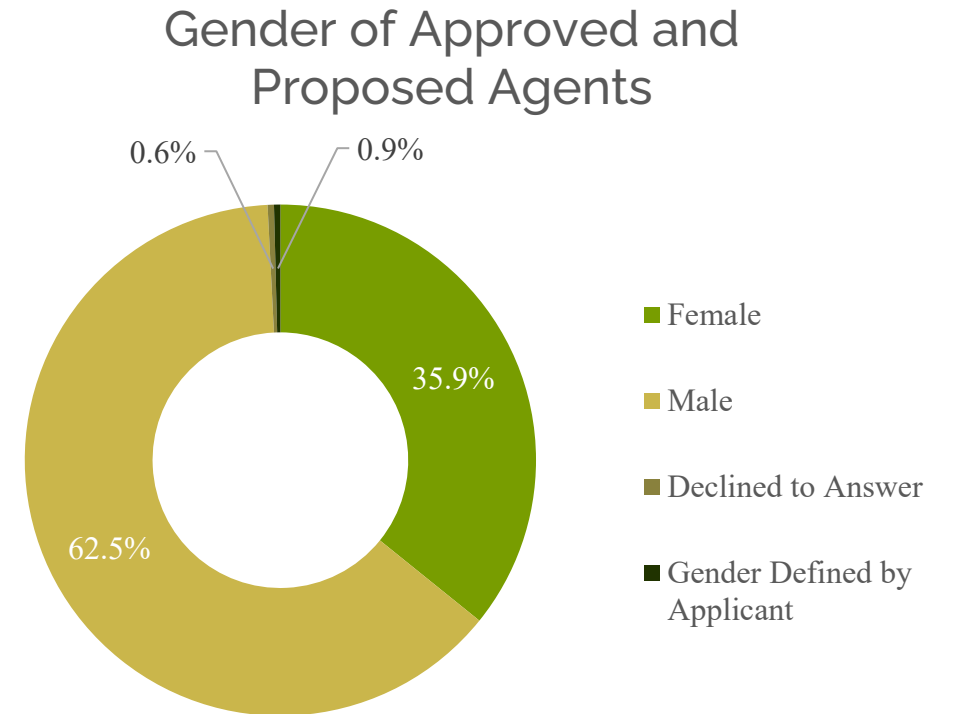
MMJ Program	#
Certified Patients	90,920
Certified Active Patients	84,644
Active Caregivers	6,432
Registered Certifying Physicians	331
Registered Certifying Nurse Practitioners	119
Registered Physician Assistants	1
Ounces Sold	98,758



Agent Applications | December 12, 2024

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	8,257	35.9%
Male	14,311	62.5%
Declined to Answer	212	0.9%
Gender Defined by Applicant	148	0.6%
Total	23,928	100.0%

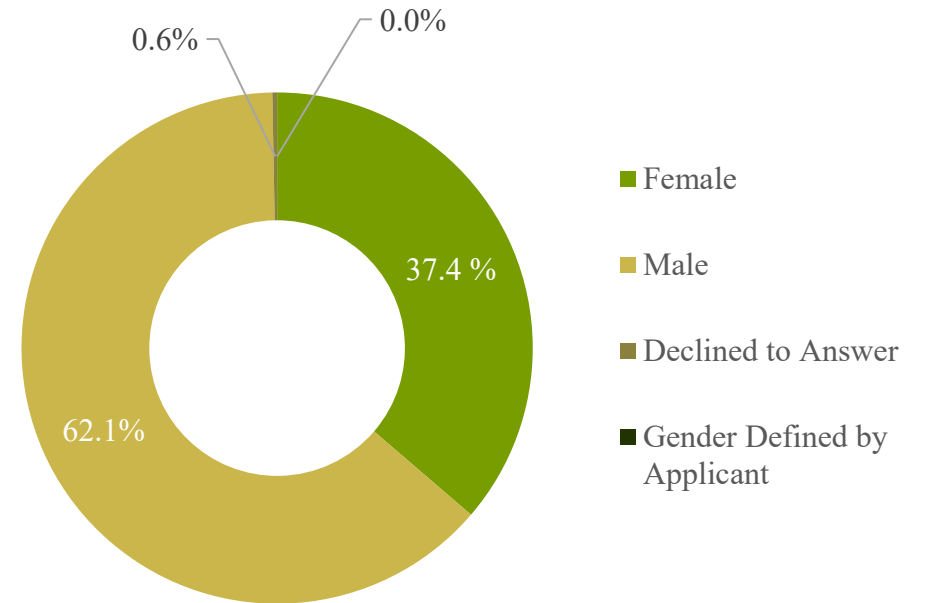


Agent Applications | December 12, 2024

Demographics of Approved and Pending Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	2,370	37.4%
Male	3,940	62.1%
Declined to Answer	0	0.0%
Gender Defined by Applicant	35	0.6%
Total	6,345	100.0%

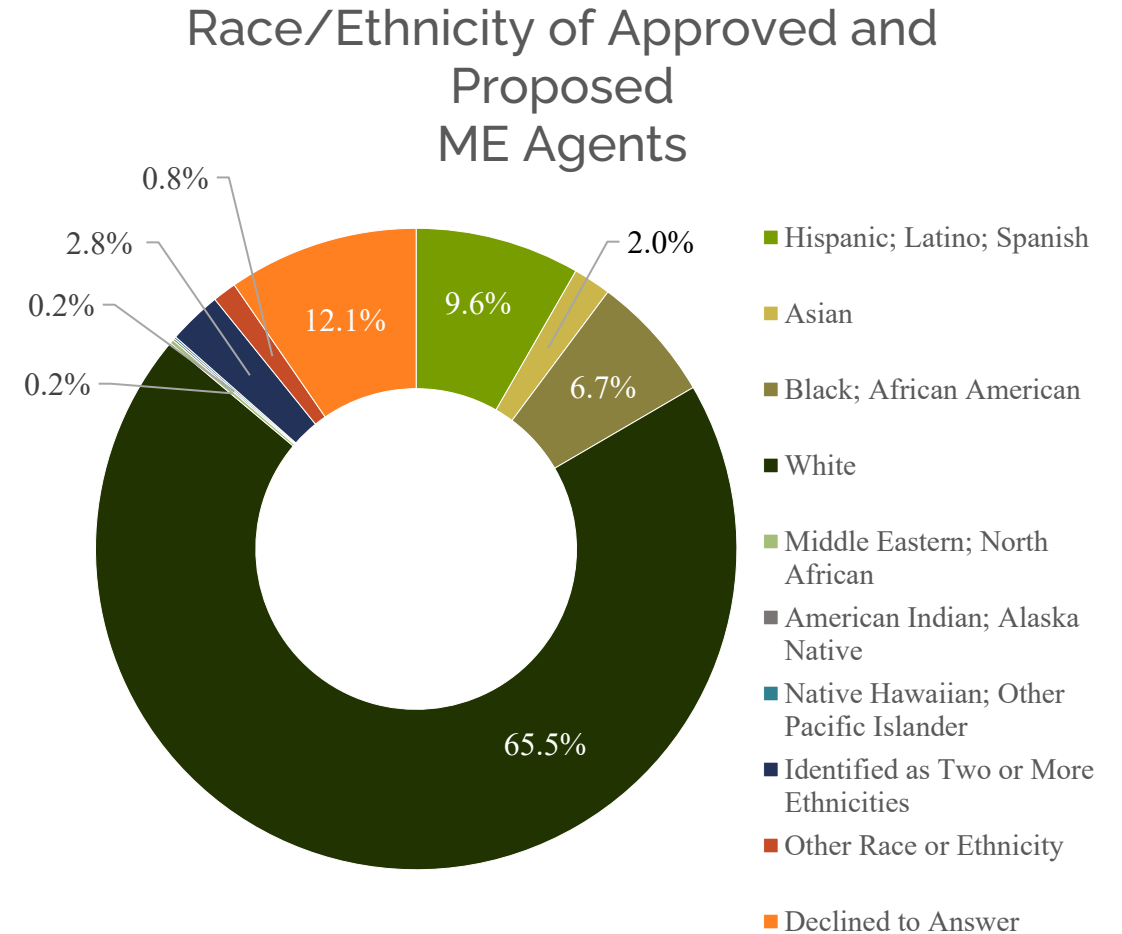
Gender of Approved and Proposed MTC Agents



Agent Applications | December 12, 2024

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Race/Ethnicity	#	%
Hispanic; Latino; Spanish	2,191	9.6%
Asian	451	2.0%
Black; African American	1,538	6.7%
White	15,015	65.5%
Middle Eastern; North African	55	0.2%
American Indian; Alaska Native	47	0.2%
Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander	17	0.1%
Identified as Two or More Ethnicities	647	2.8%
Other Race or Ethnicity	185	0.8%
Declined to Answer	2,782	12.1%
Total	22,928	100.0%

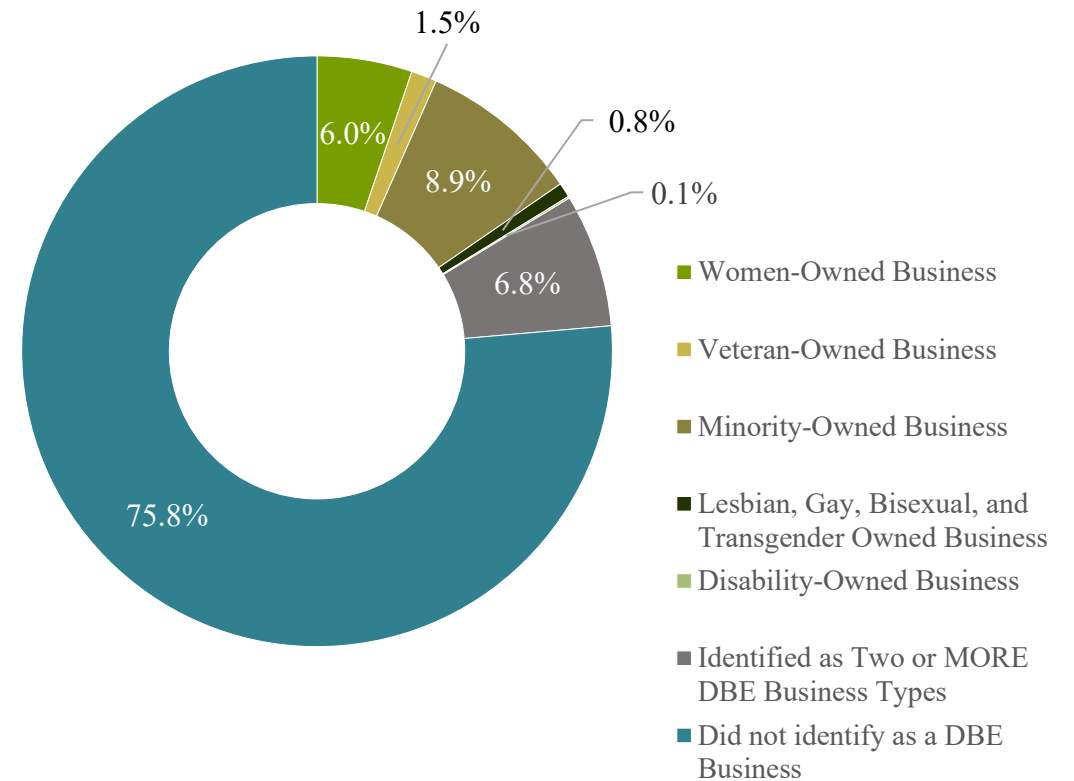


Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statistics for Approved Licensees

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	93	6.0%
Veteran-Owned Business	23	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	139	8.9%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	13	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	2	0.1%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	108	6.8%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,184	75.8%
Total	1,562	100.0%

DBE Statistics Approved Licensees

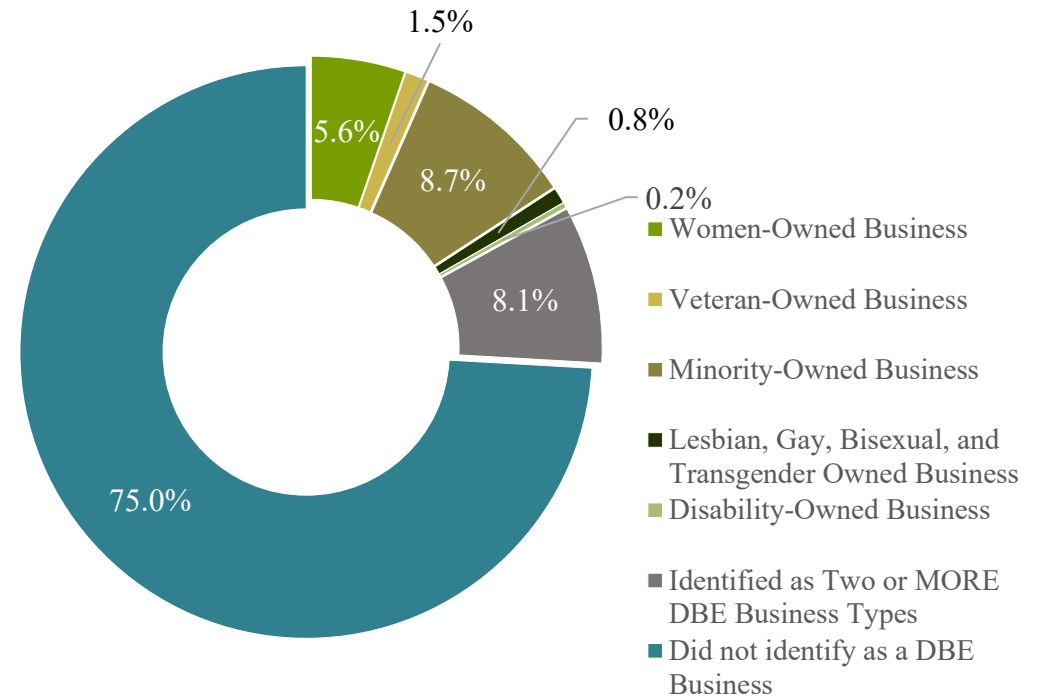


Licensing Applications | December 12, 2024

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Statistics for Pending and Approved License Applications

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	101	5.6%
Veteran-Owned Business	27	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	158	8.8%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	14	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	4	0.2%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	146	8.1%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,353	75.0%
Total	1,803	100.0%

DBE Statistics for Pending & Approved License Applications



Adult Use Agent Applications | December 12, 2024

Total Agent Applications: 82,315

- 209 Total Pending
 - 203 Pending Establishment Agents
 - 6 Pending Laboratory Agents
- 3,942 Withdrawn
- 2,913 Incomplete
- 6,340 Expired
- 46,184 Surrendered
- 6 Denied / 2 Revoked
- **22,719 Active**

Of the 209 Total Pending:

- 31 not yet reviewed
- 175 CCC requested more information
- 3 awaiting third party response
- 0 review complete; awaiting approval



Medical Use Agent Applications | December 12, 2024

The total number of MTC agent applications received by status.

MTC Agent Application	#
Pending MTC Agent Applications	19
Pending Laboratory Agent Applications	0
Incomplete	44
Revoked	13
Denied	31
Surrendered	20,678
Expired	3,384
Active	6,325
Total	30,494





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until**