



Cannabis Control Commission Public Meeting

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August 12, 2025

In accordance with Sections 18-25 of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Cannabis Control Commission. The meeting will take place as noted below.

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

**August 14, 2025
10:00 AM**

Remote via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates
- III. Minutes
 - 1. June 12, 2025
 - 2. June 17, 2025
- IV. Executive Director and Commission Staff Report
 - 1. Public Health and Safety Advisories Portal *Director of Digital and Creative Services AnnMarie Burt*
 - 2. Two-Factor Authentication *Chief of Staff Andrew Carter, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer Paul Clark*
 - 3. Petitions for Changes to Regulations Update *General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay*
 - 4. Waivers of Regulations Update *Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin*
 - 5. Host Community Municipal Equity Update *Director of Investigations Katherine Binkoski*
 - 6. Licensing Data Updates *Director of Licensing Olivia Koval*
- V. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - 1. Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc.
 - 2. Leaf Lux Group Inc.
- VI. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
 - 1. 202 Trading Company, Inc. (#MRR207271)
 - 2. Aunty Budz LLC (#MBR169342)
 - 3. Eagle Eyes Transport Solutions, LLC (#MTR263113)



4. Ember Gardens NBP LLC (#MPR244318)
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23. Green Gold Group (#RMD3831)
24. Native Sun Wellness, Inc. (#RMD4128)
25. The Botanist, Inc. (#RMD1225)
- VII. Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
 1. Acta LLC (#DCCR794121)
 2. Bartucca Consulting LLC (#DCCR794126)
 3. Grass Ceiling, LLC (#DCCR794125)
- VIII. Enforcement Action
 1. Assured Testing Laboratories, LLC *Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin, First Assistant Enforcement Counsel Jacob Nielson (Vote)*
- IX. Commission Discussion and Votes
 1. Tier Relegations Update *Director of Enforcement Training Armond Enos (Vote)*
 2. Legal Intervention Discussion *General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (Vote)*
 3. Social Consumption Public Comment Period Memo *Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins, Executive Director Travis Ahern, Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (Vote)*
- X. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting
- XI. Next Meeting Date
- XII. Adjournment



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CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

June 12, 2025

10:00 AM

Remote via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Application Materials associated with:
 - Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewal Licenses
- [Meeting Packet](#)

In Attendance:

- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- I. 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.
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:01:42
 - Commissioner Concepcion thanked Legal staff for bringing her up to date on the role of the Secretary. Commissioner Roy noted meetings with Stem Haverhill, municipal officials in Somerville, The Good Cannabis dispensary in Somerville and Kevin Kuros, Regional Director of the Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD). She highlighted the updated licensing tracker which had recently launched. The AC noted on May 28th, he had participated in a meeting with the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) and highlighted a tour of Triple M Dispensary in Plymouth. He additionally noted meetings with Representative James Arciero, the Alcoholic



Beverages Control Commission (ABCC), the City of Malden and Chief James Hicks of Natick.

III. Minutes for Approval – 00:10:06

- March 31, 2025
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the March 31, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the March 31, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

- April 10, 2025
- Commissioner Roy requested an update on a memorandum regarding the hearing process which had been requested in the April 10 meeting and General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (GC Chattopadhyay) stated that it would be completed shortly.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the April 10, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the April 10, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

- April 16, 2025
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the April 16, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the April 16, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- The AC noted that external guests were participating in a later discussion item, and the agenda may be taken out of order.



IV. Executive Director and Commission Staff Report – 00:16:09

1. Update on Executive Director Goals for 2025

- Executive Director (ED) Travis Ahern reviewed his goals for CY25, noting that the Governance Charter had been approved and that first full meeting of the Cannabis Advisory Board (CAB) had occurred. He described how the budget shortfall would impact the remaining goals and Commissioner Concepcion asked if the ED had considered potentially redistributing work among staff who may have many different responsibilities and he responded that he was planning on considering priorities and implementing new workflows to focus on those in light of the budget shortfall. Commissioner Roy noted that implementing Social Consumption would implicate resources and stated that she had been holding regular meetings with Independent Testing Laboratories (ITLs) and that a Director of Testing was in the process of being hired.

2. FY 2025 Year End Update

- Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Lisa Schlegel (Chief Schlegel) provided an update on the Commission’s FY25 budget, stating that she expected it to be fully extinguished by June 30th. By that date, the contracts for a testing consultant, a delivery exclusivity study and an audit for Licensing fees were on track to be completed.

3. MassCannabisControl.com Automated Licensing Tracker Update

- Director of Digital and Creative Services AnnMarie Burt (Director Burt) presented the updated licensing tracker which had launched on June 11th and now included weekly automated updates from the Massachusetts Cannabis Industry Portal (MassCIP) and the Medical Use of Marijuana Program Online System (MMJOS). Advanced filtering options had been added as well as a one-click “related documents” search query for each Licensee and an option to extract the data in multiple file formats. Director Burt demonstrated the new functionality and confirmed for Commissioner Concepcion that the tracker solely listed Licensees who had commenced operations, but provisional licensees could be added at a later date. Commissioner Roy requested that a press release be issued and encouraged interested stakeholders to use the new tool.

4. EquityWorks Career Hub: Platform Overview

- Director of Equity Programming and Community Outreach Silea Williams (Director Williams) described how the platform would serve as a centralized, digital employment resource portal to support equitable workforce development across the industry designed to connect job seekers with Social Equity Program (SEP) participants and Certified Economic Empowerment (EEA) applicants. She highlighted the key features and stated that the platform would officially launch on June 16, 2025. Commissioner Roy asked if the Commission could use the platform for employment within the Commission and Director Williams confirmed that job



opportunities at the Commission would be highlighted on the EquityWorks Career Hub. She further clarified for Commissioner Concepcion that there had been outreach to Licensees consisting of three workshops, which had included a step-by-step tutorial of the platform and that emails had gone out to every active Licensee.

- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:54:08.)
- The AC stated that they would be taking the agenda out of order as external guests were participating and there were no objections.

V. Commission Discussion and Vote – 01:54:14

1. Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents Workplace Safety Program Grant

- Director of the Office of Safety Maryanne Falvey (Director Falvey) explained that the grant was a reimbursement program intended to promote workplace safety by funding training, education and other preventative measures. She explained the qualifying criteria and the application process and noted that her intent was to get a disbursement to every qualified candidate. Commissioner Roy asked if filtration systems or PPE could be reimbursed and Director Falvey confirmed that PPE could be covered and trainers would be useful in determining what could be reimbursed. Director Falvey suggested potentially holding a statewide seminar after more Licensees had been brought into the program.
- The Commission took a brief recess.

VI. Executive Director and Commission Staff Report (Continued) – 03:00:10

- Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) presented highlights from Licensing data.

VII. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 03:06:51

- Licensing Analyst Jaime Wakefield (Analyst Wakefield) presented on behalf of the Licensing department the Staff Recommendations for Changes of Ownership, Renewals, Provisionals, Final Licenses and Responsible Vendor Training Renewal Licenses.

1. Jolly Green Inc.

- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

2. The Fresh Connection Boston, LLC



- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.

VIII. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses – 03:09:35

- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the renewal of items numbered 1-7, 9-12 and 14-17 as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal of items numbered 1-7, 9-12 and 14-17 as indicated on the agenda.
- The AC requested a condition for item number 8 on the agenda (GreenSoul Organics, Inc. (#MRR207239)):
 - Proposed condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division to provide a response on current progress toward goals in Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b) and 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the renewal of items numbered 8 (Garden Remedies (GreenSoul Organics, Inc. (#MRR207239)) subject to the condition requested by the AC.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal of item number 8 on the agenda (GreenSoul Organics, Inc. (#MRR207239)) subject to the condition requested by the AC.
- The AC requested a condition for item number 13 on the agenda (INDICA LLC on the agenda (#MRR207263)):
 - Proposed condition: Within thirty business days of approval of Application for Renewal, contact CCC Licensing Division and provide response on identified plans or strategies to meet goals in Licensee’s Positive Impact Plan in



accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.103(4)(b) and 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11.

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the renewal of item number 13 on the agenda (INDICA LLC (#MRR207263)) subject to the condition requested by the AC.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal of item number 13 on the agenda (INDICA LLC on the agenda (#MRR207263)) subject to the condition requested by the AC.

IX. Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 03:14:43

1. Core Empowerment, LLC (#MRN285081), Marijuana Retailer

- Commissioner Roy requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.140(6)(g) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
- The AC requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, provide any documentation or background information that assisted Licensee in identifying hiring goals under Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8.k. and provide a response to CCC Licensing Division.
- Commissioner Concepcion 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 Concepcion – 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. Massachusetts Caregivers, LLC (#MDA1291), Marijuana Delivery Operator

- The AC requested a condition.
 - Proposed condition: Prior to Final Application for Licensure, provide any documentation or background information that assisted Licensee in identifying hiring goals under Diversity Plan in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8.k. and provide a response to CCC Licensing Division.



- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by the AC.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License, subject to the condition requested by the AC.

3. Peak Collective LLC (#MRN285297), Marijuana Retailer

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

4. Resinate, Inc. (#RMDA4121), Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

- Commissioner Concepcion moved to direct the ED to take all necessary steps to approve the provisional license.
- The AC seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

X. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 03:26:23

1. Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#MR285029), Marijuana Retailer
2. BTE, Inc. (#MC283668), Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 11 / Outdoor
3. Health Circle, Inc. (#MR282585), Marijuana Retailer
4. Pure Tewksbury, Inc. (#MR284994), Marijuana Retailer

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Final License roster from 1 – 4 as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes



- The Commission unanimously approved the Final License roster from 1 – 4 as indicated on the agenda.

XI. Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewal Licenses – 03:28:22

1. Bud Education (#DCCR794122)

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

2. Green CulturED (#DCCR749120)

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

XII. Commission Discussion and Votes (Continued) – 03:31:25

1. Requests for Equitable Relief

- GC Chattopadhyay summarized Deerfield Naturals, Inc.’s request for equitable relief, which had been discussed at the last meeting. The Licensee had changed their request since it was first made and were solely seeking the refund of their Licensing fees, which Legal had been asked to research. He noted that Licensing fees had historically not been considered refundable and this was a case of first impressions. He noted the relevant considerations were the regulations at 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.180(3)(c)6., which provides Licensees the option to request equitable relief with one of the remedies simply being “Other equitable relief as determined by the Commission”. Next was 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.005(1)(a), which provides that “each applicant for licensure as a Marijuana Establishment shall pay to the Commission a nonrefundable application fee...” In this case, the Licensee had not conducted any business or caused any burdens on Enforcement, and GC Chattopadhyay relayed Legal’s opinion that the refund was provided for by statute in G.L c. 94G § 4 (a1/2). He noted that some internal policies and public facing



documents would need to be updated before the refund could be issued. GC Chattopadhyay confirmed that he had spoken to Chief Schlegel who had confirmed that there was an option to issue a refund from the Marijuana Regulation Fund in situations like this. Director Koval confirmed that she would research to see if there were other Licensees in a similar situation to Deerfield Naturals, Inc. and Commissioner Roy requested a review of the potential financial impact of Licensees who currently had non-compliant HCAs requesting the refund of their Licensing fees. Commissioner Concepcion stated that she preferred to table the matter until after a fiscal analysis had been completed. Commissioner Roy requested that staff research the issue of property rights as they pertained to a Provisional License as well as Provisional Licensees who had completed a Change of Ownership and the AC requested information on how the Licensee's relationship with the municipality had come to and end.

- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 04:28:13.)
- The AC stated that no action would be taken on this matter today and requested meetings with staff offline.

2. Guidance on Positive Impact Plans

- Director Koval explained that amendments had been made to the documents since the last time it was presented in the “Creating Jobs” and “Adding Certain Goals Directly into the Application” sections. Commissioner Roy took issue with the sentence indicating that Positive Impact Plans (PIPs) consisting solely of donations to the Social Equity Trust Fund were discouraged. Commissioners discussed with staff and Commissioner Concepcion indicated that she was not in favor of changing the section and suggested highlighting Licensees with outstanding PIPs through the Leadership Program outlined in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.040(3)(a). Commissioner Roy suggested including the word monetary in front of “donation based activities”.
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the draft Guidance on Positive Impact Plans to include the addition of the word “monetary” in front of “donation based activities” on page four and direct CCC staff to incorporate information on the new EquityWorks program into the document as appropriate.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

3. Open Meeting Law Complaint Determinations and Next Steps

- GC Chattopadhyay explained that the Commission had received a complaint from the former Chair regarding the April 24, 2023, Executive Session which sought an unredacted version of the recording. The Division of Open Government had determined that the use of Executive Session was improper but deferred to the



Secretary of Records to determine whether release of the unredacted video was necessary. The matter was pending with the Supervisor of the Records and no further action was required. Commissioner Roy asked what exemption allowed for redaction of the video and GC Chattopadhyay noted that the Division of Open Government had not required disclosure of the unredacted video.

- The AC noted that there had been a separate determination regarding Executive Sessions held on November 24, 2024 and December 4, 2024. He stated that he had reached out to the Attorney General's office to request training on Open Meeting Law (OML) for Commissioners and staff. Due to the determination, the Commission was required to release the minutes for those Executive Session immediately.

4. Executive Session Minutes (Vote)

- Commissioner Concepcion moved to enter closed executive session to review Executive Session meeting minutes pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g).
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion and each Commissioner confirmed that no one could hear the deliberations of the Executive Session. The AC stated that the Commission would reconvene in Open Session.
- (Returned at 05:29:51.)
- November 25, 2024
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the November 25, 2024, Commission Executive Session Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the November 25, 2024, Commission Executive Session Meeting minutes.
- December 4, 2024
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the December 4, 2024, Commission Executive Session Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes



- AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the December 4, 2024, Commission Executive Session Meeting minutes.
- March 13, 2025
- Commissioner Concepcion moved to approve the March 13, 2025, Commission Executive Session Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The AC took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Concepcion – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - AC Stebbins – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the March 13, 2025, Commission Executive Session Meeting minutes.

XIII. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 05:32:06

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

XIV. Next Meeting Date – 05:32:15

- The AC stated that the next meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2025.

XV. Adjournment – 05:35:07

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



CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

June 17, 2025

10:00 AM

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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources May 29, 2024, Joint Notice

In Attendance:

- Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- I. 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.
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:01:08
 - Commissioners noted the upcoming Juneteenth holiday as well as Father's Day.
- III. Executive Director Review of CANNRA Meeting – 00:03:15
 - Executive Director (ED) Travis Ahern discussed his experience at CANNRA. He described how Massachusetts was not alone with frustrations regarding intoxicating hemp products and he had heard various solutions such as indicating the purpose of the end product at the time of planting (i.e. whether it would be used in intoxicating products or for industrial purposes). He mentioned that stakeholders from other states were also experiencing issues relating to testing and lab shopping. The ED noted that other states had taken a more liberal approach to authorizing medical-use such as Maine which allowed for Cannabis to be prescribed anywhere which was also authorized to prescribe opioids. Regarding Social Consumption, he described other states' approaches, some of which focused on larger venues which could be rented out as well as mobile options. Commissioner Concepcion asked if federal changes



had been discussed and the ED described how those conversations had focused on the PREPARE and STATES 2.0 Acts and providing banking services to the industry.

IV. Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:29:53

1. Discussion and Review of Draft Regulations and Policy Questions

- The AC explained that this topic was before the board to seek Commissioner input on policy questions in order to direct the Social Consumption working group for further amendments to the draft regulations. Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (DGC Baker) asked for feedback on whether Commissioners wished to include the changes to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.029 and .030 which the AC had discussed at the previous meeting regarding Agent Registration. Commissioners discussed and found consensus on having the badge follow the agent while minimizing the costs for agents. Commissioner Roy volunteered to work offline on the topic with DGC Baker and Commissioner Concepcion requested a legal analysis. Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) stated that her only concern would be potential suitability issues due to agents' responsibility to self-report suitability issues. Commissioner Roy explained that she would like to work offline with finance staff to evaluate any potential impacts.
- The next topic DGC Baker sought input on was whether alcohol could be served by an entity outside of their Social Consumption Area which would be addressed in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(4)(c). Commissioner Roy noted that Michigan permitted alcohol to be sold on-site and DGC Baker clarified that on-site consumption of alcohol was not being considered and the question was whether to allow an entity to sell alcohol outside of the areas where Cannabis was consumed. Commissioner Roy read aloud a joint bulletin from the Department of Public Health and Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and asked if allowing alcohol sales could jeopardize licensure with the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. She asked further if preventing Consumers from bringing alcohol into a Social Consumption Area was possible and Director of Investigations Katherine Binkoski (Director Binkoski) confirmed that Licensees would have to detail their plans to prevent this in their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Commissioners discussed and agreed to leave the definition of Premises as-is.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 02:54:25.)
- DGC Baker explained the next policy decision related to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.050(a) and .141(4) and asked for feedback on whether the board intended to authorize deli-style serving in Social Consumption Areas. Director Binkoski described how these transactions could be tracked in Metrc, although DGC Baker added that a new Statement of Work would need to be executed. Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin (EC Goodin) suggested including a higher standard for regular inventories for Social Consumption Establishments (SCEs) which implemented deli-style serving and Commissioner Roy requested the approval-memo



- which allowed for deli-style serving as a form of repackaging. Commissioners agreed to allow for deli-style serving and to explore how to allow for the sale of small doses.
- DGC Baker requested input on whether the board wanted to allow Cannabis bought at the point of sale of a Retailer to be used in the same Retailer's Social Consumption Area. The AC indicated that his preference was to require separate inventory practices and DGC Baker stated he would work offline to draft amendments.
 - The AC directed the conversation to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(3)(a) and relayed the working group's question as to whether to raise the purchase limit to match the maximum daily allotment and found consensus to match the two limitations. DGC Baker stated that he would amend the regulations to indicate that each Consumer would be billed individually and seek feedback during the public comment period.
 - The next topic was whether to allow SCEs to sell non-shelf stable products which would be detailed in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(3)(e). DGC Baker noted that he had received feedback from the Department of Public Health (DPH) that non-shelf stable products increased the risk of food borne illnesses. Commissioners discussed and agreed to allow for the sale of non-shelf stable products.
 - DGC Baker asked Commissioners what they would like to be captured by camera coverage. The AC stated that the main areas that he wanted to be covered were the entryway and point of sale. Commissioner Roy cited 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.110(5)(a)4, which stated that any areas where Cannabis was present was required to be recorded, and Commissioner Concepcion requested an amendment to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(1) to indicate that the additional camera coverage requirements for SCEs were in addition to the requirements for all Marijuana Establishments (MEs).
 - DGC Baker moved to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.105(12) and asked Commissioners if they preferred to have carveouts for additional waste disposal options for half consumed products left at SCEs. Commissioners discussed it and DGC Baker volunteered to work offline with EC Goodin to draft a carveout to allow SCEs to dispose of unfinished products which posed a potential fire hazard.
 - The AC moved the discussion to the Marijuana Event Organizer license-type. He explained the working group's decision to include this license due to interest from external stakeholders. Commissioner Roy summarized the staff's recommendation to roll the Marijuana Event Organizer license-type's benefits to the other SCE licenses, cede more enforcement privileges to the municipality and reduce the number of events which could be hosted to once per month.
 - The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 04:47:03.)
 - Commissioner Roy asked if flexibility could be added to allow for municipalities to designate a Social Consumption Area to address stakeholders' concerns regarding public use of Cannabis. The ED noted that, if no sales were occurring, the Commission's involvement may not be necessary and EC Goodin clarified that public use of Cannabis was a matter for local law enforcement. Chief of Investigations and Enforcement Nomxolisi Jones (Chief Jones) explained that there had been questions



from stakeholders regarding advertising for temporary events and this may be a good time to revisit those regulations. DGC Baker added that a future version of the draft regulations could benefit from more clarity on the total number of event-days that could be hosted each year. He added further that the regulations had been pulled from Michigan's as well as the ABCC's. Commissioner's discussed temporary events with staff and Commissioner Roy requested an amendment to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.141(5) to indicate that Licensees must have age verification software.

- DGC Baker asked the group if temporary events should be restricted to a single location. Commissioners discussed and the AC suggested adding this to the July agenda.

2. Regulatory Timeline

- DGC Baker stated that an updated draft of the Social Consumption regulations would be available for the second July meeting which, if approved, would begin the promulgation process. After a Public Hearing, staff would incorporate further edits for a final review in Public Meeting to create a final draft. He stated that the process could be completed by October.

V. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 05:50:41

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

VI. Next Meeting Date – 05:50:48

- The AC stated that the next meeting was scheduled for July 10, 2025.

VII. Adjournment – 05:50:55

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



Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc.
0309-COO-03-0225

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc.
Licensee d/b/a Name:	N/A

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

License Number	License Type
MR282337	Marijuana Retailer
RMD785	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 Noble	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Andrea Noble	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Kimberly Freid	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Rodereck Tatyag	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Long Nguyen	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
In Good Health, Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
Gerald Freid 2023 Irrevocable Trust	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.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP CONDITIONS

Commission staff has reviewed the application for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and are presenting it for the Commission's review and vote.

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.



Leaf Lux Group Inc.
0317-COO-03-0425

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	Leaf Lux Group Inc.
Licensee d/b/a Name:	LeafLux Cannabis

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

License Number	License Type
MR284051	Marijuana Retailer

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
Knarik Markosyan	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Lyman Group, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
Mark Holding, 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.



CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP CONDITIONS

Commission staff has reviewed the application for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and are presenting it for the Commission's review and vote.

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.



MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT RENEWALS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMISSION MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2025

RENEWAL OVERVIEW

1. Name, license number, renewal application number and host community for each Marijuana Establishment presented for renewal:

	Licensee Name	License Number	Renewal Application Number	Host Community	License Status
1	202 Trading Company, Inc.	MR281735	MRR207271	Winchendon	CO
2	Aunty Budz LLC	MB282396	MBR169342	Northampton	EXP
3	Eagle Eyes Transport Solutions, LLC	MT281320	MTR263113	Plymouth	CO
4	Ember Gardens NBP LLC	MP282229	MPR244318	New Bedford	EXP
5	EVG FARMS LLC	MR284535	MRR207294	Boston	FL
6	Fernway LLC	MP281661	MPR244329	Northampton	CO
7	Green Biz LLC	MR281490	MRR207266	Pittsfield	CO
8	HIMALAYAN HIGH	MR284668	MRR207181	Beckett	CO
9	Hoop City Ventures, LLC	MR284806	MRR207264	Monson	CO
10	JimBuddys Rec Shop, Inc.	MR281301	MRR207273	Chicopee	CO
11	Jushi MA, Inc.	MR282118	MRR207278	Tyngsborough	CO
12	New England Treatment Access, LLC.	MP281306	MPR244339	Franklin	CO
13	New England Treatment Access, LLC.	MR281287	MRR207287	Brookline	CO
14	New England Treatment Access, LLC.	MR283065	MRR207286	Franklin	CO



15	Patient Centric of Martha's Vineyard, Ltd.	MR283035	MRR207012	Tisbury	CO
16	Porter Square Remedies LLC	MR284796	MRR207262	Cambridge	EXP
17	Potency LLC	MR281594	MRR207128	Pittsfield	CO
18	Riverside Cannabis LLC	MC283481	MCR140940	Holyoke	EXP
19	Seaside Joint Ventures, Inc.	MR284549	MRR207255	Orleans	CO
20	The Corner Emporium LLC.	MR281408	MRR207282	Worcester	FL
21	Theory Wellness Inc	MR281835	MRR207295	Chicopee	CO
22	Tradesman Exchange LLC	MD1316	MDR272592	Mashpee	CO

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.

RENEWAL CONDITIONS

Commission staff has reviewed the application for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and are presenting it for the Commission's review and vote.



MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER RENEWALS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMISSION MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2025

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)	License Status
23	Green Gold Group	RMD3831	North Brookfield	Marlborough	CO
24	Native Sun Wellness, Inc.	RMD4128	Fitchburg	Hudson	CO
25	The Botanist, Inc.	RMD1225	Sterling	Shrewsbury	CO

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.

RENEWAL CONDITIONS

Commission staff has reviewed the application for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and are presenting it for the Commission's review and vote.



Acta LLC
DCCR794121

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	DCCR794121/DCC462218
RVT Trainer d/b/a Name	NA
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	www.actatraining.org

2. The RVT trainer has submitted a renewal application to continue to provide a training program for the Delivery 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 August 10, 2023. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instructions to 12 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;

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- 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 has reviewed the RVT application for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and are presenting it for the Commission's review and vote.

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.



Bartucca Consulting LLC
DCCR794126

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING (“RVT”) TRAINER RENEWAL SUMMARY

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

Item	Information
RVT Trainer Name	Bartucca Consulting LLC
RVT Certification Number	DCCR794126 / DCC462220
RVT Trainer d/b/a Name	NA
RVT Address	90 Tilting Rock Rd Wrentham MA 02093
RVT Business Phone Number	(774) 291-6260
RVT Business Email Address	bartuccaanthony@comcast.net
RVT Business Website	https://theviriditygroup.com/

2. The RVT trainer has submitted a renewal application to continue to provide a training program for the Delivery 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
Anthony Bartucca	Owner

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAM

4. The RVT trainer was originally certified on August 10, 2023. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instructions to 16 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;

RVT Renewal Executive Summary 1



- 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 has reviewed the RVT application for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and are presenting it for the Commission's review and vote.

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.



Grass Ceiling, LLC
DCCR794125

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING (“RVT”) TRAINER RENEWAL SUMMARY

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

Item	Information
RVT Trainer Name	Grass Ceiling, LLC
RVT Certification Number	DCCR794125 / DCC462225
RVT Trainer d/b/a Name	NA
RVT Address	70R Dodge St, Beverly MA 01915
RVT Business Phone Number	(603) 204-0398
RVT Business Email Address	support@grassceiling.net
RVT Business Website	www.grassceiling.net

2. The RVT trainer has submitted a renewal application to continue to provide a training program for the Delivery 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
Sarah Martine	Owner
Janelle Mucci	Owner

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAM

4. The RVT trainer was originally certified on August 10, 2023. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instructions to 27 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:

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- 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 has reviewed the RVT application for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and are presenting it for the Commission's review and vote.

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.



August __, 2025

Assured Testing Laboratories, LLC
300 Potash Hill Road, Suite A
Tyngsborough, Massachusetts 01879
License No. IL281360

Case No. ENF-2025-0000001858

FINAL ORDER AND STIPULATED AGREEMENT

This Final Order and Stipulated Agreement (herein, “Order”) between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (the “Commission”) and Assured Testing Laboratories, LLC (herein, “Respondent”) (together, the “Parties”) is offered in lieu of further administrative action for the purposes of settlement to resolve the Summary Suspension Order issued on June 30, 2025, and any other enforcement action the Commission might have pursued or is pursuing regarding Respondent’s actions known or could have reasonably been known to the Commission through the date of this Order. The Commission finds that the resolution of this matter serves the purposes of G.L. c. 94G, G.L. c. 94I, 935 CMR 500.000 and 501.000 because Respondent has cooperated with the Commission’s investigation and with the Commission during the period of summary suspension and has agreed to enhanced Commission oversight for an interim period to avoid any potential risk to the public health, safety, or welfare and as evidence of its ongoing commitment to legal compliance.

Accordingly, the parties stipulate to the following Facts of Record and Applicable Law, as presented by the Commission, but Respondent neither admits nor denies the Commission’s findings, which are contained in Paragraphs 59 through 63. Respondent enters into this Order solely for the purposes of settlement, which shall neither be considered an admission of liability nor a violation of law. Respondent has voluntarily agreed to the stipulated remedy, contained in Paragraphs 65 through 89 and following the ratification of this Order by majority vote of the Commission, this Order is binding on the Parties for the purpose of bringing this matter to a final resolution.

Legislative, Statutory, and Regulatory Authority

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the conduct and operations of licensed Independent Testing Laboratories and the subject matter herein pursuant to the provisions of the Commonwealth’s marijuana laws, G.L. c. 94I, G.L. c. 94G, 935 CMR 500.000 *et seq.*, and 935 CMR 501.000 *et seq.*;



2. The Commission possesses all powers necessary or convenient to carrying out and effectuating its purposes including conducting investigations of compliance with Commission laws, imposing fines, or otherwise restricting a license for violations of G.L. c. 94I, G.L. c. 94G, or any regulation promulgated by the Commission;
3. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Commission has adopted regulations and protocols for the oversight of Independent Testing Laboratories and the Marijuana testing process, that include:
 - a. The establishment of a testing protocols for the sampling, testing and analysis of marijuana, finished marijuana and marijuana products...to address sampling and analysis to characterize the cannabinoid profile and biological and chemical contaminants, including but not limited to terpenoids, pesticides, plant growth regulators, metals, microbiological contaminants, mycotoxins, and residual solvents. *See* G.L. c. 94G, § 15(a)(1); and
 - b. The obligation to report any results indicating contamination to the Commission within 72 hours of identification. *See* G.L. c. 94G, § 15(a)(3);
4. Pursuant to its authority under G.L. c. 94G §§ 4(a), 4(a½), and 935 CMR 500.350, the Commission may issue a Summary Suspension Order that requires the immediate suspension of a License and its associated registrations and cessation of all operations, if based on inspection, affidavits, or other credible evidence, the Commission or Commission Delegee determines that a Licensee or Registrant poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare. *See* 935 CMR 500.350(2)(b);

Facts of Record

5. Respondent was subject to an investigation by Commission investigators. From that investigation, the Commission alleged violations of Commission law, relative to Respondent's obligations as a licensed Independent Testing Laboratory;
6. On June 30, 2025, the Commission issued a Summary Suspension Order to Respondent pursuant to 935 CMR 500.350 ordering the suspension and cessation of all operations effective July 4, 2025;
7. Respondent is a licensed Independent Testing Laboratory located at 300 Potash Hill Road, Suite A, in Tyngsborough, Massachusetts 01879;
8. The Commission issued Respondent its Final License on October 13, 2022;
9. According to the Massachusetts Cannabis Industry Portal, Dimitrios Pelekoudas ("Dr. Pelekoudas") is listed as a Person Having Direct or Indirect Authority with 37.97% ownership and control interest over Respondent's License;
10. After receiving Commission authorization, Respondent commenced operations on February 16, 2023;

11. Respondent is accredited in accordance with International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 17025:2017 by Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.;
12. Respondent is authorized and accredited to carry out testing on Marijuana and Marijuana Products (collectively, "Marijuana") including, but not limited to, tests for microbials, potency, heavy metals, pesticides, and mycotoxins;
13. Respondent's current ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation expires on February 24, 2027;
14. The Investigations and Enforcement department (the "department") conducted audits of testing data input into the Seed-to-sale Electronic Tracking System (herein, "Metrc") to identify trends in testing data;
15. According to Metrc data, in 2024, Respondent analyzed 12,609 Marijuana lab samples for the presence of Total Yeast and Mold and, throughout that time, reported that only 8 test samples failed for the presence of Total Yeast and Mold contamination over the Commission's limit;
16. On July 18, 2024, the department conducted an announced inspection to review and audit Respondent's microbiology testing protocols;
17. On March 27, 2025, the department conducted an unannounced inspection at Respondent's facility and spoke with Laboratory Agents employed by Respondent including its Director of Sales, Laboratory Director, and various Laboratory Technicians;
18. Following the inspection, department staff continued investigative efforts by interviewing other Laboratory Agents employed by Respondent regarding its general operational processes and testing processes related to Total Yeast and Mold;
19. On April 16, 2025, the department issued a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) to Respondent identifying violations related to its standard operating procedures (SOPs);
20. On the same day, the department sent a Request for Information (RFI) to Respondent seeking, among other things, raw data outputs from testing instruments and data input into its laboratory information management system (LIMS) for the period of April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025;
21. On May 1, 2025, Respondent provided a Plan of Correction in response to the NOD;
22. From April 24, 2025, to May 28, 2025, Respondent cooperated with the department's RFI and follow-up requests by providing the information requested, including the data sought;
23. The department aggregated, reviewed, and compared the data provided by Respondent to the information Respondent input into Metrc;

24. On June 30, 2025, the department conducted another unannounced inspection at Respondent's facility and interviewed other Laboratory Agents;
25. Following the issuance of the Summary Suspension Order on June 30, 2025, the department continued its investigation by conducting additional interviews of Laboratory Agent's employed by Respondent and issuing a second RFI to Respondent on July 8, 2025;
26. On July 15, 2025, and July 31, 2025, Respondent provided partial responses to the second RFI and notified the department that additional responsive material will be provided on an ongoing basis;
27. According to data from Respondent's LIMS, from April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, Respondent processed 22,531 Marijuana laboratory samples from 61 different Licensees;
28. Of the 22,531 lab samples processed during this period, Respondent conducted microbial panel testing on 18,246 lab samples;
29. During that same timeframe, Assured reported in Metrc that only 0.05% of lab samples for raw plant material it tested for Total Yeast and Mold—10 out of 17,709 lab samples—failed due to contamination results exceeding the regulatory limit;
30. According to the instrumentation data provided by Respondent, from April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, 7,183 lab samples it analyzed had microbial panels that produced a numerical value for Total Yeast and Mold that was above zero and under 10,000 CFU/g;
31. Respondent reported each of those 7,183 results in Metrc as zero. On related certificates of analysis provided to clients, Respondent reported said results as non-detect or below the limit of detection set by Respondent as 10,000 CFU/g or 1,000 CFU/g, as applicable;
32. In accordance with Section 3.3 of Respondent's SOP titled Data Reporting, Doc. No. P-042 (herein, "Data Reporting SOP"), "the results of each test or series of tests carried out...shall be reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously, and objectively, and in accordance with applicable procedures incorporated in its manuals" and are reviewed and signed by the Quality Manager or their designee once completed;
33. The individuals working for Respondent that sign Certificates of Analyses, verifying and attesting to the accuracy and the information presented, are the Quality Manager(s) as well as the Owner and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Pelekoudas;
34. 544 lab samples tested by Respondent from April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, had at least one initial microbial panel that indicated a Total Yeast and Mold value of over 10,000 CFU/g;

35. The Commission's threshold for Total Yeast and Mold contamination in unprocessed and processed plant material is 10,000 CFU/g, *i.e.*, Total Yeast and Mold contamination at or above 10,000 CFU/g is a failing result;
36. 160 lab samples tested by Respondent from April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, had at least two failing results;
37. Respondent's SOP titled Internal Validation, Doc. No. P-048 (herein, "Internal Validation SOP"), implemented February 3, 2023, addressed processes for samples with failing results;
38. Section 3.0 of the Internal Validation SOP defined the following three terms:
 - a. Internal Validation: The internal process initiated when test data suggests a sample may exceed CCC-established failure limits. Internal validation involves additional sample preparation, analysis, and/or data review to verify the accuracy of the initial result;
 - b. Potential failure: An initial analytical result indicating that a sample may not comply with CCC regulatory thresholds. This applies to analysis of microbial and heavy metal samples; and
 - c. Inconsistent data: Data that does not follow trend from previous samples of the same sample type and customer. This applies to cannabinoid and terpene samples;
39. Sections 4.0 and 5.0 of the Internal Validation SOP outlined the responsibilities for Respondent's Laboratory Technicians, Client Services, Analytical Staff and Quality Assurance personnel, and included steps to identify and document failures, reanalyze failing material if additional sample material was available, contact and inform clients of a failing test results, request new sample material, perform testing and analysis of that new material, and report the results of those new tests in Metrc rather than the original tests;
40. The Commission issued an Administrative Order Requiring Licensees to Submit One Full Panel Test Samples for Required Compliance Testing ("Administrative Order No. 4"), which provided further instruction to operators directly related to its regulations regarding independent laboratory testing policies and procedures, Respondent revised its policies and procedures to comply with the regulations as clarified;
41. Effective as of April 1, 2025, and as a result of Administrative Order No. 4, Respondent updated its Internal Validation SOP in an effort to ensure compliance with Administrative Order No. 4, issued December 17, 2024, amended March 13, 2025, effective April 1, 2025, and included a notation that "the internal validation method described in this SOP is no longer viable when additional material cannot be tied to the original sample tag";
42. Prior to the Commission's RFI on April 16, 2025, Respondent did not provide or notify the Commission of the existence of the Internal Validation SOP despite regulatory obligations to provide the Commission with updates to its licensing application materials

and a request on May 17, 2024, for “a comprehensive list of all SOPs and policies utilized by Assured Testing Labs”, to which Respondent claims it inadvertently responded with an outdated list of SOPs and policies;

43. From April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, neither Respondent nor its clients reported the results for the 544 failing lab samples, inclusive of the 160 lab samples that received multiple failing test results, to the Commission within 72 hours of identification. Rather, the Total Yeast and Mold failures were either omitted or input as zero or “not tested” in Metrc;
44. From April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, Respondent’s practice of reporting test results as zero or non-detect extended to other component tests, including aerobic and bile-tolerant gram-negative bacteria, heavy metals, and potency;
45. Further, during June 2024 and between December 2024 to February 2025, Respondent reported pesticide and mycotoxin results in Metrc as “passed” before testing was complete. In connection with its response to an RFI issued by the Commission on July 8, 2025, Respondent performed an in-depth audit of its internal data, which led to the discovery, and disclosure, of these data reporting inconsistencies;
46. As of the date of this Order, there is no indication that any lab samples Respondent tested after being initially reported as passing have failed for the presence of pesticides or mycotoxins;

Applicable Law

47. An Independent Testing Laboratory shall report any results indicating contamination to the Commission within 72 hours of identification. G.L. c. 94G, § 15(a)(3);
48. The Commission has established contamination limits for heavy metals, pesticides, and microbials in Exhibits 4 through 6 of its Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Finished Marijuana and Marijuana Products for Marijuana Establishments, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and Colocated Marijuana Operations;
49. Acceptance of a provisional or final license constitutes an agreement by the Licensee that it will adhere to the practices, policies, and procedures that are described in its application materials, as well as all relevant laws, regulations, and any conditions imposed by the Commission as part of licensure. *See* 935 CMR 500.103(2)(d);
50. Every Marijuana Establishment shall have and follow a set of detailed written operating procedures. *See* 935 CMR 500.105(1) and 501.105(1);
51. A Marijuana Establishment shall have a written policy for responding to laboratory results that indicate contaminant levels are above acceptable limits established in the protocols identified in 935 CMR 500.160(1)...the notifications shall be from both the

Marijuana Establishment and the Independent Testing Laboratory, separately and directly. *See* 935 CMR 500.160(4)(b) and 501.160(4)(b);

52. A Licensee that receives notice that Marijuana or a Marijuana Product it has submitted for testing has failed any test for contaminants shall either reanalyze the Marijuana or Marijuana Product without remediation, take steps to remediate the identified contaminants, or dispose of the Marijuana or Marijuana Product. *See* 935 CMR 500.160(13) and 501.160(13);
53. If the Licensee chooses to reanalyze the sample, a sample from the same batch shall be submitted for reanalysis at the ITL that provided the original failed result. If the sample passes all previously failed tests at the initial ITL, a sample from the same batch previously tested shall be submitted to a second ITL other than the initial ITL for a Second Confirmatory Test. To be considered passing and therefore safe for sale, the sample shall have passed the Second Confirmatory Test at a second ITL. Any Marijuana or Marijuana Product that fails the Second Confirmatory Test may not be sold, transferred or otherwise dispensed to Consumers, Patients or Licensees without first being remediated. Otherwise, the Marijuana Establishment shall dispose of any such product. 935 CMR 500.160(13)(a) and 501.160(13)(a);
54. Information provided by a Marijuana Establishment that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure constitutes full and adequate grounds for suspending or revoking a license. *See* 935 CMR 500.450(2) and 501.450(2);
55. Marijuana Establishments failing to comply with any requirement of...G.L. c. 94G, 935 CMR 500.000 or 501.000...constitutes full and adequate grounds for suspending or revoking a license. *See* 935 CMR 500.450(3) and 501.450(3);
56. Conduct or practices of a Marijuana Establishment that are detrimental to the safety, health, or welfare of the public constitute full and adequate grounds for suspending or revoking a license. *See* 935 CMR 500.450(15) and 501.450(15);

Stipulated Findings

57. The Commission, through its Executive Director, and Respondent have come to mutual agreement and understanding, and jointly propose to the Commission a resolution of the alleged violations in lieu of proceeding with an administrative hearing to determine the merits of such allegations. The terms and conditions of this Order are expressly subject to ratification by the full Commission. Pursuant to G.L. c. 10, § 76, three Commissioners shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of three Commissioners shall be required for ratification of this Order;
58. Respondent neither admits nor denies the findings set forth in Paragraphs 59 through 63, inclusive of all subparagraphs;

59. From April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, Respondent did not report certain test results for Marijuana lab samples indicating contamination to the Commission in violation of G.L. c. 94G, § 15(a)(3), 935 CMR 500.160(4)(b) and 501.160(4)(b):
- Respondent did not report the actual results of 7,183 Marijuana lab samples that had microbial panels that produced a numerical value for Total Yeast and Mold that was above zero and under 10,000 CFU/g;
 - Respondent did not report the failing results of 544 Marijuana lab samples that had microbial panels indicating a Total Yeast and Mold value of over 10,000 CFU/g;
 - Respondent did not report the failing microbial results for at least one Marijuana lab sample that produced numerical values for total viable aerobic bacteria that was above 100,000 CFU/g
 - Respondent did not report the failing microbial results for at least one Marijuana lab sample that produced numerical values for bile-tolerant gram-negative bacteria that was above 1,000 CFU/g; and
 - Respondent did not report the failing heavy metal result for at least one Marijuana lab sample that produced a numerical value for Arsenic that was above 200 ppb;
60. From April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, Respondent reported testing results of Marijuana lab samples to the Commission in violation of 935 CMR 500.450(2) and 501.450(2):
- Respondent reported the Total Yeast and Mold results of 7,183 Marijuana lab samples as zero rather than the numerical value measured;
 - A result of zero indicate to the Commission that there is no presence of Total Yeast and Mold contamination;
 - Respondent reported the failing Total Yeast and Mold results of 544 Marijuana lab samples with at least one failing result, and 160 Marijuana lab samples with at least two failing results, as zero or “not-tested”;
 - Respondent omitted failing microbial results for at least one Marijuana lab sample;
 - Respondent omitted failing heavy metal results for at least one Marijuana lab sample; and
 - Respondent reported that Marijuana lab samples passed pesticide and mycotoxin testing before actually completing said testing;
61. Between 2023 and 2025, Respondent implemented and followed a SOP that was incompatible with G.L. c. 94G, § 15(a)(3), 935 CMR 500.160(4)(b) and 501.160(4)(b) and the reanalysis process outlined in 935 CMR 500.160(13)(a) and 501.160(13)(a) in violation of 935 CMR 500.450(3) and 501.450(3):
- On February 3, 2023, Respondent implemented the Internal Validation SOP;
 - Respondent did not notify or provide the Internal Validation SOP to the Commission until April 16, 2025;
 - The Internal Validation SOP established a process where Respondent would coordinate with clients regarding failing test results without reporting the same to the Commission or in Metrc as required by G.L. c. 94G, § 15(a)(3), 935 CMR 500.160(4)(b) and 501.160(4)(b);

- d. If additional sample material was available, Respondent would reanalyze failing samples without reporting the initial failure to the Commission;
 - e. If additional sample material was not available, Respondent would ask its client to submit another sample from the same source package without reporting the initial failure to the Commission;
 - f. Respondent would only report the passing results from reanalysis or the new sample;
 - g. As a result of this coordination, clients did not submit another sample to a second Independent Testing Laboratory for a "Second Confirmatory Test" as required by Commission regulations; and
 - h. From April 1, 2024, to April 15, 2025, Respondent's process enabled clients to avoid the Commission's established reanalysis process under 935 CMR 500.160(13)(a) and 501.160(13)(a) for at least 544 Marijuana lab samples;
62. Respondent's practices and actions described in Paragraphs 27 to 46 undermined the Commission's ability to ensure compliant testing of Marijuana and were detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare in violation of 935 CMR 500.450(15) and 501.450(15);
63. Since the Commission's issuance of the Summary Suspension Order on June 30, 2025, effective July 4, 2025, Respondent has complied with the obligations of the Summary Suspension Order, and cooperated with Commission staff and requests;

Stipulated Remedy

64. In lieu of proceeding with an administrative hearing and subsequent proceedings, Respondent agrees to the stipulated remedies and terms set forth in Paragraphs 65 through 89, inclusive of all subparagraphs;
65. Respondent agrees to pay a monetary fine in the amount of three-hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) by check or money order and made payable to the order of the Cannabis Control Commission Marijuana Regulation Fund;
- a. Payment shall consist of the following installments due and payable in accordance with the following schedule:

Amount	Due Date
\$100,000.00	60 days after ratification of this Order by the Commission
\$100,000.00	120 days after ratification of this Order by the Commission
\$100,000.00	180 days after ratification of this Order by the Commission

66. Payment shall be postmarked on or before the due dates identified in Paragraph 65.a. and be mailed to the following address:
- a. Via USPS:

Cannabis Control Commission
PO Box 412144
Boston, MA 02241-2144

- b. Via Courier/Overnight:
Bank of America Lockbox Services
Cannabis Control Commission 412144
MA5-527-02-07
2 Morrissey Boulevard
Dorchester, MA 02125

67. In addition to the monetary penalty identified in Paragraph 65, Dr. Pelekoudas' Agent Registration shall be suspended for a period of 12-months beginning on the date Respondent appoints an interim or permanent Chief Executive Officer, who shall be registered in accordance with Commission regulations, which in no case shall be later than 90 days after Respondent's license suspension is lifted, in accordance with Paragraph 69. During his suspension, Dr. Pelekoudas shall not serve as the Chief Executive Officer or otherwise retain any decision-making capacity or authority with Respondent;

- a. The interim Chief Executive Officer shall not be a relative within the fourth degree of consanguinity of Dr. Pelekoudas or his spouse or domestic partner, as applicable; and
- b. Respondent shall provide the Commission with the curriculum vitae for the appointed interim or permanent Chief Executive Officer;

68. Effective immediately, Respondent shall cease all alleged noncompliant operations described in the Summary Suspension Order issued on June 30, 2025, effective July 4, 2025, and this Order;

69. The Summary Suspension Order issued by the Commission on June 30, 2025, and effective on July 4, 2025, shall be rescinded on September 15, 2025, subject to the following conditions; provided, however, that the Summary Suspension Order may be rescinded on or after August 21, 2025, in the Commission's discretion if the following conditions are completed earlier by Respondent, which shall be deemed met if not denied within two (2) weeks of submission to the Commission:

- a. Respondent shall contract with an independent auditor:
 - i. Said independent auditor shall be responsible for reviewing and reporting on Respondent's raw testing data and ensuring that said data is accurately reported in Metrc;
 - ii. Said independent auditor shall provide quarterly reports detailing its review and any findings to the Commission during the probationary period. The first report shall be provided to the Commission in January 2026, for the period of September 2025 through December 2025, and continue thereafter on a quarterly basis for a total of 8 reports;
 - iii. Said independent auditor shall be approved by the Commission prior to being contracted by Respondent;

1. As applicable, Respondent shall provide the curriculum vitae, auditing credentials and whether there are any existing contracts between Respondent and the auditor;
 2. Respondent shall provide the Commission with the agreement entered into between Respondent and the auditor;
 - b. Respondent shall submit revised SOPs to the Commission and provide a list of all SOPs currently in use or effect:
 - i. Respondent shall provide changes to SOPs to the Commission with changes in redline;
 - ii. Respondent shall develop or revise an existing SOP to incorporate sample retention procedures that contain at a minimum the following:
 1. Requiring a test sample sufficient to accommodate the Commission's authority to direct further testing pursuant to 935 CMR 500.160(3) and 501.160(3); and
 2. Requirement that Respondent retain lab samples for 14 days, in conditions typically used for lab sample storage, or a maximum excess storage of 800 samples in addition to samples actively being processed, whichever ensures longer retention, after reporting testing results in Metrc. If Respondent must destroy samples due to storage capacity, Respondent shall provide the Commission at least 48 hours' notice before destruction;
 - c. Respondent shall provide the Commission with a job description for the Quality Control Manager, who shall be hired pursuant to Paragraph 70, as well as a description of where the Quality Control Manager is identified in Respondent's corporate structure, inclusive of all employees to which the Quality Control Manager shall report;
 - d. Respondent shall notify the Commission of any personnel changes effectuated prior to the removal of the suspension, inclusive of the appointment of an interim Chief Executive Officer and any other executive- or management-level agents;
 - e. Respondent shall provide the Commission with a detail description of the process through which it will deliver regular reports of failed testing results to the Commission pursuant to Paragraph 72;
70. Within 90 days of the ratification of this Order, hire a Quality Control Manager and notify the Commission of said hiring, which time period may be extended as reasonably necessary, subject to Commission approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld;
71. Respondent shall submit to a two-year probationary period (the "probationary period"), which shall take effect when the suspension is lifted pursuant to Paragraph 69. During the probationary period:
 - a. Any substantial noncompliance with this Order or any Commission laws by Respondent or any Person Having Direct or Indirect Control of Respondent shall constitute full and adequate grounds for further administrative or disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of the License;

- b. Prior to enforcing this provision, the Commission agrees to notify Respondent of said violation(s) via a Letter of Warning, which shall identify the violation(s) and provide Respondent with a reasonable time to correct the identified violation(s);
- 72. During the probationary period, Respondent agrees to deliver bi-weekly reports of failed lab samples to the Commission, including the number of tests performed, the number of failing results received, and the number of failures as a percentage of the total number of tests it has performed during the reporting period; provided, however, that the Commission may reduce the frequency of reports during this period at its discretion upon 2-week notice to Respondent. This requirement shall not relieve Respondent from its general reporting obligations in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations;
- 73. Within 90 days of the ratification of this Order, Respondent shall ensure that applicable staff enrolls in the following continuing education and submit documentation demonstrating the completion of each course within 5 days of each staff member's completion of said course:
 - a. Respondent's executive-level and management staff responsible for implementing any quality control processes shall complete ISO Auditor competency training, 200V: Internal Auditor for ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – T224-22; and
 - b. All Respondent's agents shall complete ethics training. Prior to enrolling in said ethics training, Respondent shall provide the Commission with a syllabus and/or course description of the training for approval by the Commission;
- 74. This Order may be admissible as evidence in any future hearing before the Commission or used in connection with any future licensure or administrative actions by the Commission;
- 75. Any issues relating to the underlying complaint and investigation that formed the basis for this Order against Respondent, and any defenses that Respondent may have to such complaint or investigation, shall not be at issue in a proceeding against Respondent for failing to comply with the terms of this Order;
- 76. Respondent agrees that the Commission may consider this Order and the facts and circumstances described therein in connection with review of an application for licensure, renewal of licensure, or suitability review;
- 77. Respondent enters into this Order solely for the purposes of settlement. This Order shall neither be considered an admission of liability nor a violation of law for any purpose, nor as evidence supporting the allegations of the Commission;
- 78. By entering into this Order, Respondent acknowledges that it has been advised of its right to a hearing and nonetheless wishes to resolve all issues that were the subject of this investigation or in any way related to this investigation and Order;
- 79. If approved by the Commission and upon execution of all Parties, this Order shall have the same force and effect as an order entered after a hearing conducted in accordance

with G.L. c. 30A pursuant to 935 CMR 500.500(12) and 501.500(12), except that this Order may not be appealed. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order, including but not limited to failure to make a timely payment in accordance with Paragraph 65, shall constitute the basis for further administrative action against Respondent;

80. Respondent acknowledges that the Commission advised Respondent of its opportunity to consult with an attorney of its choosing and Respondent represents that it had an opportunity to do so prior to signing this Order. Respondent acknowledges that it has been given a reasonable period of time in which to consider the terms of this Order before signing it. Respondent acknowledges and confirms that it has entered into this Order voluntarily and of its own free will, without duress or coercion, and that it is competent to enter into this Order. Respondent acknowledges that it has carefully read and fully understands the meaning and intent of this Order;
81. Respondent further understands and knowingly and voluntarily waives the following rights:
 - a. The right to proceed with an adjudicatory proceeding;
 - b. The right to subpoena and cross-examine witnesses, present evidence and testify on Respondent's own behalf at that adjudicatory proceeding; and
 - c. The right to appeal this Order;
82. Respondent consents to the terms and conditions described herein and agrees to waive its right to judicial review of this Order pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 14;
83. Upon execution by all Parties, this Order shall represent the entire and final agreement of the Parties. In the event that any provision of this Order is deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed, and the remainder of this Order shall be given full force and effect;
84. This Order shall be binding upon Respondent and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties to this Order and their respective successors and assignees and shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Respondent does not agree that this Order (or any of the contents thereof) will have, and neither the Commission nor Respondent intend for this Order to have, preclusive or estoppel effect in any other forum, including, without limitation, any private civil action in which Respondent is, or may be, a party; provided, however, that any such private civil action does not include the Commission as a party;
85. Upon ratification of this Order by the Commission, this Order shall become a permanent part of Respondent's record and shall be open to public inspection and disclosure pursuant to the Commission's standard policies and procedures or applicable law;
86. The Commission may reject the terms of this Order or otherwise deny ratification and entry of this Order. In such event, the terms of this Order shall be null and void and the Parties may proceed to hearing;

87. This Order may be executed by e-mail and any signature delivered by either email or first-class mail shall be deemed to be as valid as an original signature;
88. All costs and expenses incurred by Respondent to comply with this Order shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent and shall not in any way be the obligation of the Commission; and
89. For purposes of addressing any future violations of this Order, applicable law or regulations shall be construed to include all amendments and revisions to said law or regulations that are in effect at the time of the subsequent violation.

This Order is subject to ratification by the Commission. Upon ratification, this Order becomes binding on the Parties. Failure to comply with the above conditions shall result in administrative action against Respondent up to and including suspension and/or revocation of licensure or registration.

Respondent Assured Testing Laboratories, LLC

Dimitrios Pelekoudas

08/11/2025 PDT

Signer ID: AVDKATQW15...

Dimitrios Pelekoudas, Ph.D., Owner and CEO

Date Signed

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission

Ratified by Commission vote (___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstain) on August ___, 2025.

Travis Ahern, Executive Director

Date Signed

Cannabis Control Commission
Notification of Comment Submissions

[DATE]

On July 29, 2025, the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) voted to approve a draft set of regulatory changes that create a framework to allow for social consumption of cannabis as well as other needed regulatory changes to support the growth of the industry and continued compliance by our licensees. The formal regulatory promulgation process allows for public comment and testimony. The Commission will also host an in-person hearing on September 8th, 2025. In order for the Commission to diligently complete their work on these regulatory changes, public comment is highly encouraged.

In addition, the Commission is also seeking specific comments on key topics that garnered considerable discussion among Commissioners and staff during deliberations. The public, industry stakeholders and public officials are encouraged to consider the following topics (and noted regulatory citation):

- **Responsible Vendor Training (RVT) – 500.105(2)** – Based on feedback from industry stakeholders and public safety officials, there is a need to incorporate training as a requirement for employees of a Social Consumption Establishment. The Commission is seeking input on the training provisions, required hours of training and curriculum requirements.
- **Shelf-Stable, Non-Infused Food Sales – 500.140(3)(e)** – Proposed regulatory changes would allow all Marijuana Retail Establishments to sell Shelf-Stable, Non-Infused Food items to customers.
- **Limitations on Sales – 500.141(3)** – The draft currently allows for Consumers to purchase the overall amount allowed at retail which is 1oz or its dry weight equivalent. However, this draft further restricts the amount the Consumer is allowed to order at any one time as being 3.5 grams or 10mg of Marijuana-infused Products.
- **Prohibitions – 500.141(9)(c)** – Alcohol and Tobacco - The Commission prohibits the sale and use of alcohol and tobacco at licensed Social Consumption Establishments. Commissioners raised concerns about the sale and use of additional products that may affect impairment or impact a consumer's health and are seeking additional comment on possible restrictions on sales of other products including nicotine.
- **Prohibitions – 500.141(9)(f)** – Discounted & Promotional Prices (not included in prohibitions) - The draft regulations cite promotion restrictions for Social Consumption Establishments consistent with 500.105(4)(b), which also impacts language in the

Advertising definition in 500.002, and specific language in 500.105(4)(b)20. The Commission is seeking input to help offer clarification to ensure continued compliance.

- **Ventilation Requirements – 500.141(10)(f)** – This section addresses HVAC/Ventilation requirements and the section **500.141(2)(p)4.**, addresses SOP requirements for the system. These sections require an adequate ventilation system to protect Consumers from exposure to second-hand smoke in these establishments and we seek public comment regarding these requirements.
- **Cooling Down – 500.141 (12)** – Social Consumption Establishment licensees will be required to provide “Cooling Down” areas for patrons who may have an adverse reaction to or become impaired by the consumption of cannabis. While various products and practices are emerging in the marketplace to assist patrons in distress or impairment, additional input on draft language is welcome to identify further procedures, protocols or products the Commission should consider and processes for review.

The Cannabis Control Commission formally invites testimony and comments from the general public, industry participants, public health officials and public safety officials during this period until Friday, September 12, 2025. Additional information and links to the draft regulations are available on the Commission’s website (www.cccmass.com) .

Memorandum

To: Commissioners
Cc: Travis Ahern, Executive Director
From: Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy
Date: August 14, 2025
Subject: August 2025 Government Affairs Update

Legislative Update

Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins met with staff from Governor Maura Healey's Office to discuss ongoing policy work at the Commission.

Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins, Executive Director Travis Ahern, and Government Affairs and Policy staff met with Representative Lindsay Sabadosa to discuss ongoing policy work at the Commission.

Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins, Executive Director Travis Ahern, and Government Affairs and Policy staff met with Senator Lydia Edwards to discuss ongoing policy work at the Commission.

Executive Director Travis Ahern, and Government Affairs and Policy staff met with Rep. Michael Moran to discuss ongoing policy work at the Commission.

Municipal Update

NEW SECTION: The Town of Sutton now allows Delivery to residents within its borders.

Municipal Law Unit

The Attorney General's Municipal Law Unit (MLU) did not issue any marijuana related decisions this past month.





Cannabis Control Commission

Public Meeting

August 14, 2025 at 10:00 am

Remote via Microsoft Teams



Agenda

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



Executive Director and Commission Staff Report

Executive Director Report – August 14, 2025

ED Report Items:

1. Portal for Public Health & Safety Advisories
2. 2-Factor Authentication for MMJOS
3. Petitions for Regulatory Changes
4. Waiver Requests for Regulatory Requirements
5. Host Community Municipal Equity (HCME) Update
 1. Ch. 180 Update
6. Licensing Data Updates

Sept. 11, 2025 ED Report, Planned Items:

1. FY2025 Budget Close Out
2. FY2026 Spending Plan Draft for A&F
 1. \$19.7M approved budget vs. \$30.0M budget request
3. Personnel Updates:
 1. Demographics Report
 2. Hiring Freeze Updates



Public Health and Safety Advisories Portal

MassCannabisControl.com

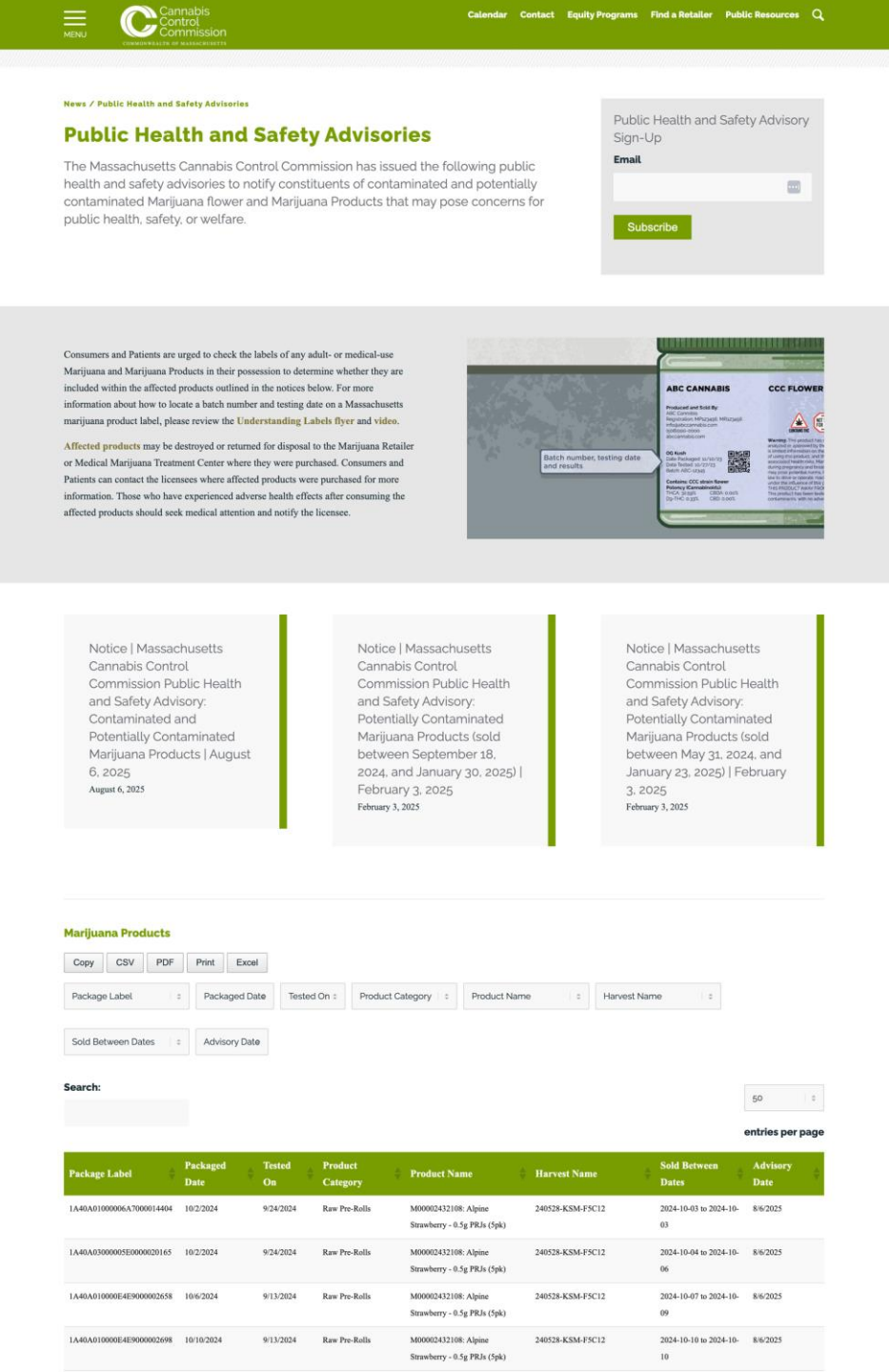
August 14, 2025

AnnMarie Burt, Director of Digital and Creative Services

MassCannabisControl.com

Public Health and Safety Advisories Portal

- Launched Wednesday, August 6
<https://masscannabiscontrol.com/news/public-health-and-safety-advisories/>
- Public Health and Safety Advisory Email Sign-Up
- Information for Consumers and Patients
 - [Understanding Labels flyer](#) and [video](#) explaining where to find the batch number and testing date
 - What to do if you possess an affected product or have experienced an adverse health reaction
- Links to All Posted Notices
- Marijuana Products List
 - Advanced filtering options and search field
 - Options to extract the data in multiple file formats



Marijuana Products

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Package Label

Packaged Date

Tested On

Product Category

Product Name

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- <https://masscannabiscontrol.com/news/public-health-and-safety-advisories/>

- How to Access the Portal
 - Homepage Slider
 - Footer of the Website (on every page)
 - Notice | August 6, 2025
 - Public Resources > Frequently Viewed Resources
 - News
 - Enforcement Announcements

Notice | Massachusetts
Cannabis Control
Commission Public Health
and Safety Advisory:
Potentially Contaminated
Marijuana Products (sold
between May 31, 2024, and
January 23, 2025) | February
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Questions?

Executive Director Report – August 14, 2025

2-Factor Authentication:

- June 2025 – **Medical Use of Marijuana Online System (MMJOS)** began rolling out two-factor authentication for Certifying Healthcare Provider accounts.
 - MMJOS now requires providers to confirm their email address and provide a mobile phone number for log-in purposes
- **Certifying Healthcare Providers** will need to review and confirm or update all information in their MMJOS account
 - Reminder: Under 935 CMR 501.000, providers are required to update the Commission within five (5) business days of any changes to their information.



Petitions for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations

August 14, 2025

Kajal Chattopadhyay, General Counsel



STATUTORY FRAMEWORK

G.L. c. 30A § 4

Any interested person may petition an agency requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation, and may accompany his petition with such data, views and arguments as he thinks pertinent. **Each agency shall prescribe by regulation the procedure for the submission, consideration and disposition of such petitions.**

Petitions

935 CMR §§ 500.830 and 501.830

(1) Any interested Person may file a petition with the Commission pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 4, for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation. Such petition shall be submitted in written and electronic form, be signed by the petitioner or petitioner's representative, and include the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and relevant contact information for the petitioner or the petitioner's representative;
- (b) The petitioner's specific interest in the regulation;
- (c) The petitioner's request for the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation, including proposed regulatory language;
- (d) If the request is to amend an existing regulation, a copy of the existing regulation with changes clearly marked on paper and electronic copies; and
- (e) The reasons for the request including, but not limited to, citation to any relevant legal authority, arguments and evidence, including data, that supports the request.

(2) After receipt of a petition for submitted in accordance with 935 CMR 501.830, the Commission may consider the petition at an open meeting pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20, and determine, in its discretion, whether to take any action on or as a result of the petition. The Commission may also delegate the review of petitions to its Executive Director.

(3) Within a reasonable time, the Commission or a Commission Delegee will notify the petitioner as to its determination, if any, concerning the petition.

(4) The submission of a petition for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation pursuant to 935 CMR 501.830(1), and any action, inaction, determination or notice by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 501.830(2) and 935 CMR 501.830(3) with respect thereto, shall not constitute the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation, unless or until regulations are duly promulgated by the Commission in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, *State Administrative Procedure Act*, and 950 CMR 20.00: *Preparing and Filing Regulations*.|



Petition Review Process

Petition Process

- Petition received at Commission@cccmass.com
- GC or their delegee acknowledges receipt and conducts a review to determine if the Petition conforms to the requirements of 935 CMR 500.830: Petitions for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations or 935 CMR 501.830: Petitions for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations.
- GC or their delegee informs petitioner if their submission does not conform to the regulatory requirements and works with the petitioner to conform the Petition to the requirements of the regulations.
- GC or their delegee conducts the initial legal analysis in order to make a recommendation to the Executive Director.



Internal Petition Process (Continued)

- GC makes one of the following recommendations to the Executive Director:
 - No regulatory change is needed;
 - Determination that there is a need for additional investigation or information (e.g., formation of a working group);
 - Determination that regulatory change is warranted and a recommendation should be presented to the Commission; or
 - Take any other action consistent with the regulations
- Upon receipt of feedback and direction from the Executive Director, GC takes appropriate action including working with Department Heads to implement the recommendation and to respond further to the petitioner, which could include, but not be limited to, the presentation of materials to the Commissioners for their consideration.





PETITION OUTCOMES

Approval

- The Commission reviewed the request and determined that an approval recommendation is warranted.
- Once approved, the regulatory amendment would go through the promulgation process in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, *State Administrative Procedure Act*, and 950 CMR 20.00: *Preparing and Filing Regulations*, and the regulatory process requirements of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Denial

- The ED or their delegee reviewed the petition and determined that a denial recommendation is warranted and the petitioner is notified.
- If denied, the petition may be submitted to a regulatory working group to be incorporated in future amendments.

Withdrawal

- The requestor withdrew its petition request and the matter is closed by the Commission.

PETITIONS FILED 2020-2024

Year	Petitions Requested
2020	1
2021	1
2022	5
2023	5
2024	1
Total	13



WAIVER REQUESTS

August 14, 2025

Timothy Goodin, Enforcement Counsel
Barbara Cooney, Enforcement Paralegal



Agenda

1. Waiver Process Overview

- a) Regulatory Language
- b) Internal Processes and Potential Outcomes
- c) Petitions

2. Metrics

3. Q&A



Waiver Process Overview

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Adult use: 935 CMR 500.850

Medical use: 935 CMR 501.850

- The Commission may delegate its authority to the Executive Director to waive a regulatory requirement promulgated under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 and M.G.L. c. 94I, § 7.
- "ASP" *Waiver of Security Requirements*. Any waiver of security requirements under 935 CMR 500.850 and 935 CMR 501.850, are reviewed and assessed by our Investigations team.



Waivers

935 CMR §§ 500.850 and 501.850

- (2) The Commission may waive applicability of one or more of the requirements imposed by 935 CMR 501.000 on the submission of written documentation and a finding that:
- (a) Compliance would cause undue hardship to the requestor;
 - (b) If applicable, the implementation of compensating features acceptable to the Commission;
 - (c) The noncompliance with the regulatory requirement would not jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of any Registered Qualifying Patient or the public; and
 - (d) The granting of the waiver would not constitute a waiver of any statutory requirements.



Internal Waiver Process

- Waivers are received via Enforcement@CCCMass.com (formerly Licensing@CCCMass.com).
- Waiver is assigned to staff who will perform review in accordance with 935 CMR 500.850(2).
- Recommendation is provided to the CIE, who will review, and forward to the ED.
- ED, or their delegee, will review and make a determination.
- EC staff then provides executed determination to requestor.
- Average processing time between 2020-2024 was 62 days.





WAIVER OUTCOMES

Approval

- The Commission reviewed the request and determined that an approval recommendation is warranted.
- Once approved, the regulatory requirement is waived. Waiver only applies to the requestor and may be subject to certain conditions, if applicable.
- The requestor is instructed to keep a copy of the approval notice for their records. Marijuana Establishments are also instructed to place a copy of this notice in the written operating procedures.

Denial

- The Commission reviewed the request and determined that a denial recommendation is warranted.
- Once denied, the regulatory requirement that was requested to be waived remains in full effect.
- To the extent that the requestor seeks a change to Commission regulations as a matter of policy, they are advised that they may file a petition for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any regulation pursuant to 935 CMR 500.830 and 935 CMR 501.830.

Withdrawal

- The requestor withdrew its waiver request and the matter is closed by the Commission.

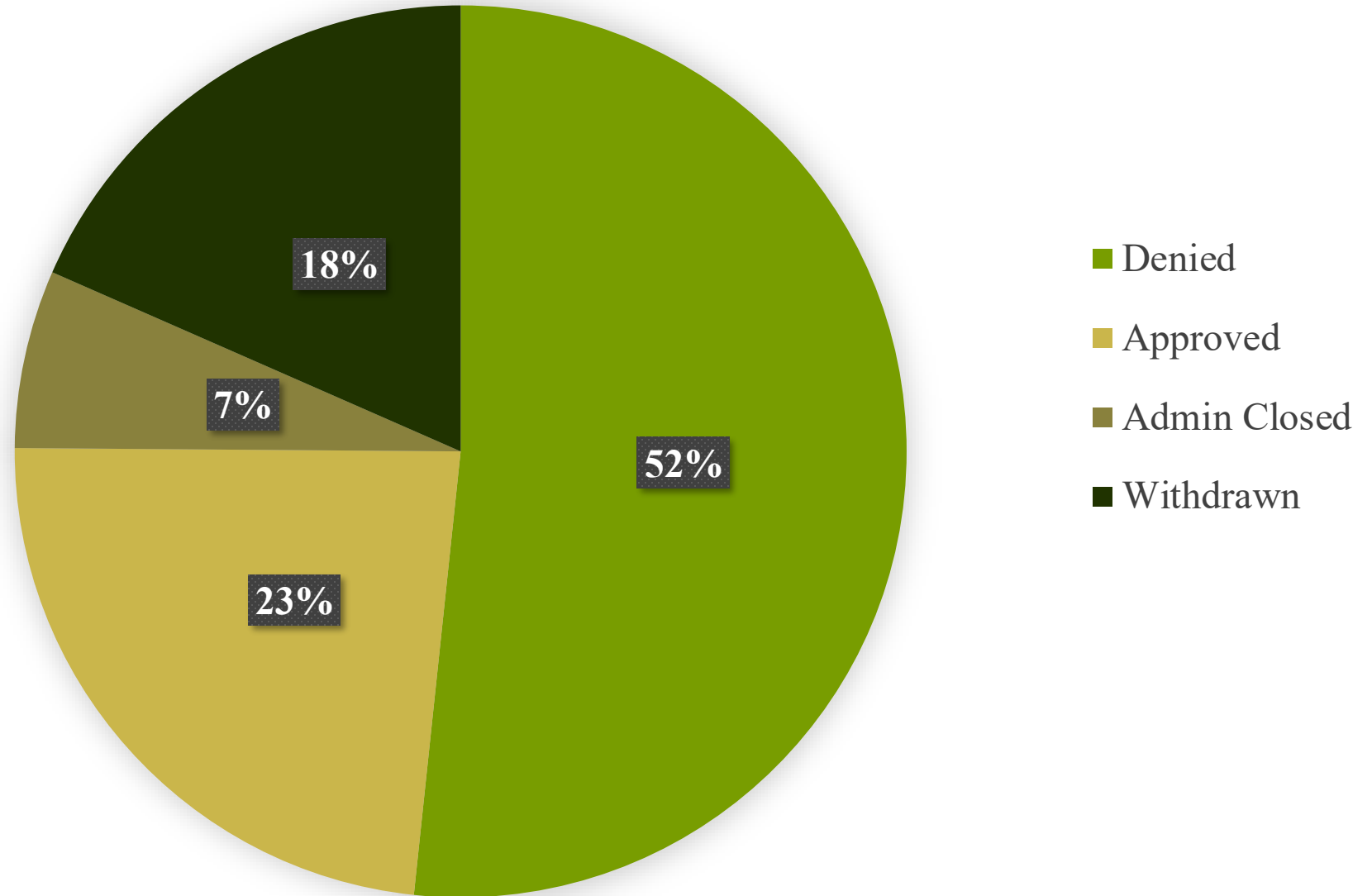
Administrative Closure

- The Commission has reviewed the request and determined to close the waiver request as the waiver request is not properly considered under the waiver process.



Metrics

TOTAL WAIVER REQUESTS 2020-2024



Waiver Results by Calendar Year

	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
Denied	73	44%	38	50%	44	54%	35	55%	26	60%
Approved	31	18%	18	23%	26	31%	17	27%	7	17%
Admin. Closed	3	2%	0	0%	6	7%	9	14%	8	19%
Withdrawn	61	36%	20	27%	7	8%	3	4%	2	4%
Total Requests	168		76		83		64		43	
Processing Days	53		73		86		46		53	

2025 Waiver Requests

1/1/2025 - 7/30/2025

	Denied	Approved	Admin. Close	Withdrawn	In Process	TOTAL
2025	8	2	6	0	11	27



Common Adult Use Waivers/ASPs

500.101 - Application Requirements

- Community Outreach Meetings
- Authorization to obtain a full set of fingerprints

500.105 - General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments

- Agents in vehicle
- Transportation between MEs

500.005 - Fees

- Waive application fees
- Waive COO/COL Fees etc.

500.110 - Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments

- Storing all Finished Marijuana Products
- Cash Handling and Transportation Requirements

Common Medical Use Waivers

501.007 - Registration of Certifying Certified Nurse Practitioners

- An attestation by the supervising physician for the CNP

501.105 - General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

- Responsible Vendor Training

501.010 - Written Certification of a Debilitating Medical Condition for a Qualifying Patient

- A Clinical Visits
- Telehealth



Host Community Municipal Equity Update

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Host Community Municipal Equity (HCME) – Update:

- **HCMEs reviewed and accepted by Commission:** **3**
 - Cambridge, Lee, Shrewsbury
- **HCMEs received / under review by Commission:** **24**
- **HCME notices sent, outstanding:** **172**

HCME is a function and task created by Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022. The CCC’s initial priority after the passage was creating the process to request, review and approve Host Community Agreements (HCAs). The HCME is the next step in ensuring that equity practices are being followed by cannabis businesses and their host communities.





Licensing Data Updates

Highlights from Licensing Data

- 6 application awaiting first review
- 19 applications awaiting supplemental review
- 80,085 certified active patients



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The totals below are number of approvals by stage.

Type	#
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	232
Provisionally Approved	139
Provisional License	472
Final License	43
Commence Operations	759
Total	1,640

➡ + 10%

* Note: This represents the percent increase since August 2024.

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



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Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Active Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	N/A	0	0	4	0	0	0	6
Marijuana Courier License	17	N/A	0	4	11	1	14	9	47
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	20	111	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	131
Independent Testing Laboratory	2	N/A	0	2	2	0	16	10	22
Marijuana Cultivator	46	N/A	2	41	184	18	145	124	436
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	7	N/A	0	9	19	0	19	17	54
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	15	116	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	131
Marijuana Microbusiness	11	N/A	0	4	15	3	14	10	47
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	44	N/A	1	40	131	14	126	109	356
Marijuana Research Facility	6	N/A	0	1	0	1	0	0	8
Marijuana Retailer	61	N/A	2	35	102	6	414	394	620
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5	N/A	0	2	4	0	4	4	15
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	8
Third Party Transporter	9	N/A	0	1	0	0	5	4	15
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	246	232	5	139	472	43	759	682	1,896



Active Cultivators | August 14, 2025

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Microbusiness w/ Tier 1 Cultivation (up to 5,000 sq. Ft.)	4	3	12	19
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	8	6	22	36
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	18	3	36	57
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	12	2	27	41
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	3	3	8	14
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	0	0	9	9
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	8	11
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	2	3
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	0	0	2	2
Cultivation Tier 9 (70,001-80,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	1	2
Cultivation Tier 10 (80,001-90,000 sq. ft.)	0	0	5	5
Cultivation Tier 11 (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)	2	1	6	9
Total	52	18	138	208
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	1,060,000	305,000	3,460,000	4,825,000

+70.3%

+8.7%

* Note: percentage is of "Total" Cultivation commence operations licenses

**Note: Totals under "Total Maximum Canopy" do not reflect current canopy in use; rather the maximum that could be in use



Active Cultivators | August 14, 2025

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	44	14	106	164
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	4	1	20	25
Total	48	15	126	189



Host Community Agreements Data | August 14, 2025

Overview	Total	SEP & EEA	DBE
The total number of applications received since March 1, 2024, containing an HCA	1,087	192	110
Number of Model HCAs received	295	30	32
Compliant Model HCAs	286	30	31
Number of Model HCA Waivers received	138	32	11
Compliant HCAs	873	155	85
Non-Compliant HCAs	167	23	18
156 Towns with Compliant HCAs <i>Abington, Adams, Amesbury, Amherst, Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Attleboro, Avon, Ayer, Barre, Becket, Belchertown, Belmont, Berkley, Bernardston, Beverly, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Boston, Bourne, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Brookline, Cambridge, Charlton, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chicopee, Clinton, Colrain, Cummington, Danvers, Dartmouth, Deerfield, Dighton, Douglas, Dracut, Eastham, Easthampton, Egremont, Fairhaven, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Franklin, Gardner, Gill, Gloucester, Grafton, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Groton, Hadley, Halifax, Hanson, Hardwick, Hatfield, Haverhill, Holbrook, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopedale, Hudson, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Littleton, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Maynard, Medford, Medway, Melrose, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleborough, Milford, Millbury, Monson, Montague, Natick, Needham, New Bedford, Newton, North Adams, North Attleborough, North Brookfield, Northampton, Norton, Norwood, Orange, Orleans, Oxford, Palmer, Phillipston, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Plymouth, Quincy, Rehoboth, Rockland, Rowley, Royalston, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Sandisfield, Sharon, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Somerville, Southbridge, Southwick, Springfield, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Swansea, Taunton, Templeton, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Waltham, Ware, Wareham, Webster, Wellfleet, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westfield, Weymouth, Whately, Whitman, Williamstown, Winchendon, Woburn, Worcester.</i>			



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HCA Review Status	Total
Number of HCAs reviewed	1,072
Number of HCAs currently under review	15
Number of Host Community Agreement Determination Notices sent out	757

Extensions	Total
Extension requests received	1,998
Extension requests that received conditional pre-approval	77
Extension requests granted	1,850
Average number of days requested	91





Staff Recommendations: Changes of Ownership

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1. Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc.
2. Leaf Lux Group Inc.



Staff Recommendations: Licensing Renewals

Staff Recommendations: Renewals

1. 202 Trading Company, Inc. (#MRR207271)
2. Aunty Budz LLC (#MBR169342)
3. Eagle Eyes Transport Solutions, LLC (#MTR263113)
4. Ember Gardens NBP LLC (#MPR244318)
5. EVG FARMS LLC (#MRR207294)
6. Fernway LLC (#MPR244329)
7. Green Biz LLC (#MRR207266)
8. HIMALAYAN HIGH (#MRR207181)
9. Hoop City Ventures, LLC (#MRR207264)
10. JimBuddys Rec Shop, Inc. (#MRR207273)
11. Jushi MA, Inc. (#MRR207278)
12. New England Treatment Access, LLC. (#MPR244339)
13. New England Treatment Access, LLC. (#MRR207287)
14. New England Treatment Access, LLC. (#MRR207286)
15. Patient Centric of Martha's Vineyard, Ltd. (#MRR207012)
16. Porter Square Remedies LLC (#MRR207262)
17. Potency LLC (#MRR207128)
18. Riverside Cannabis LLC (#MCR140940)
19. Seaside Joint Ventures, Inc. (#MRR207255)
20. The Corner Emporium LLC. (#MRR207282)
21. Theory Wellness Inc (#MRR207295)
22. Tradesman Exchange LLC (#MDR272592)
23. Green Gold Group (#RMD3831)
24. Native Sun Wellness, Inc. (#RMD4128)
25. The Botanist, Inc. (#RMD1225)





Staff Recommendations: Responsible Vendor Training Renewals

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1. Acta LLC (#DCCR794121)
2. Bartucca Consulting LLC (#DCCR794126)
3. Grass Ceiling, LLC (#DCCR794125)





Enforcement Action

Enforcement Action

1. Assured Testing Laboratories, LLC





Commission Discussion & Votes

Commission Discussion and Votes

Tier Regulations Update *Director of Enforcement Training Armond Enos*



Commission Discussion and Votes

Legal Intervention Discussion *General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (Vote)*



Commission Discussion and Votes

Social Consumption Public Comment Period Memo *Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins, Executive Director Travis Ahern, Deputy General Counsel Michael Baker (Vote)*





Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Public Meeting dates are tentative and subject to change

Next Meeting Date

September 8, 2025

Public Hearing
Hybrid via Teams
10:00 am

September 11, 2025

Public Meeting
Hybrid via Teams
10:00 am

2025 Public Meetings*

September 24

October 23

September 25

November 13

October 9

December 11





The Commission is in Executive Session



Additional Licensing Data

Licensing Applications | August 14, 2025

The totals below are all license applications received to date.

Type	#
Pending	242
Withdrawn	1,757
Incomplete	9,631
Denied	5
Approved: Delivery Pre-certifications	227
Approved: Delivery Endorsements	5
Approved: Licenses	1,424
Total	13,291



Licensing Applications | August 14, 2025

The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	4
Marijuana Courier	25
Marijuana Delivery Operator	40
Independent Testing Laboratory	20
Marijuana Cultivator	388
Marijuana Microbusiness	36
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	312
Marijuana Research Facility	2
Marijuana Retailer	555
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	6
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	10
Total	1,398



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Status	#
Application Submitted: Awaiting Review	7
Application Reviewed: More Information Requested	238
Application Deemed Complete: Awaiting 3rd Party Responses	14
All Information Received: Awaiting Commission Consideration	2
Applications Considered by Commission (includes Delivery Pre-Cert)	1,635
Total	1,896



Licensing Applications | August 14, 2025

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

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2
Marijuana Courier Provisional Licensure (Part 2)	17
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification (Part 1)	20
Independent Testing Laboratory	2
Marijuana Cultivator	46
Marijuana Delivery Operator Provisional License (Part 2)	7
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification (Part 1)	15
Marijuana Microbusiness	11
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	44
Marijuana Research Facility	6
Marijuana Retailer	61
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1
Third Party Transporter	9
Standards Laboratory	0
Total	246



Cultivation Applications | August 14, 2025

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.)	11	0	4	15	3	14	47
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	14	0	3	37	6	28	88
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	6	0	7	59	4	39	115
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	5	2	7	43	2	29	88
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	3	11	3	10	29
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	9	6	1	11	29
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	4	7	0	8	22
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	1	4	0	4	11
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	0	1	0	3	5
Cultivation Tier 9 (70,001-80,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	1	3	1	1	9
Cultivation Tier 10 (80,001-90,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	1	0	0	6	8
Cultivation Tier 11 (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)	7	0	5	13	1	6	32
Total	57	2	45	199	21	159	483
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	1,795,000	40,000	1,625,000	4,480,000	435,000	3,990,000	12,365,000

+69.2%

+8.2%

* Note: percentage is of "Total" Cultivation commence operations licenses

**Note: Totals under "Total Maximum Canopy" do not reflect current canopy in use; rather the maximum that could be in use



Licensing Applications | August 14, 2025

Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	37	N/A	1	36	167	16	121	378
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	9	N/A	1	5	17	2	24	58
Total	46	N/A	2	41	184	18	145	436



Licensing Applications | August 14, 2025

Of 1,640 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	46	193	30	269
Provisionally Approved	10	31	26	67
Provisional License	30	89	101	220
Final License	2	1	5	8
Commence Operations	34	72	96	202
Total	121	384	257	762

+8.0%

+17.1%

+4.9%

*Note: This represents the increase since August 2024



Licensing Applications | August 14, 2025

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

The 1,896 applications represent 1,094 separate entities

Type	#
MTC Priority	259
Economic Empowerment Priority	146
Expedited Review	743
General Applicant	748
Total	1,896

Type	#
Expedited: License Type	81
Expedited: Social Equity Participant	396
Expedited: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	196
Expedited: Two or More Categories	70
Total	743



Licensing Applications – EE Only | August 14, 2025

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	5	N/A	0	2	4	0	4	15
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	4	32	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	1	N/A	0	2	7	0	0	10
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	1	N/A	0	0	3	0	3	7
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	2	14	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16
Marijuana Microbusiness	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	7	N/A	0	2	12	2	24	47
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	1	N/A	0	1	1	0	0	3
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	25	46	0	10	30	2	34	147



Licensing Applications – SEP Only | August 14, 2025

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	12	N/A	0	2	7	1	11	33
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	19	85	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	105
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	6	N/A	0	5	21	0	8	40
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	4	N/A	0	9	16	0	16	46
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	13	103	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	116
Marijuana Microbusiness	5	N/A	0	0	5	0	2	11
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	14	N/A	0	6	17	0	8	44
Marijuana Research Facility	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	20	N/A	1	7	21	0	23	70
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	1	N/A	0	1	1	0	2	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	8
Third Party Transporter	4	N/A	0	1	0	0	0	5
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	99	193	1	31	89	1	72	484



Non-Active Licenses By Stage | August 14, 2025

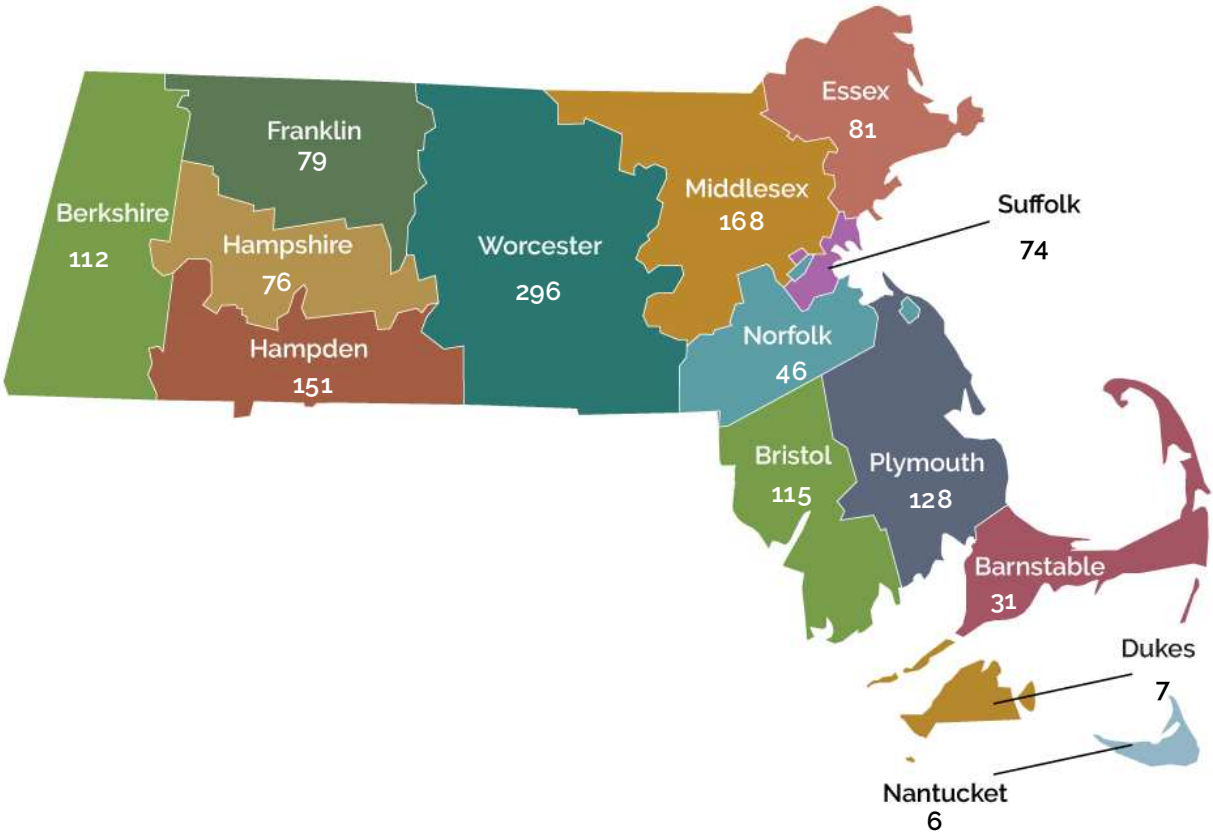
Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	0	0	2
Marijuana Courier License	7	1	4	12
Independent Testing Laboratory	2	0	4	6
Marijuana Cultivator	131	5	20	156
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	13	0	2	15
Marijuana Microbusiness	10	0	2	12
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	87	5	18	110
Marijuana Research Facility	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	52	1	22	75
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	306	12	73	391



Marijuana Establishment Licenses | August 14, 2025

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

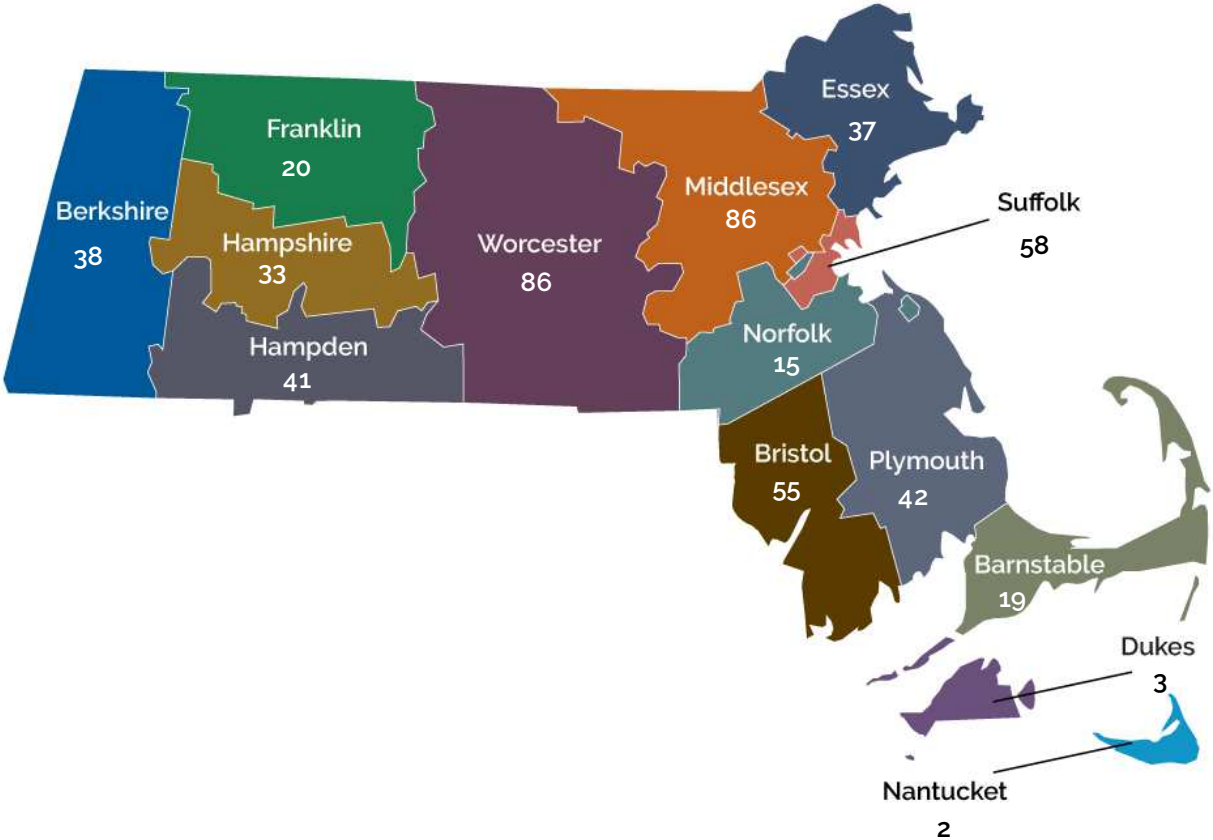
County	#	+/-
Barnstable	31	0
Berkshire	115	0
Bristol	116	0
Dukes	7	0
Essex	82	0
Franklin	80	0
Hampden	153	1
Hampshire	77	1
Middlesex	175	0
Nantucket	6	0
Norfolk	47	0
Plymouth	131	1
Suffolk	79	1
Worcester	299	2
Total	1,398	6



Marijuana Retailer Licenses | August 14, 2025

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

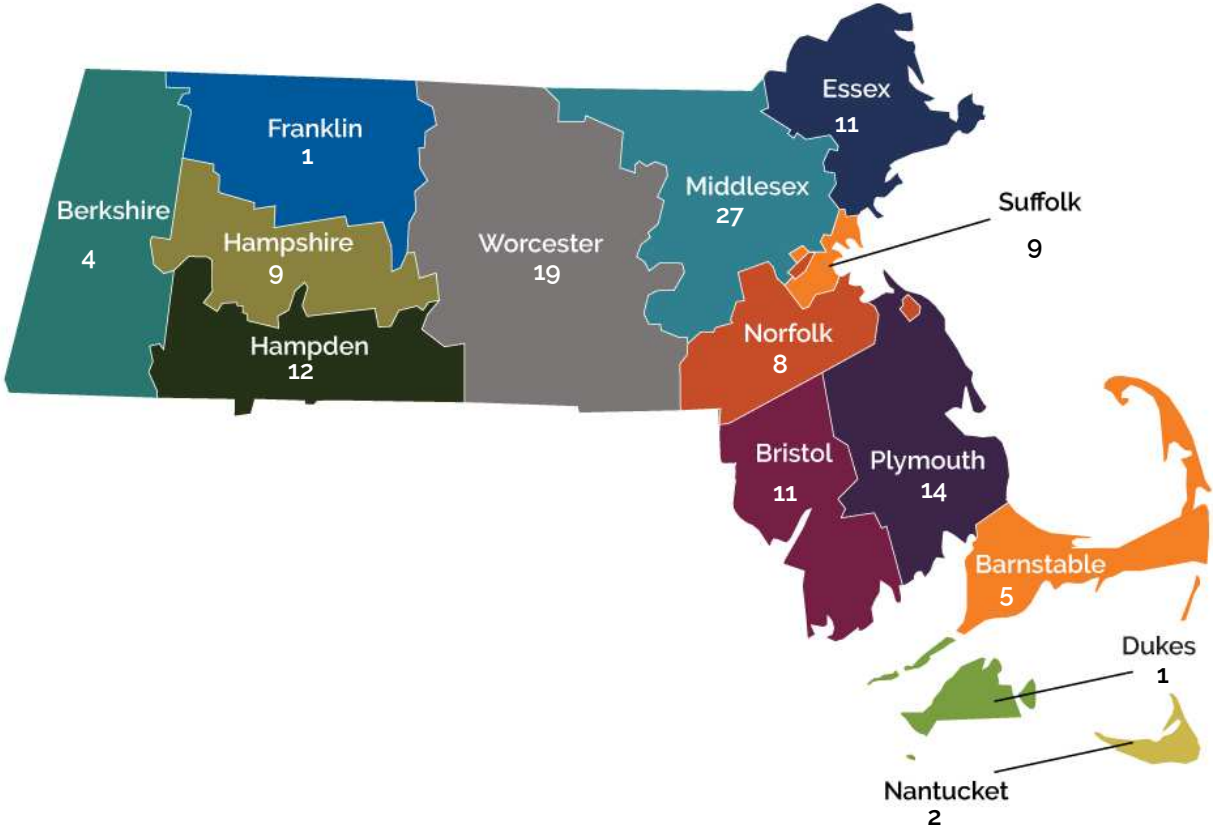
County	#	+/-
Barnstable	19	0
Berkshire	41	0
Bristol	56	0
Dukes	3	0
Essex	37	0
Franklin	21	0
Hampden	43	1
Hampshire	33	0
Middlesex	91	0
Nantucket	2	0
Norfolk	15	0
Plymouth	45	1
Suffolk	63	1
Worcester	87	0
Total	556	3



Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses (Dispensing) August 14, 2025

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

County	#
Barnstable	6
Berkshire	5
Bristol	15
Dukes	1
Essex	13
Franklin	1
Hampden	13
Hampshire	9
Middlesex	29
Nantucket	1
Norfolk	10
Plymouth	14
Suffolk	14
Worcester	24
Total	155



MMJ Licensing and Registration Data | August 14, 2025

The numbers below are a snapshot of the program as of the month of June.

MTC Licenses	#
Provisional	2
Final	0
Commence Operations	95
License Expired	96
Total	193

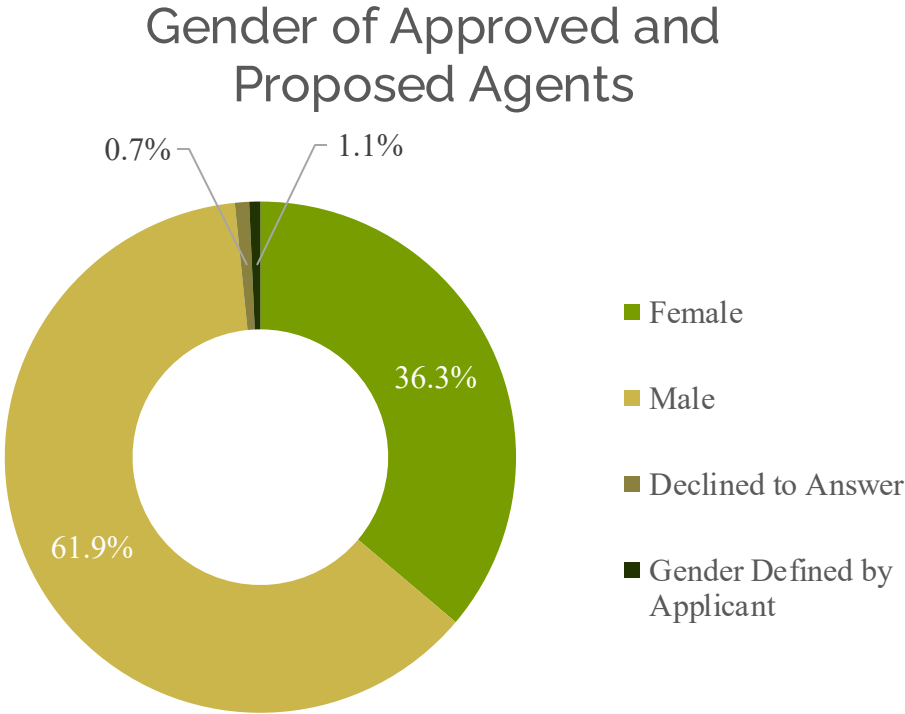
MMJ Program	#
Certified Patients	83,755
Certified Active Patients	80,085
Active Caregivers	5,740
Registered Certifying Physicians	344
Registered Certifying Nurse Practitioners	135
Registered Physician Assistants	7
Ounces Sold	98,830



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Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

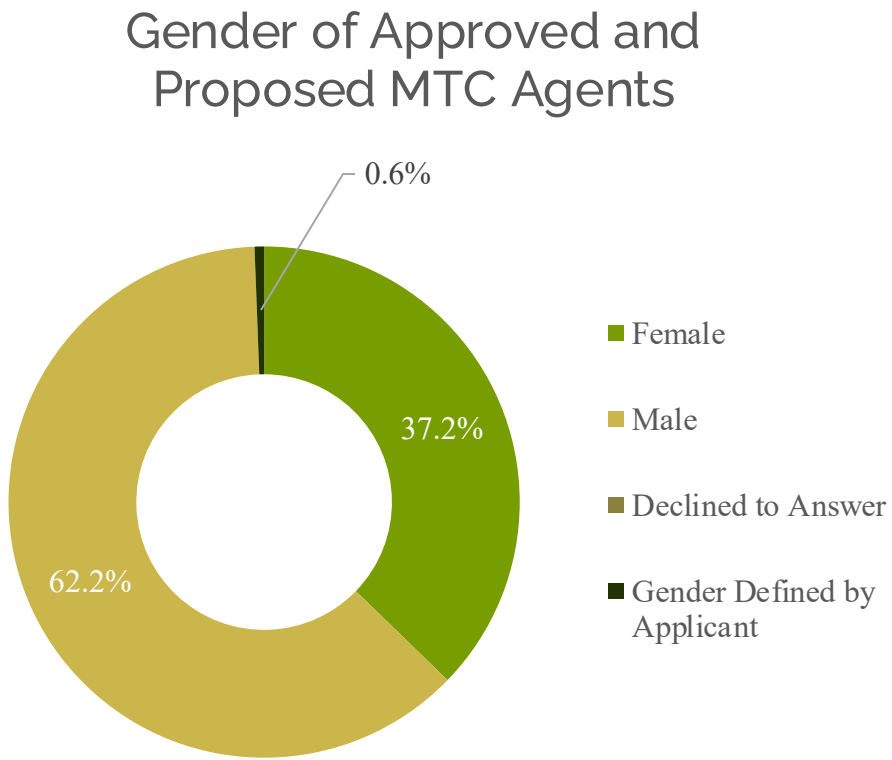
Gender	#	%
Female	7,790	36.3%
Male	13,285	61.9%
Declined to Answer	236	1.1%
Gender Defined by Applicant	160	0.7%
Total	21,471	100.0%



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Demographics of Approved and Pending Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

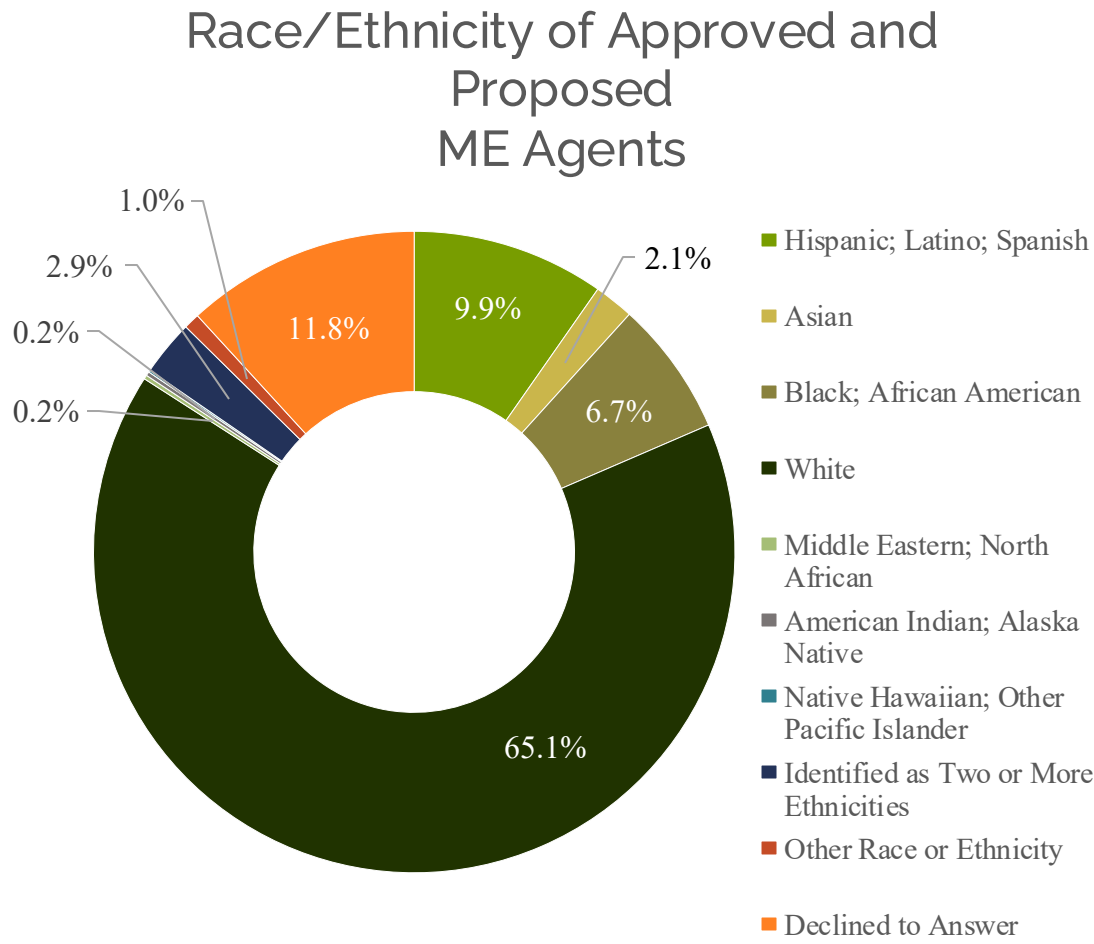
Gender	#	%
Female	2,012	37.2%
Male	3,365	62.2%
Declined to Answer	0	0.0%
Gender Defined by Applicant	34	0.6%
Total	5,411	100.0%



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Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Race/Ethnicity	#	%
Hispanic; Latino; Spanish	2,121	9.9%
Asian	454	2.1%
Black; African American	1,439	6.7%
White	13,977	65.1%
Middle Eastern; North African	53	0.2%
American Indian; Alaska Native	38	0.2%
Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander	16	0.1%
Identified as Two or More Ethnicities	629	2.9%
Other Race or Ethnicity	209	1.0%
Declined to Answer	2,535	11.8%
Total	21,471	100.0%

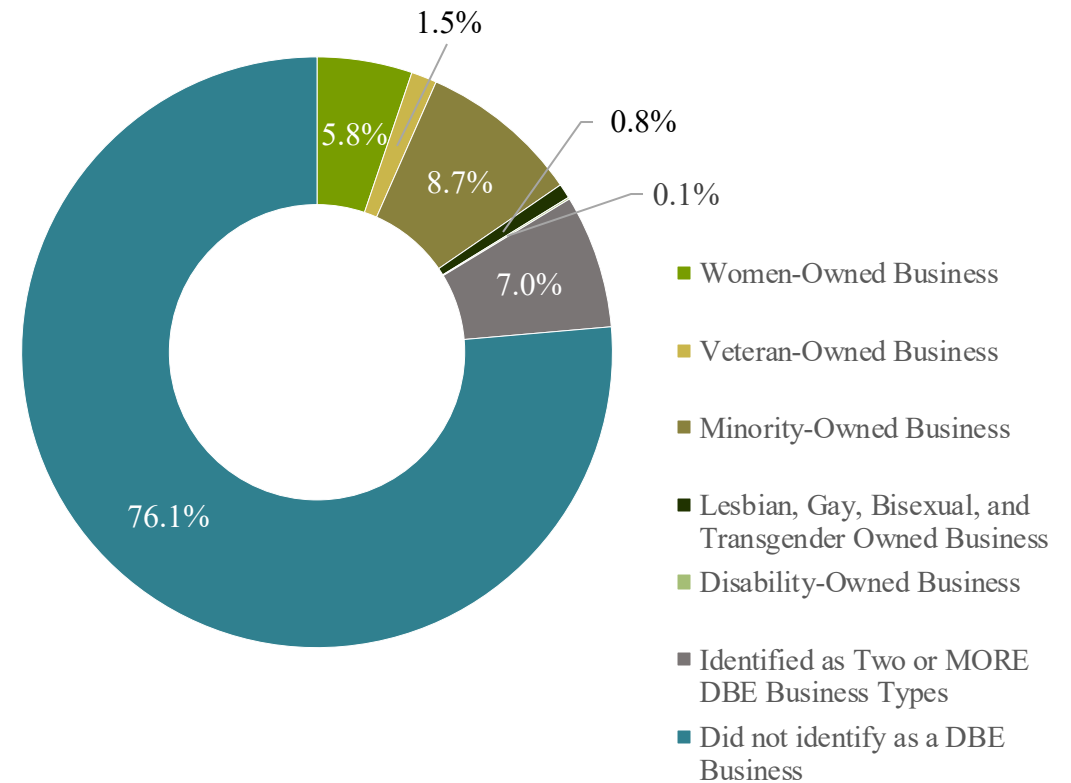


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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statistics for Approved Licensees

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	96	5.8%
Veteran-Owned Business	25	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	144	8.7%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	13	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	2	0.1%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	115	7.0%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,257	76.1%
Total	1,652	100.0%

DBE Statistics Approved Licensees

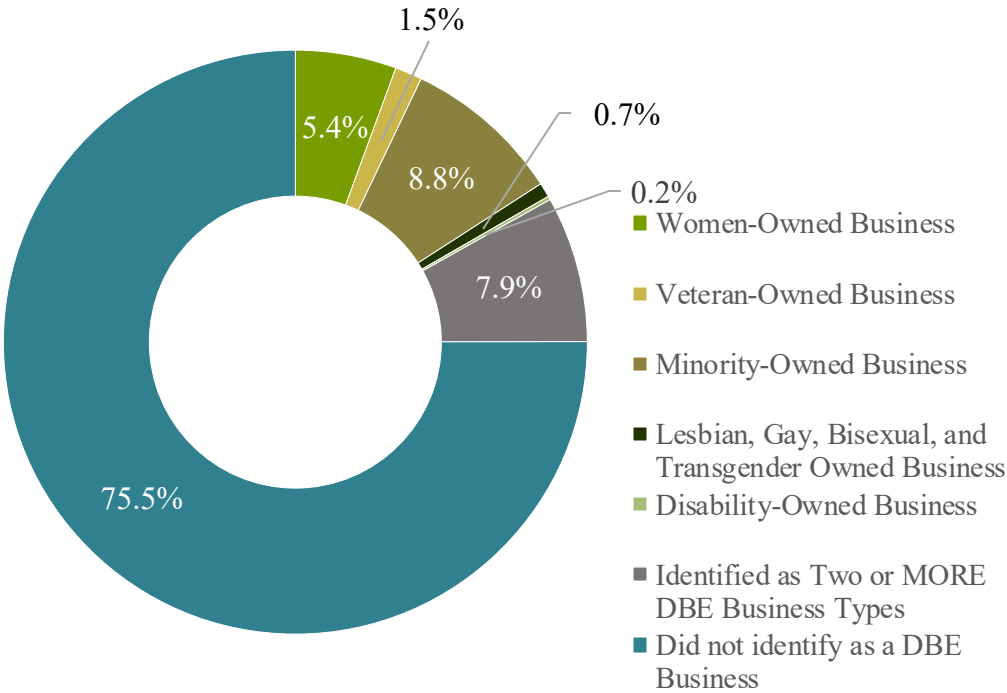


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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Statistics for Pending and Approved License Applications

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	102	5.4%
Veteran-Owned Business	28	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	166	8.8%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	14	0.7%
Disability-Owned Business	4	0.2%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	149	7.9%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,430	75.5%
Total	1,893	100.0%

DBE Statistics for Pending & Approved License Applications



Adult Use Agent Applications | August 14, 2025

Total Agent Applications: 89,443

- 194 Total Pending
 - 184 Pending Establishment Agents
 - 10 Pending Laboratory Agents
- 4,237 Withdrawn
- 3,079 Incomplete
- 8,027 Expired
- 52,595 Surrendered
- 6 Denied / 2 Revoked
- 26 Suspended
- **21,277 Active**

Of the 210 Total Pending:

- 46 not yet reviewed
- 140 CCC requested more information
- 8 awaiting third party response
- 0 review complete; awaiting approval



Medical Use Agent Applications | August 14, 2025

The total number of MTC agent applications received by status.

MTC Agent Application	#
Pending MTC Agent Applications	10
Pending Laboratory Agent Applications	0
Incomplete	32
Revoked	13
Denied	31
Surrendered	22,394
Expired	3,824
Active	5,400
Total	31,704





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until 2:30**