



Cannabis Control Commission Public Meeting

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February 10, 2026

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

February 12, 2026
10:00 AM

**Remote via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#) and In-Person at Cannabis Control Commission,
Second Floor Public Meeting Room, Worcester Union Station, 2 Washington Square, Worcester**

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates
- III. Minutes
 - 1. January 14, 2026
 - 2. January 15, 2026
- IV. Executive Director and Commission Staff Report
 - 1. Medical Program Updates
 - 2. Social Consumption Working Group Updates
 - 3. Cannabis Revenue Flow Webpage
 - 4. Host Community Municipal Equity (HCME) Update
 - 5. Licensing Update
- V. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - 1. Deep Roots, Inc.
- VI. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
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 - 3. BudEga, Inc. (#MRR207401)
 - 4. Commcan, Inc. (#MRR207472)
 - 5. Eddie's Flowers, Inc. (#MRR207433)
 - 6. Ezdelivery LLC (#DOR5182987)
 - 7. Galil Greenery LLC (#MRR207336)



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20. UC Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140741)
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7. The Heritage Club, LLC (#DOA100185), Marijuana Courier
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VIII. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses

1. KG Collective, LLC (#MR284224), Marijuana Retailer
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IX. Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals

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2. Delegation of Powers to Approve Licenses (continued) *General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay*
3. Licensing Freeze Considerations *Commissioner Roy*
4. Notices of Deficiency
5. Executive Director Goals for CY 2026 and First Six Months of CY 2027 *Commissioner Stebbins*
6. Workforce Safety Hearing Discussion
7. Discussion of US District Court action on February 4, 2026, related to former MA provisional and suspended licensee
8. Discussion on WS Coliseum (#MR285088) *Commissioner Roy*

XI. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting

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CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

January 14, 2026
10:00 AM

In-Person at Cannabis Control Commission, Second Floor Public Meeting Room, Worcester Union Station, 2 Washington Square, Worcester and with Remote Access via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- [Meeting Packet](#)
- January 8, 2026, 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.00 and 501.00 Draft Delivery Exclusivity and Secret Shopper Program Regulations.

In Attendance:

- Chair Shannon O'Brien
- Commissioner Carrie Benedon
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order
 - The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
 - The Chair gave an overview of the agenda.
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:00:57
 - Commissioner Benedon thanked staff for their end-of-year push and mentioned meetings outside of the Commission to get to know the industry more. She thanked everyone from the Commission and the industry for helping her to be as informed as possible. Commissioner Roy stressed becoming a Cannabis research leader and that more emphasis needed to be put on inversion. Commissioner Stebbins and the Chair had no comments to make.
- III. Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:06:03
 1. Delivery Exclusivity Report and Recommendations
 - Executive Director (ED) Travis Ahern introduced General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (GC Chattopadhyay), who thanked Deputy General Counsel Michael



Baker (DGC Baker) and began the discussion regarding the report done by the Donahue Institute. GC Chattopadhyay related the history surrounding delivery exclusivity and the 3-year rule, and the 12-month extension, reviewing 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.050(10)(b) and 500.050(11)(f). GC Chattopadhyay reviewed and referred to the factors for assessing meeting the goals and stated that the key to granting extensions was considering if equity considerations had been met or not. He also reviewed the work of the Commission's working group and turned the floor over to Research Analyst Graelyn Humiston (Analyst Humiston) who described what the Donahue Institute did for the report. Analyst Humiston referred to a slide regarding the research responsibility matrix, specifically the work that Commission staff conducted and what work the Donahue Institute conducted. She then turned the floor over to Dr. Mark Melnick from the Donahue Institute. Dr. Melnick thanked Commission staff and his own team for their work on the project and then explained the phases of the project. Dr. Melnick concluded that the delivery exclusivity program had not met its goals and stated that it could be caused by impediments to businesses. He explained that his team recommended a 5-to-7-year extension period and provided an example of delivery businesses having to wait a year for their Licenses to be granted. Dr. Melnick described the methodology for Phases 1 and 2, and how it was formed. He delineated the seven goals being evaluated, with two goals not met at all and the other five being only partially met.

- Dr. Melnick started with Goal A and explained how they concluded it as being partially met based on five main takeaways. He explained that Delivery Couriers and Operators were geographically well represented in DIAs relative to non-Cannabis businesses and that delivery License types were more likely to be in DIAs compared to other Cannabis License types. He added that delivery businesses in DIAs took longer to receive licensure and to commence operations and delivery Licensees in DIAs were more likely to remain in the pre-revenue stage of business formation. The Chair and Dr. Melnick commented upon how Social Equity Program (SEP) businesses might have conceivably lower barriers to entry but the time period for entry in the business still lagged too much. He concluded that the Social Equity Trust Fund (SETF) was proportionally more likely to fund delivery businesses in DIAs and retailers located in DIAs were no more likely to receive a SETF grant than Marijuana retailers located outside of DIAs. He presented a chart of participation rates and a graphic of the average number of days between approval steps by License types for DIAs. The Chair mentioned the need for possible regulatory changes. Commissioner Roy requested a description of the breakdown for the days for approval steps it takes businesses in DIAs. Dr. Melnick broke down how goals for people of color were either partially met and in one instance, not met at all.
- Dr. Melnick discussed Goal B being partially met, specifically the participation rates by people of color. He stated that there was a higher participation in the Cannabis industry among people of color for delivery License types compared with all other License types and compared to business ownership rates for people of color in the state. He added that delivery businesses that were majority owned by people of color spent less time in the approval process and reached commence operations quicker. He stated that the benefits of the delivery exclusivity policy were not fully shared outside of the delivery License type and people of color seemed to face barriers when 2



opening businesses in the Cannabis industry. He presented and explained two charts of participation rates by people of color broken down by the License types. He noted that there were barriers such as (1) obtaining financing, and (2) the actual obtaining a License was either difficult or extremely difficult.

- Dr. Melnick shifted to Goal C, the participation by Licenses with majority Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants (EEAs) and SEP ownership. He stated that 30% of Licenses were owned by EEAs and SEP participants, driven largely by delivery License types. He explained that nearly all the respondents to the survey reported that the process of getting a License to be difficult and reported facing barriers such as unaffordable start-up costs, followed by lack of financing options and too much paperwork. Commissioner Roy asked if any general applicants were interviewed and Dr. Melnick's team confirmed they did not. Dr. Melnick's team also confirmed that there were no Provisional Licensees included in the 30%. Commissioner Benedon asked why the goal was listed as only partially met and Commissioner Roy suggested that if folks were stuck before achieving commence operations, it could portend itself to seem as its not met.
- Dr. Melnick discussed Goal D being partially met, with people of color having slightly fewer active SEP Licenses. The Commissioners discussed taking research and converting it into positive action and in addition to changing deadlines, the Commission needed to ensure that the Commission fixes the issues, not simply provide extensions. Commissioner Roy asked how many registered agents were from the SEP and the Chair suggested that someone from the Research department look into the question. AGC Bruno provided clarity with respect to Goal C and Commissioner Benedon's question around the goal only being partially met. Commissioner Benedon noted the importance of their decisions being based on good data that would stand up to challenge and the Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Roy mentioned having a Public Hearing for general applicants and the ED noted the upcoming comment period. Dr. Melnick explained the limited number of interviews due to budgetary and time constraints.
- Dr. Melnick shifted to Goal E, which was not met, particularly with delivery and brick and mortar dispensaries being negatively impacted due to (1) macro considerations, (2) geographic restrictions on Cannabis business operations and (3) deteriorating economic conditions. He specifically addressed increase in costs with lower prices for Cannabis, having an adverse economic impact. He added that only 59% of municipalities allow for delivery of adult-use Cannabis and average sales for establishments had been declining since the onset of adult-use Cannabis sales. The Chair asked GC Chattopadhyay if the House or Senate addressed the issue on allowing delivery in no-towns and GC Chattopadhyay confirmed. The ED added that the language would basically switch from an opt-in for delivery to an opt-out. Commissioner Roy and The Chair mentioned oversaturation and competition. Dr. Melnick explained how over-saturation in the market has driven down prices in the Cannabis industry, and delivery is also impacted in areas where there are relatively many Cannabis establishments. Dr. Melnick also discussed how Courier, Delivery Operator and Retail Licenses in the past four years had remained relatively stable, but



it did not account for rising costs for these three types of Licenses. He utilized a slide to show how costs have increased and the price of products decreased.

- Dr. Melnick shifted to Goal F, where the goals were not met, with start-up costs being a significant problem. He noted that there were comparatively fewer inactive Courier and delivery Licenses, and the waiver of fees as positive. Commissioner Roy and the Chair requested an expanded breakdown of additional information concerning how the percentages of approval and disapproval in the processes were arrived at and what the total percentages were for these considerations of relative difficulty. The Chair stated as Commissioners they needed to do a better job of measuring what is it that people should be getting out of the program.
- Dr. Melnick shifted to Goal G, which was not partially met, with the revocation of the two-driver rule being a positive development along with positives in the SEP, while there were still difficulties in dealing with municipalities and a perception that barriers had not changed over time. The ED and Commissioner Stebbins discussed the relative positive in grants helping to meet expenses or previous bills and a countervailing confusion on restrictions on what can be paid with the funds. Dr. Melnick shifted to conclusions, noting initially while some advances had been made, but in aggregate goals had not been met, due to lingering delays caused in part by such factors, without limitation, costly start-up costs, lengthy negotiations with Host Communities (HCs), and too many delays, obstructions and restrictions in the application process in general. Commissioner Roy broke down areas where the Commission was responsible for oversight and action for market exclusivity and also noted that red tape could be removed in delivery and advertising. Dr. Melnick specifically recited the Donahue Institute's conclusion that the delivery exclusivity period be extended by 5-7 years and noted that extending the time needed to be accompanied by ensuring that necessary structural remediations occurred. The Chair advocated that success of the program be measured, in addition to volume of sales. Dr. Melnick advocated for oversight and course-corrections occurring in real time. The Chair remarked about past opposition caused by Licensees who did not want to see their potential share to receive equity funds exponentially reduced. Commissioner Stebbins questioned how data collection could assist the Commission in ensuring that the program improved and how progress be measured incrementally through data analysis. Dr. Melnick stated in essence that data collection focuses on specific areas, such as ensuring the reduction in red tape. The Chair noted Director of Training Armond Enos (Director Enos)'s recommendation that more field work and encounters be undertaken with Licensees to monitor the relative success of the program. Dr. Melnick concluded by directing the Commission's attention to recommendations to address structural issues.
- Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 1:00 PM.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes

- Chair O'Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 02:56:04.)
- Commissioner Roy noted that they had nine Courier active Licenses and eighteen active Delivery Operators. AGC Bruno detailed the next required regulatory steps and the deadlines for each step. She added that in light of the Donahue Institute's presentation, red-lined proposed changes needed to be shaped around goals which had been met and unmet. The Chair expressed satisfaction with the report from the Donahue Institute and advocated for a three-year extension accompanied with supplying the Research department with adequate data to perform their jobs. She opined that the 5–7-year extension gave the Commission potentially too much time to hold the Commission accountable. Commissioner Stebbins agreed with the Chair on many points, particularly that the Donahue Institute's report effectively gauged the progress and lack of progress in achieving goals. He did not object to the Chair's advocacy of a three-year extension to keep the Commission engaged on a consistent basis and agreed with the extension period of three years. He also noted that the Commission could always re-evaluate potential future extensions. Commissioner Benedon pointed out that the Commission was always tasked with ensuring equity for communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs, both statutorily and by the Commission's own mission statement. She remarked that most goals had not been met and advocated for more than three years to ensure opportunities for future SEP participants, in addition to current participants. She proposed at least a four-year extension. The Chair shared the want to visit the other Donahue Institute study, which began four years ago, and mentioned considering additional persons who did not want to be Cannabis Licensees but did want to serve in some capacity. She also asked what the Commission could do to address potential Licensees between being provisionally approved and later receiving approval for their License. The Chair advocated for a yearly interim report, so that Chief of Research Julie Johnson (Chief Johnson) could send better and fuller reports to the legislature and consider other measures by which the Commission could address success in the future. AGC Bruno explained the authority the Commission possessed to extend beyond the three-year period and that the Commission did not have the capacity to measure progress on a minute-to-minute basis and suggested that language be specified covering if or when the state legislature or federal government made changes to the law. AGC Bruno then directed attention to proposed additions to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.050(10)(b). Commissioner Benedon stated that if future extensions were deemed necessary, the extension should not be limited to one year. The Chair noted consensus. AGC Bruno proposed that a vote be taken on the language on the first iteration and read language for a vote by the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to find, informed by its review of available data and staff analysis, that the goals and objectives of the exclusivity periods for Marijuana Courier Licenses, Marijuana Delivery Operator Licenses, and Marijuana Microbusinesses with Delivery Endorsements have not yet been met, and, based on



that finding, to extend the exclusivity period for Marijuana Courier Licenses by 3 years pursuant to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.050(10)(b)3., extend the exclusivity period for Marijuana Delivery Operator Licenses by 3 years pursuant to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.050(11)(f)3., and extend the exclusivity period for Marijuana Microbusinesses with Delivery Endorsements by 3 years pursuant to 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.050(5)(e) and 500.050(10)(b).

- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 2:15 PM.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 04:01:43.)

2. Other Regulatory Considerations, if needed

- Commissioner Roy read a statement into the record focused on better and more accurate testing, and the necessity and opportunity to properly operate the secret shopper program, with specific recommendations to protect Licensees and third-party participants. The Chair and AGC Bruno proposed a recess.
- Commissioner Benedon moved to take a recess returning at 3:00 PM.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 05:11:00.)
- AGC Bruno restarted the discussion with proposed amendments to 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.303 and 501.303. Commissioner Roy related past discussions at the Public Meeting on July 28, 2025, with reference to enforcement issues for preventing usage to minors. She stated that DGC Baker advocated that rather than proceeding through a Commission delegatee, that the Commission proceed through 935 Code 6



Mass. Regs. § CMR 500.303 and 501.303 and it be in the scope for the next round of meetings. The Chair discussed inversion, distinguishing inversion versus diversion. She also mentioned super-charged influence of Cannabis on youth and the need to regulate it. The Chair shared she felt there was a need from the past to intertwine discussion of secret shopper with Social Consumption (SC). AGC Bruno clarified that the Legal department was interested in presenting options with secret shopper program, instead of simply taking verbiage out. The Chair asked GC Chattopadhyay about the previous conversation and recommended that he keep a running tally of what is discussed at the Public Meetings to ensure Commissioners' concerns were responded to. GC Chattopadhyay mentioned that the Legal department never attempted to hide information. The ED mentioned that providing options is key, and that delegation was not the correct avenue. The Chair mentioned that there was no secret shopper program when former ED Shawn Collins indicated that there was a program in the past. Commissioner Roy mentioned that as far back as January 2023, Commissioner Stebbins confirmed that there was no secret shopper program. The Chair mentioned alleged widespread fraud in testing, and with the presence of secret shopper program, no one would know when and if they would be checked upon. The ED stated that the Commission did not have a robust secret shopping program, and Commissioner Roy asked why nothing had been done. The Chair expressed the advisability of presenting optionality. Commissioner Stebbins inquired about other state's secret shopper programs and the want to add third party language for contractors who would be engaged in the secret shopper program. Commissioner Roy reiterated her concern that she expressed in July of 2025 regarding minors being present at SC events, for example. Commissioner Stebbins spoke of delegation in the secret shopper realm, cautioning that the Commissioners maintain control of the program. Commissioner Stebbins mentioned proposed an amendment to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(2)(b)(3) to generally amend some "mays" to "shall." Commissioner Benedon inquired about placing changes in the regulations, as opposed to relying on the Commission's inherent powers as a basis to oversee the programs discussed. Commissioner Roy expressed the need to vote on the package, while AGC Bruno stated the Legal department would work on assembling the appropriate language. Commissioner Benedon approved of the approaches of Commissioners Roy and Stebbins. The Chair assured that two Commissioners, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law (OML), would work on the working group. The Chair noted consensus. AGC Bruno read into the record proposed motion language for the Commissioners to vote on.

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the draft regulations at 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.00 and 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 501.00, including all amendments related to Delivery Exclusivity, Social Consumption Exclusivity, and the Secret Shopper Program resulting from Commission deliberations, for submission to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for public comment and hearing. Further, to authorize Commission staff and the Legal department to make any ministerial edits necessary consistent with Commission deliberations and votes, the Commission's governing laws, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth's requirements, and to take any



- additional steps necessary to file the draft regulations with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

IV. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 05:55:07

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

V. Next Meeting Date – 05:55:11

- The Chair stated that the next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2026.

VI. Adjournment – 05:55:18

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.





CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

January 15, 2026
10:00 AM

In-Person at Cannabis Control Commission, Second Floor Public Meeting Room, Worcester Union Station, 2 Washington Square, Worcester and with Remote Access via [Microsoft Teams Live*](#)

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents:

- Application Materials associated with:
 - Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership
 - Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
- [Meeting Packet](#)
- Administrative Order No. 5

In Attendance:

- Chair Shannon O'Brien
- Commissioner Carrie Benedon
- Commissioner Kimberly Roy
- Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order
 - The Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.
 - The Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
 - The Chair gave an overview of the agenda.
- II. Commissioners' Comments & Updates – 00:01:26
 - Commissioner Benedon made no comments. Commissioner Roy thanked her colleagues for their work on exclusivity and the secret shopper program. Commissioner Stebbins provided updates on the Social Consumption (SC) working group and outreach outside of the Commission. He also cited improvements to document uploads for Licensees and praised the work conducted on the endeavor. The Chair echoed Commissioners' praise for the work by Commission staff on exclusivity.



III. Minutes – 00:03:51

- October 23, 2025
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the October 23, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the October 23, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

- October 29, 2025
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the October 29, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the October 29, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

- November 6, 2025
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the November 6, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the November 6, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

- November 7, 2025
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the November 7, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes



- Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the November 7, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- November 18, 2025
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the November 18, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the November 18, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- December 4, 2025
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the December 4, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the December 4, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- December 11, 2025
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the December 11, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the December 11, 2025, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

IV. Executive Director and Commission Staff Report – 00:07:03



- Executive Director (ED) Travis Ahern presented and reviewed a slide pertaining to progress made and future work to be accomplished under the categories of (1) deliverables, (2) other engagements, (3) estimated time of Public Meeting assumptions and (4) timeline estimate updates with stress place on improving notices of deficiency to Licensees by License types and discrete violations and providing Commissioners with useful information and data on issues involving exclusivity and the secret shopper program.
- The ED turned the floor over to Director of Digital and Creative Services AnnMarie Burtt (Director Burtt) who reviewed the positive development and improved organization of the Where to Buy website updates. Commissioner Roy requested technical information, at which time Chief Technology and Innovation Officer (CTIO) Paul Clark spoke, cautioning that there were issues with linking up information, though he promised to work on improving links to retailers. Commissioner Benedon noted lack of apparent distinction between delivery and retail, with some delivery operators appearing as retail locations. Director Burtt observed how clarity could be advanced through color coding the License types.
- Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) presented licensing updates regarding licensing applications, active Cultivators, and Host Community Agreements (HCAs).

V. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership – 00:31:45

- Licensing Manager Tsuko Defoe (Manager Defoe) 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. LDE Holdings, LLC – add one individual and one entity.
 - Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.
2. Solar Retail Norton, LLC – add one entity.
 - Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the Change of Ownership.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Change of Ownership.



VI. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses – 00:35:07

- Commissioner Benedon inquired about the factors which affected the timing of renewals, especially with some renewals for Licensees that were very close to expiring. Manager Defoe explained that the lack of responses or late responses from some Licensees caused this to get under the gun responses before a Public Meeting. Manager Defoe also delineated the multiple ways advance notice of upcoming expirations and the need to renew are sent to Licensees. She added that most Licensees do not refer to the Massachusetts Cannabis Industry Portal (MASSCIP), but rather Metrc. Manager Defoe explained to whom the expiration reminder notices were sent, which generally is the Licensee's principal. CTIO Clark explained why METRC was limited in terms of usability by Licensees for this type of advanced notice. Manager Defoe described how Licensees obtain a "new birthday" depending on when the renewal was improved and that the Licensing department could grant a Licensee a 5-day administrative extension. She added that in terms of certificates of good standing, the Commission had to defer to the Department of Revenue (DOR), particularly when a Licensee needed a tax compliance letter so that the Licensee could then proceed with the Commission. Additionally, she noted that a Licensee needs a compliant HCA.
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the renewal of items numbered 1 – 69 as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal of items numbered 1 – 69 as indicated on the agenda.

VII. Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 00:51:22

1. Green Meadow Farm, LLC (#RMDA4325), Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
 - Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the Provisional License.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.
2. Mellow Tiger, LLC (#MRN285096), Marijuana Retailer



- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

3. Saromaa, LLC (#MRN285078), Marijuana Retailer

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

4. Westfield Ultra Premium, LLC (#MCN283986), Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 4, Indoor (20,001 – 30,000 sq.ft.)

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

5. Westfield Ultra Premium, LLC (#MPN282361), Marijuana Product Manufacturing

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

6. Westfield Ultra Premium, LLC (#MRN285415), Marijuana Retail

- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the Provisional License.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:



- Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Provisional License.

VIII. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 00:56:43

1. JO Worcester, Inc. (#MR285223), Marijuana Retailer
2. Surf's Up Cannabis Ventures, LLC (#MR285057), Marijuana Retailer
3. Webster Cannabis Company, LLC (#MR285091), Marijuana Retailer
4. Resinate, Inc (#MTC/RMD4121), Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (Retail Operations)

- The Chair noted that Commissioner Roy would be recused from Resinate, Inc (#MTC/RMD4121). She stated they would take a vote for Final Licenses numbered 1-3 as indicated on the agenda and Resinate, Inc (#MTC/RMD4121) as separate vote.
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the Final Licenses numbered 1 – 3 as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the Final Licenses numbered 1 – 3 as indicated on the agenda.
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the Final License for Resinate, Inc (#MTC/RMD4121).
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Abstained
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission approved the Final Licenses for Resinate, Inc (#MTC/RMD4121) by a vote of three in favor and one abstention.
- Commissioner Roy stated that they might have taken the vote wrong with her recusal and that she shouldn't have voted on the License at all. The Chair asked GC Chattopadhyay to opine, and GC Chattopadhyay recommended a vote to reconsider.
- Commissioner Stebbins moved to reconsider the previous motion.
- Commissioner Benedon seconded the motion.



- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission approved to reconsider the previous motion.
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the Final License for Resinate, Inc (#MTC/RMD4121).
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission approved the Final License for Resinate, Inc (#MTC/RMD4121) by a vote of three in favor and one recusal.

IX. Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals – 00:58:26

1. Leafy Green Agency LLC (#RVR453162)
 - Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the Responsible Vendor Training License Renewal.
 - Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the Responsible Vendor Training License Renewal.
 - Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 11:55 AM.
 - Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
 - The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
 - The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
 - The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 01:15:50.)

X. Commission Discussion and Votes

1. FY2027 Budget Discussion
 - Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Lisa Schlegel (CFAO Schlegel) presented with a focus on the Marijuana Regulation Fund (MRF). Commissioner Roy pointed



out that the sales tax flowed to a general fund, and thereafter moneys go to other organizations. CFAO Schlegel broke down the MRF appropriations for FY26, with the Commission only receiving 11% of the fund proceeds and was noted that revenue is affected by a Licensee paying in three increments a year, instead of making a one-time lump sum full renewal amount. CFAO Schlegel then turned attention to the Commission's budget requests and explained what the Commission received in FY25 and FY26, which was much less. She explained that maintenance requests of approximately \$3,600,000 were detailed, which is acknowledgement of personnel. The Chair emphasized the recruitment of a Director of Testing. CFAO Schlegel then detailed FY27 of \$9,600,000 focused on the roll-out of SC, investment in Information Technology (IT) infrastructure, more funding for public safety, and initiatives. The Chair and Commissioner Roy discussed fiscal issues surrounding the Donahue Institute's report. The ED indicated that he would reach out to the Donahue Institute for future requests for their time and assistance. CFAO Schlegel presented a slide which broke down FY27 budget requests by expenditure class in a one-page summary form. Commissioner Stebbins mentioned badging expenditures and CFAO Schlegel explained funding needs. It was noted that CTIO Clark was working on electronic badging with updates on the goal to follow in the future. Commissioner Roy and the Chair discussed with CFAO Schlegel upcoming conversations which are needed with the legislature. The ED mentioned that the funding requests should not simply focus on the Commission's needs, but also how the increased funding would benefit the citizens of the Commonwealth. Commissioner Benedon followed up on the request that the Commission reach out to other states to see how much new revenue they received after SC was instituted there. The ED stated that the reach-out had occurred, but the feedback was limited. The ED stated that there might not be any tax revenue generated from SC in FY27 in light of implementation timing. CFAO Schlegel then introduced the budget request in the amount of \$32,927,978.

- Commissioner Benedon moved to accept the budget request.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.
- Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 1:30 PM.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.



- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 03:03:47.)

2. Discussion of Receivership Process

- Commissioner Roy led the discussion on receiverships after the Chair's introductory remarks, and she made an opening statement. She advocated for mandatory reporting to the Commission as the Commission would receive input on a form, which would include the essential information for each receivership, for enhanced Commission oversight and transparency. Commissioner Roy fleshed out (1) the current appointment process for receivers in the Commonwealth, (2) the mechanics of how a receivership works, (3) the twenty-four Licensees currently in receivership. Commissioner Roy had a colloquy with the ED regarding the 5-day notice rule and if there was an issue with the 3-License cap. Director Koval checked on cap issues currently only for Licenses under receivership and also mentioned that the court is not restricted to Commission-approved receivers. Commissioner Roy proposed motion language for the monitoring of businesses in receivership and reporting requirements for receivers. Director Koval stated there were currently six pre-approved receivers. Commissioner Benedon asked how many pre-approved receivers had been appointed for the twenty-four Licenses, and Director Koval said there was at least one instance of this. Commissioner Stebbins questioned about what information that the Commission sought before pre-approval of pre-approved receivers. He noted that the form did seek useful information to be provided, but that there might be more information to be sought from the pre-approved receiver candidate. The Chair shared she thought that accounts receivable was at issue with these distressed businesses and then asked when the pre-approved receivership process commenced at the Commission. Commissioner Roy read into the record her proposed language and Commissioner Stebbins added a single proposed amendment.
- Commissioner Benedon moved to direct Commission staff to develop a process for monitoring Cannabis business receiverships under the Commission's jurisdiction and bring this process proposal to the February 12th Public Meeting. This process shall include, but not limited to, tracking the fees and expenses being charged by any court-appointed receiver to the Licensee. The court-appointed receiver shall be required to provide the Commission with an initial written report at the beginning of the receivership and thereafter on a quarterly basis using a standard receiver or court appointee reporting form prescribed by the Commission. Each report should include financial information and any material developments affecting the Licensee's operations or ownership structure.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion.



3. Notices of Deficiency and Preliminary Referrals

- The ED stated that currently the input of data was done manually. The ED expressed that in terms of process for Notices of Deficiency (NODs), that they could be all in one file tracked in Dynamics. He provided the example of in the future, the Commission could be able to monitor discrete NODs by License types. Director of Enforcement Training Armond Enos (Director Enos) presented how staff observed violations on-site in the field and explained that the process was also designed to educate Licensees through providing them with specificity. He added that this assists the Licensee to know what or how to correct each violation, with the Licensee given ten business days to provide a written plan of correction, which the Commission then reviews. Director Enos also explained that ideally an NOD is issued within 48 hours of inspection(s) but sometimes this is not possible to meet. He expressed the goal was to get Licensees back into compliance as soon as possible. The Chair probed how public health issues and threats were addressed past the direct reports within the Investigations and Enforcement department. The ED mentioned a recent occasion where information was shared, and the Chair mentioned past information where she only learned about a public safety threat in the press. Commissioner Roy described the type of detail she thought should be compiled about NODs. It was noted that once the Commission accepts a plan of correction, the Commission does understand that some corrections might take some time to accomplish but the corrections must be in place when the re-inspection occurs. The Chair asked what the process of learning about emergencies was. Commissioner Roy noted that the process of informing Commissioners has improved under the current ED. Commissioner Stebbins spoke about a good inspection occurring when trainees are accompanied by experienced investigators.

4. Delegation of Powers to Approve Licensees

- The Chair introduced the topic of approval of Licenses in the absence of a quorum. She asked if a vote cannot be taken due to too few Commissions present, whether it could be delegated and if it could be delegated, how could it be delegated. GC Chattopadhyay presented on temporary delegations, beginning with how the issue was handled before the Chair's reinstatement where they only had two Commissioners present for a vote. The Chair requested research on where the GC previously opined on the delegation issue. Commissioners urged that there be rules of necessity. The ED expressed that having a process in place for these delegations was necessary, with an opinion from the Legal department to be rendered when a quorum is lacking.

5. Deanonymization of Raw Testing Data Without Waivers

- The ED opined that if deanonymization was at issue, he believed that there should be a Commission vote beforehand. The Chair mentioned there was an issue about past deanonymization, but the countervailing opinion was that when this occurred, it was due solely to conditions present during the covid pandemic. Associate General Counsel Steven Laduzinski (AGC Laduzinski) stated the appropriate statutory and regulatory authority regarding testing and Seed-to-sale. He read G. L. c. 94G, § 4 and



G. L. c. 94G, § 15. He also read from the definitions section of the Commission's regulations and language from 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.105(8)(e), 500.105(8)(g) and 500.160(1). The ED opined that obtaining a waiver could be the best solution when proprietary information was potentially at issue, with a vote on deanonymization in March 2026. The Chair mentioned that raw data might be deanonymized, but not personal identifying data. The ED mentioned how Connecticut had dealt with the same issue. The Chair expressed frustration with the lack of cogent legal guidance on the issue. Commissioner Benedon observed that no certain prediction could be made regarding risk and exposure to the Commission. AGC Laduzinski read Administrative Order No. 5 into the record. Commissioner Stebbins mentioned that the data discussed was primarily useful for research purposes and CTIO Clark added that there are different data set for research and the public at large. The Chair focused on proprietary information only being an issue for inappropriate competitive use of data. CTIO Clark discussed corrupted data for clarification purposes. Commissioner Roy asked who prepared the data dictionary and CTIO Clark said it was developed by Director of Data Analytics Marianne Sarkis a couple of years ago. Commissioner Benedon probed the need to deanonymize certain data. The Chair advocated that the issue be tabled, with a compromise proposed by Commissioner Roy to draft a data use agreement.

6. Executive Session Minutes Release Process

- The Chair referenced past Open Meeting Law (OML) violations and then introduced the topic of releasing Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Benedon outlined the law under the OML and Public Records Requests (PRRs), particularly if the purpose for withholding was no longer operative. She reviewed how the Legal department broke down what could be released and what would be withheld and that it must be reviewed periodically. Commissioner Benedon narrowed the issue when the matter was resolved, but information still must be redacted. She discussed the Legal department's process for making redactions. The Chair raised the query about how votes occur on releasing material without knowing what the material is. Commissioner Roy asked if the Commissioners should review unredacted Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Benedon stated that the OML or PRR laws did not definitely state that Commissioners are entitled to see the minutes. The Commissioners discussed developing a policy for reviewing Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Benedon will propose a policy for consideration in February. The Chair probed the legal process involved with making redactions.

7. Update on Motion to Intervene

- GC Chattopadhyay suggested the topic be discussed in Executive Session and the Chair agreed.

XII. Next Meeting Date – 05:14:43

- The Chair stated that the next meeting was scheduled for January 27, 2026.

XI. Executive Session – 05:14:50



- Commissioner Benedon moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation because the open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.
- Commissioner Roy seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission unanimously approved the motion to enter into Executive Session.
- The Chair stated that the Commissioners would not return to Open Session.



Where to Buy

Retail

You can purchase medical marijuana on behalf of a Patient from licensed MTCs. You must carry your Program registration card at all times while in possession of medical marijuana, and when purchasing it from MTCs. Upon entering an MTC, present your Program registration card and a valid form of identification and follow directions for purchase.

Delivery

An MTC, or a Marijuana Courier acting on behalf of an MTC, may deliver medical marijuana to a Caregiver's residence regardless of whether your municipality allows adult-use cannabis delivery.

Use the Commission's "Where to Buy" tool to find an MTC or delivery business near you in Massachusetts!

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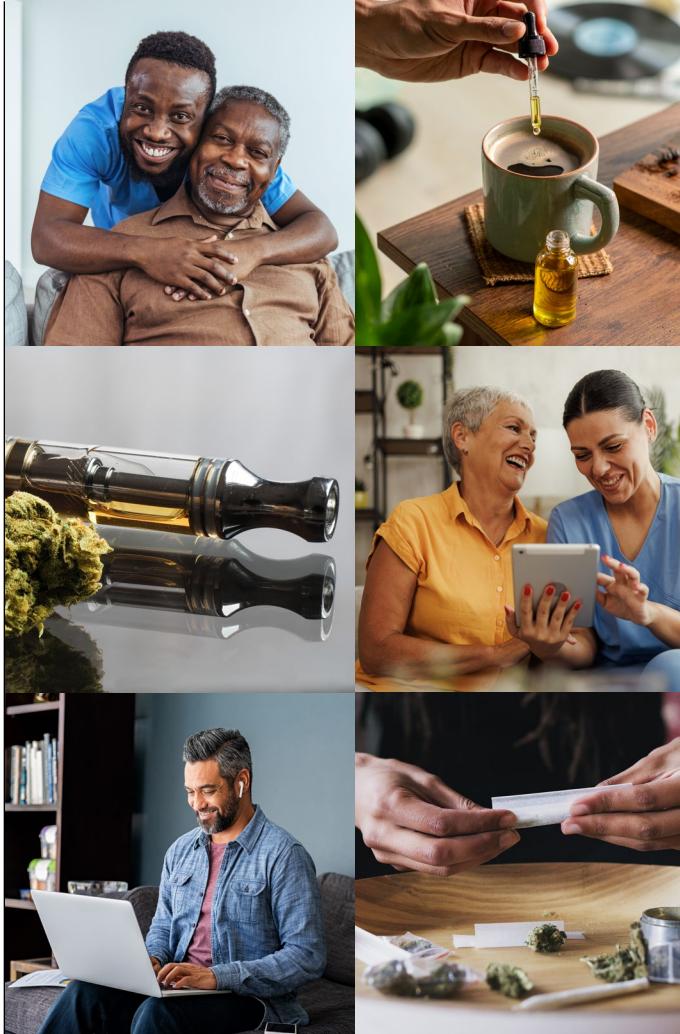


Cultivation for Patients

As a Caregiver, you may grow up to 12 flowering and 12 vegetative cannabis plants in your home on behalf of one Patient unless the Caregiver is a visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aid serving as a Caregiver.



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Medical Use of Marijuana Program

Guide for Caregivers



Overview

The Massachusetts Medical Use of Marijuana Program administered by the Cannabis Control Commission allows Registered Qualifying Patients with certain medical conditions to legally obtain, possess, and use marijuana for therapeutic purposes from licensed Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs).

As a Personal Caregiver, you may assist Patients with their use of medical marijuana. You must be at least 21 years of age and are allowed to possess and obtain medical marijuana for a Patient in your care, so long as you possess no more than a 60-day supply or up to 10 ounces of medical marijuana or marijuana-infused products.

A Patient may designate up to two Caregivers; however you may not serve as a Caregiver for more than five Patients at one time and may not receive payment or other compensation for your services.



Registration

You and your Patient must maintain an active registration with the Program through the Commission. Patients must also maintain an active certification from their Certifying Healthcare Provider.

Caregiver registration is free. The fastest and easiest way to register is via the Medical Use of Marijuana Online System (MMJOS) at patient.massciportal.com. You can also request a paper application by calling the Commission at (833) 869-6820 or emailing Commission@CCCMass.com.



Renewal

You must renew your Caregiver registration with the Program annually. Renew your registration up to 60 days before it expires via MMJOS or request a paper application by calling the Commission at (833) 869-6820 or emailing Commission@CCCMass.com.

Responsibilities and Restrictions

As a Caregiver, you will assist with a Patient's use of medical marijuana, including:

- Transporting a Patient to and from an MTC;
- Obtaining and transporting medical marijuana from an MTC on behalf of a Patient;
- Entering an MTC and supporting a Patient with their purchase as needed;
- Preparing medical marijuana for consumption by a Patient; and
- Administering medical marijuana to a Patient.

You may not do any of the following as a Caregiver:

- Consume medical marijuana that has been dispensed to or cultivated on behalf of a Patient.
- Sell, provide, or divert medical marijuana that has been dispensed to or cultivated on behalf of a Patient.
- Cultivate medical marijuana for purposes of selling or providing it to anyone other than the Patient; or
- Allow a Patient under the age of 18 to possess medical marijuana when not in your presence as the Caregiver.



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Marijuana Products

Medical marijuana is available in a variety of forms and products, including:

Flower
Concentrates
Edibles

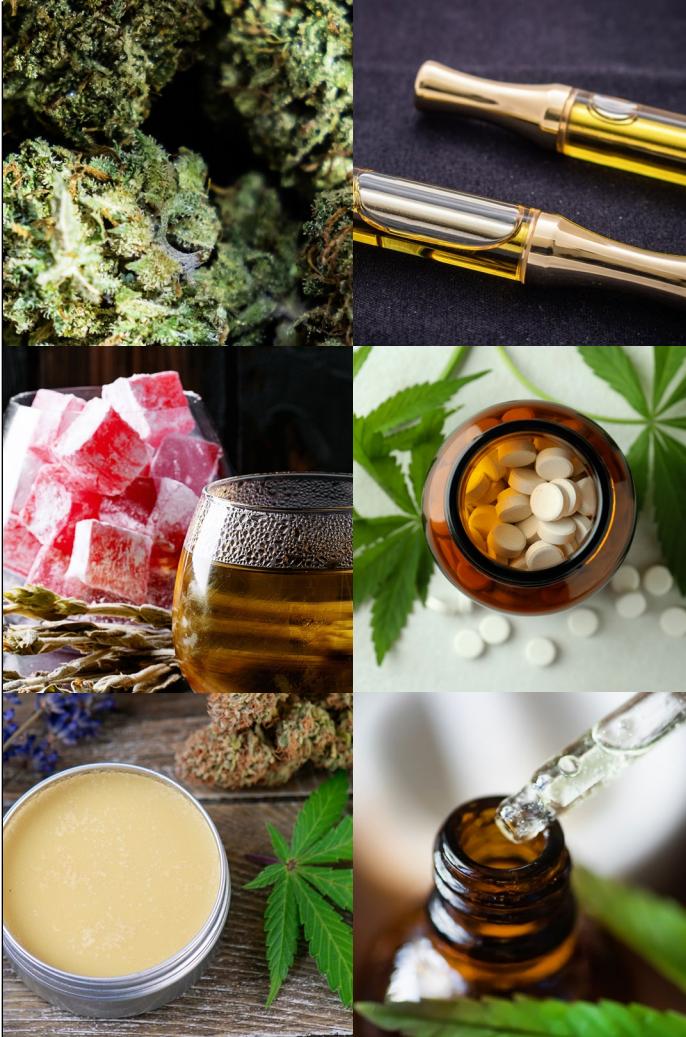
Topicals
Ingestible Oils
Tinctures

Home Cultivation

You may grow up to 12 flowering and 12 vegetative cannabis plants in your home for personal, adult use and are permitted to grow enough medical marijuana to yield a 60-day supply. A 60-day supply is defined as enough to provide 10 ounces of usable medical marijuana.



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Qualifying Medical Conditions

You must have a qualifying medical condition to be eligible for the Program.

Qualifying medical conditions include:

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- HIV/AIDS
- Hepatitis C
- Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS)
- Crohn's disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Other debilitating conditions as determined in writing by a Certifying Healthcare Provider (e.g. insomnia, anxiety, depression, etc.)

Certification

You must receive a recommendation based on medical need from a Certifying Healthcare Provider to become a Patient and register with the Program.

Certifying Healthcare Providers may include physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who are registered with the Program.

Registration

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The Commission does not charge a fee for you to register as a Patient with the Program. However, Certifying Healthcare Providers may charge you for certification visits.

Renewal

You must renew your Patient registration with the Program annually and hold an active certification from your Certifying Healthcare Provider to do so.

You can renew your registration up to 60 days before it expires via MMJOS or request a paper application by calling the Commission at (833) 869-6820 or emailing Commission@CCCMass.com.

Benefits

You receive the following benefits as a Patient of Massachusetts' Program:

- Access to **higher potency products** from licensed MTCs;
- **Exemption from sales tax** on medical marijuana products;
- The ability to **possess up to a 60-day supply** of medical marijuana (no more than 10 ounces of marijuana or marijuana-infused products unless otherwise certified by your Provider);
- The option to designate up to **two Personal Caregivers** to assist with your medical marijuana use.
- **Confidentiality:** All records and communications related to your medical marijuana use are confidential by law, with disclosure limited to Program officials, MTCs, Certifying Healthcare Providers, and law enforcement for verification purposes;
- **Protection Against Discrimination (Disability):** The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, in the case of *Barbuto v. Advantage Sales and Marketing, LLC*, held that employers may be liable for disability discrimination if they decline to accommodate an employee's off-duty use of medical marijuana. Please consult an attorney for specific questions.



**Deep Roots, Inc.
0319-COO-03-0525**

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

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

License Number	License Type
MB281496	Marijuana Microbusiness

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
Colby Watkins	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Ryan McFarland	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Nathaniel Maclaughlin	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Alex Wharton	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Florent Labs, 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.

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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: FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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	Current Expiration Date	License Status
1	Artis, LLC	DO100113	DOR5182981	Middleborough	2/12/2026	CO
2	Berkshire Roots, Inc.	MX281322	MXR126681	Pittsfield	4/29/2026	CO
3	Budega, Inc.	MR281353	MRR207401	Cambridge	2/16/2026	CO
4	Commcan, Inc.	MR284925	MRR207472	Millis	4/27/2026	CO
5	Eddie's Flowers, Inc.	MR284579	MRR207433	Ashburnham	3/12/2026	PL
6	Ezdelivery LLC	DO100157	DOR5182987	Northampton	4/14/2026	PL
7	Galil Greenery LLC	MR281978	MRR207336	Northampton	2/12/2026	CO
8	Green Adventure LLC	MR284710	MRR207323	Palmer	2/12/2026	CO
9	Green Meadows Farm, LLC	MR284280	MRR207451	Fitchburg	3/10/2026	CO
10	Holistic Industries, Inc	MR282605	MRR207420	Easthampton	3/9/2026	CO
11	HVV Massachusetts, Inc.	MR282578	MRR207423	Gloucester	2/28/2026	CO
12	JO Gardner, Inc.	MR284026	MRR207033	Gardner	3/12/2026	CO
13	LC Square, LLC.	MP282013	MPR244393	Adams	3/15/2026	CO
14	MCR Labs, LLC	IL281278	ILR267954	Framingham	3/19/2026	CO



15	Morandojuana, Inc.	MP281488	MPR244383	Rowley	3/27/2026	CO
16	Pioneer Valley Extracts, Inc.	MP281417	MPR244384	Northampton	3/17/2026	CO
17	Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc.	MP281405	MPR244389	Littleton	4/14/2026	CO
18	The Green Lady Dispensary II, Inc.	MR284161	MRR207346	Newton	4/14/2026	CO
19	The Harvest Club, LLC	MR284103	MRR207436	Somerville	3/15/2026	CO
20	UC Cultivation, LLC	MC282106	MCR140741	Ashby	2/16/2026	CO
21	UC Cultivation, LLC	MC283608	MCR140910	Ashby	7/30/2026	CO
22	UC Retail, LLC	MR282633	MRR206878	Ashby	2/16/2026	CO
23	Witch City Gardens LLC	MC283839	MCR140974	Salem	3/1/2026	PL
24	Yellow House Cannabis LLC	MR284969	MRR207483	Tyngsborough	4/18/2026	PL

2. All active license expiration dates will be extended by one (1) year following approval. Expiration dates for licenses that have expired prior to the Public Meeting will be set for one (1) year from the date of approval.
3. 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.
4. All licensees have submitted documentation of good standing from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Department of Revenue, and Department of Unemployment Assistance, if applicable.
5. All licensees provided a compliant HCA or HCA Waiver, that was accepted by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3).
6. All licensees have paid the appropriate annual license fee.
7. The licensees, when applicable, have been inspected during the current renewal period.
8. 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.

KG Collective, LLC
MR284224

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	KG Collective, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Kush Groove
Licensed Location:	1589 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02119

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

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

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

LICENSING OVERVIEW

4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on August 12, 2021.
5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): January 21, 2026.

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

- a. Security

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

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

- b. Inventory and Storage

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

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

- c. Retail Operation

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

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

- d. Transportation

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

FINAL LICENSE CONDITIONS

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



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

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

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



Mainely Productions, LLC

MP281751

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Mainely Productions, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	SKY HIGH
Licensed Location:	660 Douglas St, Suite 600, Uxbridge, MA 01569

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Product Manufacturer

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

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001– 10,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Uxbridge

LICENSING OVERVIEW

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

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8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): January 13, 2026.
9. The licensee's facility was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the licensee was not in compliance with all applicable state laws and local bylaws or ordinances.
11. Specific information from Commission staff's inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

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

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

b. Inventory and Storage

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

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

c. Product Manufacturing Operation

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

- i. Proposed product compliance; and
- ii. Safety, sanitation, and security of the area and products.

d. Transportation

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



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

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

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

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





Burn Bright, LLC

MPN282368

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Burn Bright, LLC
Proposed Location:	110 Winter St, Unit 2, Holyoke, MA 01043

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Product Manufacturer

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

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Holyoke
Marijuana Courier	Application Submitted	Holyoke

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Matthew Nelson	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

6. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)
Matthew Nelson / 100% / SE306556)

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement (“HCA”) on August 11, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA Waiver that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable regulations. Table 1 includes a summary of the HCA Waiver and the applicable regulations. Summary 1



8. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the host community on December 19, 2025. The Commission did not receive a response within 30 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d)(2).
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire 10% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Holyoke, MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions].
2	The license applicant proposed to provide industry-specific training at least 4 hours, annually to individuals from Holyoke, Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants, Social Equity Participants, MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 70% Women, 20% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 50% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 20% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposes to implement mentorship program specifically designed to provide industry-specific training to at least four (4) individuals from underrepresented groups annually

PROVISIONAL LICENSE 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.

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



Chispa Tres LLC
MBN282528

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Chispa Tres, LLC
Proposed Location:	90 Ellsworth Street, Suite 1, Worcester, MA 01610

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Microbusiness (Cultivation and Product Manufacturing)

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

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

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Kaneez Henry	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Gaston Acosta-Rua	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
G & S Management Services, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
PegasusCPT LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type)

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on March 11, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or

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after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.

8. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the host community on November 17, 2025. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire at least one (1) of three (3) individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Census Tracts of Worcester and MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.
2	The license applicant proposed to establish a mentorship and incubator program, pairing experienced cannabis and business professionals with aspiring entrepreneurs from disproportionately impacted groups or areas, specifically, Census Tracts of Worcester and MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 50% Women, 20% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to contract with 20% Women, 25% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ People-owned businesses

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



Diablo Man, LLC
MBN282525

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Diablo Man, LLC
Proposed Location:	73 Sargeant St., Units 1-2, Holyoke, MA 01040

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Microbusiness (Cultivation and Product Manufacturing)

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

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

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Gerardo Ramos	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

6. License Applicant's Status:

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant
Gerardo Ramo/ 100% Ownership / EE202034)

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on March 7, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA Waiver that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.



8. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the host community on December 19, 2025. The Commission did not receive a response within 30 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d)(2).
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to engage with at least one SE-owned ancillary business providing services to the cannabis industry.
2	The license applicant proposed to contract with one licensee from Holyoke or other ADI or SE/EE-owned to purchase product.
3	The license applicant proposed to hire at least one individual from the PTG with a priority for ADI Holyoke.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire one ancillary that is the following: Women, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and LGBTQ+ People-owned.
2	The license applicant proposed to engage with at least 2 companies or suppliers that are Women, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and LGBTQ+ People-owned.
3	The license applicant proposed to hire from the following: Women, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and LGBTQ+ People



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



Elevation, Inc

MRN285306

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Elevation, Inc.
Proposed Location:	156-162 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02302

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

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

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

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Victor Teixeira	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Jose Andrade	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

6. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)
Victor Teixeira / 51% Ownership / SE303907)

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement (“HCA”) on August 18, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.

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8. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the host community on December 19, 2025. The Commission did not receive a response within 30 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d)(2).
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire 50% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Brockton
2	The license applicant proposed to partner with at least one (1) Social Equity-owned ancillary business annually and one (1) SE-owned operating licensee.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 25% Women, 40% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5% Veterans, 5% Persons with Disabilities, and 5% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to utilize at least 5% Women, 10% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 2% Veterans, 1% Persons with Disabilities, and 2% LGBTQ+ -owned businesses for its suppliers.

PROVISIONAL LICENSE 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. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee within 90 days of an affirmative vote of the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.103(1)(e) and 935 CMR 501.103(1)(d)



2. Provisional licensure does not allow the license holder to cultivate, manufacture, or possess marijuana and/or marijuana infused products (MIPs) prior to being approved for a final license.



G & S Management Services, LLC

MBN282519

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	G & S Management Services, LLC
Proposed Location:	90 Ellsworth Street, Suite 3, Worcester, MA 01610

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Microbusiness (Product Manufacturing Only)

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

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

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Kaneez Henry	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Gaston Acosta-Rua	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
Pegasus CPT, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type)

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on March 11, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.

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8. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the host community on November 17, 2026. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire 25% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Census Tracts of Worcester and MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.
2	The license applicant proposed to establish a mentorship and incubator program, pairing experienced cannabis and business professionals with aspiring entrepreneurs from disproportionately impacted groups or areas, specifically, Census Tracts of Worcester and MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire the following: 50% Women, 20% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to contract with 20% Women, 25% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ People-owned businesses

PROVISIONAL LICENSE 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.

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



John Williams Street Investments, LLC
MRN285438

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	John Williams Street Investments, LLC
Proposed Location:	20 John Willismas St., Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

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

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

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Cullen Schultz	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Carlos Bryant	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Victor Thomas	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Ryan Perilli	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Timothy Schultz	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control/ Capital Contributor

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

6. License Applicant's Status:

General Applicant

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on April 9, 2025 The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after

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March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.

8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on January 20, 2026 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to donate \$10,000 to United Neighbors of Fall River
2	The license applicant proposed to host a minimum of 12 hours, annually of informational programs for the ADI population with a focus on pathways to careers in the cannabis industry and be a reliable source for cannabis education and awareness.
3	The license applicant proposed to hire at least 10% of employees from Fall River.
4	The license applicant proposed to identify and recruit at least one (1) EEP or SEP to participate in a managerial or executive training program with the opportunity to assume a leadership role upon completion.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 2.5% Women, 2.5% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 2.5% Veterans, 2.5% Persons with Disabilities, and 2.5% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to contract with 20% Diverse businesses.

PROVISIONAL LICENSE 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.

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



The Heritage Club, LLC
DOA100185

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	The Heritage Club, LLC
Proposed Location:	116R Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02129

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Courier

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

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Boston

4. The license applicant was pre-certified by the Commission on May 1, 2024. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b)(2), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a license.
5. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Adenike John	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

7. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)
(Adenike John/ 77.5% Ownership / SE304160)

8. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on June 5, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after

Provisional License Executive Summary 1



March 1, 2024 and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.

9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the host community on December 5, 2025. The Commission did not receive a response within 30 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d)(2).
10. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to provide resources and financial contributions of over \$150,000 each year to individuals who have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition, specifically those individuals who are or would qualify as Social Equity Program Participants.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire the following: 50% Women, 50% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed creating an inclusive work environment with no less than 85% employee satisfaction rate with its diversity and inclusivity initiatives and outcomes.

PROVISIONAL LICENSE 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.

Provisional License Executive Summary 2



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



Wonderland Dispensary & Delivery, Inc.

MRN285154

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Wonderland Dispensary & Delivery, Inc.
Proposed Location:	86 #1 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Retailer

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

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Delivery Operator	Application	Cambridge

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Steven J DeMarco II	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Sharon DeMarco	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Steven J DeMarco Sr.	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Nancy Hickey	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Jonathan Goines	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

6. License Applicant's Status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)

Steven DeMarco II /100% / SE305198)

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on May 29, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after

Provisional License Executive Summary 1



March 1, 2024, and provided a compliant HCA that was certified by Commission staff pursuant to 935 CMR 500.180(3) and/or comparable medical regulations.

8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on January 27, 2026, stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or by-laws.
9. The license applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire 51% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Census Tracts of Boston and Worcester
2	The license applicant proposed to provide mentorship for at least three (3) SEPs annually.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

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

#	Goal
1	The license applicant proposed to hire the following: 30% Women, 25% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 10% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 15% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to ensure at least 25% of its total product purchases come from businesses owned by 5% Women, 5% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5% Veterans, 5% Persons with Disabilities, and 5% LGBTQ+ People.

PROVISIONAL LICENSE 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.

Provisional License Executive Summary 2



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



Green Flower Inc

RVR453163

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING (“RVT”) TRAINER RENEWAL SUMMARY

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

Item	Information
RVT Trainer Name	Green Flower Inc
RVT Certification Number	RV453267
RVT Trainer d/b/a Name	N/A
RVT Address	2243 Valley Meadow Drive Oak View CA 93022
RVT Business Phone Number	619-861-0867
RVT Business Email Address	max@greenflowermedia.com
RVT Business Website	green-flower.com

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

Individual	Role
Max Simon	Owner
Al Foreman	Controlling Person

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAM

4. The RVT trainer was originally certified on January 21, 2022. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instruction to 3,172 of Marijuana Establishment and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center agents.
5. The RVT trainer’s program is presented in a virtual format model.
6. The RVT trainer has continued to demonstrate the following:
 - a. Verify the identification and certify completion of the RVT program for each agent;
 - b. Track trainees' time needed to complete the course training;
 - c. Allow the trainees to ask questions of the RVT trainer



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

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING CONDITIONS

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.



Marijuana Handlers

RVR453165

RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING (“RVT”) TRAINER RENEWAL SUMMARY

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

Item	Information
RVT Trainer Name	Marijuana Handlers
RVT Certification Number	RV453288
RVT Trainer d/b/a Name	N/A
RVT Address	12005 Wilderness Road Anchorage AK 99516
RVT Business Phone Number	800-484-5432
RVT Business Email Address	support@marijuannahandlers.com
RVT Business Website	www.marijuannahandlers.com

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

Individual	Role
George Coleman	Owner

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAM

4. The RVT trainer was originally certified on January 16, 2020. Since that time, or the time of its last renewal, the RVT trainer has provided instruction to 357 Marijuana Establishment and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center agents.
5. The RVT trainer’s program is presented in virtual format.
6. The RVT trainer has continued to demonstrate the following:
 - a. Verify the identification and certify completion of the RVT program for each agent;
 - b. Track trainees' time needed to complete the course training;
 - c. Allow the trainees to ask questions of the RVT trainer; and
 - d. To evaluate each trainee's proficiency with course material.

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RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING CONDITIONS

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.





Memorandum

To: Commissioners
Cc: Travis Ahern, Executive Director
From: Jessica Porter, Esq. Manager of Government Affairs and Policy
Date: February 12, 2026
Subject: **February 2026 Government Affairs Update**

Legislative Update

In late January, Chair O'Brien, Commissioner Roy, the Executive Director and staff met with Chair Rodrigues of the Joint Ways and Means Committee to discuss the Commissions FY27 budget. In early February, Commissioner Stebbins, Senator Fattman, and Representative Marsi toured Green Meadows in Southbridge. In early February, Representative Soter visited Commission Headquarters to meet with all Commissioners and staff to learn more about the ongoing work of the Commission.

Municipal Update

Municipal Law Unit

The Attorney General's Municipal Law Unit (MLU) did not issue [any marijuana-related decisions](#) during the past month.





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Executive Session Meeting Minutes Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent process for the creation, retention, review, and release of executive session minutes. The policy is intended to comply with the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, as well as the Commission's Enhanced Code of Ethics (last updated 11/16/18).

II. Creation of Minutes

Executive session meetings shall not be audio or video recorded, except to comply with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), or by vote of three or more Commissioners. A member of the Commission's Legal team, designated by the General Counsel, shall attend executive sessions for the purpose of taking notes and preparing meeting minutes.

III. Initial Review of Executive Session Meeting Minutes

1. The Legal team shall promptly prepare draft minutes of each executive session, consistent with the requirements of G.L. c 30A, § 22(a).
2. Draft minutes of each executive session shall be presented to Commissioners for review for accuracy during a meeting no later than the third subsequent meeting following the executive session.
3. The General Counsel or a designee shall distribute copies of draft executive session minutes to each Commissioner **in hard copy only** during a meeting and shall collect all copies before the meeting recesses or adjourns.
4. Draft executive session minutes generally shall be reviewed during an executive session to preserve confidentiality. Where the only matter discussed during the executive session was review of minutes of a prior executive session, and discussion in open session would not compromise confidentiality, the minutes may be reviewed in open session.



5. Commissioners shall vote to approve the accuracy of the draft minutes or, if the accuracy of the minutes cannot be approved by a vote of three Commissioners, shall recommend edits to the minutes for further review. Commissioners may, by a vote of three Commissioners, vote to delegate to the General Counsel or another individual authority to finalize the minutes.

IV. Periodic Review for Public Release

1. The General Counsel, or a member of the Commission's Legal team designated by the General Counsel, shall review executive session minutes approximately every four months—but no less than every six months—to determine whether publication of the minutes may defeat the lawful purpose of the executive session such that the minutes may continue to be withheld from the public, in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 22(f).
2. Following each review:
 - a) The General Counsel's or designee's recommendation regarding withholding or disclosure for each set of executive session minutes reviewed shall be presented to Commissioners in executive session.
 - b) If any Commissioner wishes to further review or discuss the General Counsel's or designee's recommendation regarding withholding or disclosure, the Commission shall discuss the recommendation in executive session to reserve the confidentiality of the minutes. The executive session minutes shall be distributed for Commissioner review in accordance with Section III.3. above, if review of the minutes is deemed necessary. A vote of three Commissioners shall be required to modify the General Counsel or designee's recommendation regarding withholding or disclosure of executive session minutes; in the absence of such a vote, the General Counsel's or designee's recommendation shall be final.
 - c) The determination regarding withholding or release of executive session minutes shall be announced in open session and recorded in the open session minutes of that meeting.



3. Minutes, or portions thereof, shall be made available for public review by posting to the Commission's website when continued nondisclosure is no longer justified under the Open Meeting Law; however, minutes may be redacted to protect attorney-client privilege or pursuant to applicable exemptions under the Public Records Law. The General Counsel or the General Counsel's designee shall determine lawful and appropriate redactions.

V. Records Retention and Security

Executive session minutes are official records and shall be securely maintained by the Legal department in accordance with applicable records retention requirements.

VI. Responsibility for Compliance

The General Counsel shall oversee implementation of this policy and advise the Commission on compliance with the Open Meeting Law and related confidentiality obligations. Commissioners and Staff are hereby reminded of the obligation to comply with the Commission's Enhanced Code of Ethics, including the Confidentiality provisions which prohibit improper disclosure of confidential records or information.

VII. Effective date

This policy shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall apply to minutes of executive sessions held on or after the date of approval of this policy.



2025 Notice of Deficiency Summary (By License Type)

Regulation	Regulatory Language	Topic Area	Notes	Marijuana Cultivator	Marijuana Product Manufacturer	Marijuana Retailer	Craft Marijuana Cooperative	Marijuana Microbusiness	Marijuana Delivery Operator	Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME	Marijuana Courier	Marijuana Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	Third-Party Marijuana Transporter	Independent Testing Laboratory	Marijuana Research Facility	Standards Laboratory
				MC/MTC-C	MP/MTC-P	MR/MTC-R	CO	MB	MD	MX	DO	DE	MT	ITL	RE	SL
935 CMR 500/501.105(2)(a) 935 CMR 500/501.105(2)(b)	"At a minimum, Marijuana Establishment/Medical Marijuana Treatment Agents shall receive a total of eight hours of training annually. The eight-hour total training requirement shall be tailored to the roles and responsibilities of the job function of each Marijuana Establishment Agent. 2. A minimum of four hours of training shall be from Responsible Vendor Training Program courses established under 935 CMR 500.105(2)(b). Any additional RVT hours over the four-hour RVT requirement may count toward the eight-hour total training requirement."	Required Annual and On-going Responsible Vendor Training		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
935 CMR 500/501.105(2)(a)4.	"Agents responsible for tracking and entering product into the Seed-to-sale SOR shall receive training in a form and manner determined by the Commission. At a minimum, staff shall receive eight hours of on-going training annual!"	Required On-going Metrc Training		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)(20) - adult-use only	"Advertising through the marketing of free promotional items including, but not limited to, gifts, giveaways, discounts, points-based reward systems, customer loyalty programs, coupons, and "free" or "donated" Marijuana, except as otherwise permitted by 935 CMR 500.105(4)(a)9, and except for the provision of Brand Name take-away bags by a Marijuana Establishment for the benefit of customers after a retail purchase is completed."	Prohibited Advertising	Applicable for adult-use licenses only.	X	X	X	X	X	X							
935 CMR 500/501.105(8)(b)	"Real-time inventory shall be maintained as specified by the Commission and in 935 CMR 500.105(8)(c) and (d) including, at a minimum, an inventory of Marijuana plants; Marijuana plant-seeds and Clones in any phase of development such as Propagation, Vegetation, and Flowering; Marijuana ready for dispensing; all Marijuana Products; and all damaged, defective, expired, or contaminated Marijuana and Marijuana Products awaiting disposal."	Maintaining Real-Time and Virtual Inventory	Metric (i.e. virtual) not matching physical including reported vs actual location or quantity, and physical inventory not accounted for, or improperly adjusted.	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		
935 CMR 500/501.105(8)(c)	"A Marijuana Establishment/Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall attach plant tags to all Marijuana, Clones, and plants and attach package tags to all Finished Marijuana and Marijuana Products, and track all Marijuana seeds, Clones, plants, and Marijuana Products, using a Seed-to-sale methodology in a form and manner to be approved by the Commission."	Inventory - Attaching Tags to all Marijuana, Clones and Plants	Plants or Packages not Tagged	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X

Regulation	Regulatory Language	Topic Area	Notes	Marijuana Cultivator	Marijuana Product Manufacturer	Marijuana Retailer	Craft Marijuana Cooperative	Marijuana Microbusiness	Marijuana Delivery Operator	Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME	Marijuana Courier	Marijuana Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	Third-Party Marijuana Transporter	Independent Testing Laboratory	Marijuana Research Facility	Standards Laboratory
				MC/MTC-C	MP/MTC-P	MR/MTC-R	CO	MB	MD	MX	DO	DE	MT	ITL	RE	SL
935 CMR 500/501.105(9) et. Seq.	<p>"(9) Recordkeeping. Records of a Marijuana Establishment shall be available for inspection by the Commission, on request. The financial records of a Marijuana Establishment shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Written records that are required and are subject to inspection include, but are not necessarily limited to, all records required in any section of 935 CMR 500.000, in addition to the following:</p> <p>(a) Written Operating Procedures as required by 935 CMR 500.105(1);</p> <p>(b) Inventory Records as required by 935 CMR 500.105(8);</p> <p>(c) Seed-to-sale SOR Electronic Tracking System records for all Marijuana Products as required by 935 CMR 500.105(8)(e);</p> <p>(d) The following personnel records [...]:</p>	General Record Keeping	Recordkeeping either not compliant or not available for inspection. Common non-compliant or missing records include evidence of training, background check/CORIs, inventory, waste.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
935 CMR 500/501.105(11)(b)	"(b) A Marijuana Establishment/MTC shall have separate areas for storage of Marijuana that is outdated, damaged, deteriorated, mislabeled, or contaminated, or whose containers or packaging have been opened or breached, until such products are destroyed.	Expired Products	<p>(7) No Marijuana Product, including Marijuana, may be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by Independent Testing Laboratories, except as allowed under 935 CMR 500.000. The product shall be deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 500.160.</p> <p>(5) A Marijuana Establishment/MTC shall maintain the results of all testing for no less than one year. Testing results shall be valid for a period of one year. Marijuana or Marijuana Products with testing dates in excess of one year shall be deemed expired and may not be dispensed, sold, Transferred or otherwise conveyed until retested.</p>	<p>Products with test results greater than 1 year (i.e. "expired products") improperly separated in virtual and or physical inventory, and/or selling or "conveying" these products.</p> <p>Metric runs daily reports and leads issue NODs if applicable.</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X						
935 CMR 500/501.140(7)	X				X	X	X	X	X							
935 CMR 500/501.160(5)																
935 CMR 500/501.105(12)(c)	"Organic material, recyclable material and solid waste generated at a Marijuana Establishment shall be redirected or disposed of as follows [...]	Waste - Processing	Waste not being properly ground and mixed to render unusable for original purpose	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X

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				MC/MTC-C	MP/MTC-P	MR/MTC-R	CO	MB	MD	MX	DO	DE	MT	ITL	RE	SL
935 CMR 500/501.105(12)(d)	(d) <i>No fewer than two Marijuana Establishment/MTC Agents shall witness and document how the solid waste or organic material containing Marijuana is handled on-site including, but not limited to, the grinding up, mixing, storage and removal from the Marijuana Establishment/MTC in accordance with 935 CMR 500/501.105(12).</i>	Waste - Recording	Updated Regulations changed the requirement to only 1 agent having to witness and document wasting procedures.	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X
935 CMR 500/501.105(13)(a)11	<i>"In the case of an emergency stop during transportation...a log shall be maintained describing the reason for the stop, the duration, the location, and any activities of personnel exiting the vehicle."</i>	Transportation - Emergency Stop	Lack of adherence to emergency stop logging	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
935 CMR 500/501.105(13)(f)4.	<i>"The manifest shall be maintained within the vehicle during the entire transportation process, until the delivery is completed."</i>	Transportation - Manifests	Manifest not maintained/kept current	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
935 CMR 500/501(13)(c)1.c.	<i>"Vehicles equipped with an alarm system approved by the Commission."</i>	Transportation - Vehicle Alarm System	Vehicles not equipped with operational alarm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
935 CMR 500/501.110(4)(a)	<i>"All Limited Access Areas shall be identified by the posting of a sign that shall be a minimum of 12" x 12" and which states: "Do Not Enter - Limited Access Area - Access Limited to Authorized Personnel Only" in lettering no smaller than one inch in height."</i>	Limited Access Areas	Typically, not keeping LAAs properly secured, limited to necessary personnel, or locking doors. During PPL, often not properly signed according to regulations.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
935 CMR 500/501.110(5)(a)4.	<i>"Video cameras in all areas that may contain Marijuana or vaults or safes for the purpose of securing cash, at all points of entry and exit and in any parking lot which shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. The cameras shall be directed at all safes, vaults, sales areas and areas where Marijuana is cultivated, harvested, Processed, prepared, stored, handled or dispensed, or where cash is kept and processed. Cameras shall be angled so as to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any Person entering or exiting the Marijuana Establishment/MTC or area."</i>	Security - Video Cameras	Video surveillance cameras either not functioning, or the views are obscured or not sufficiently capturing marijuana handling and storage areas.	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X

This timeline follows notification of the sentencing of Carolina Correa (Correa) for “her leading role in laundering hundreds of thousands of dollars of her then-boyfriend’s fentanyl trafficking money.” [District of Massachusetts | Rhode Island Businesswoman Sentenced to More than Three Years in Prison for Money Laundering | United States Department of Justice](#). According to the United States Attorney’s Office (USAO):

“In January 2022, Correa indicated that she had found “investors” in the marijuana dispensary. Those “investors” included a real estate investor based in North Carolina with whom Correa had a long-time personal, not professional, relationship as well as his associate. Shortly thereafter, Correa enlisted a friend to drive \$350,000 in Perez’s drug proceeds from Rhode Island to Correa’s “investors” in North Carolina. Financial records showed that the North Carolina “investors” then wired \$350,000 in two transactions, from two separate business accounts, in the amount of \$250,000 and \$200,000, to a bank account for an attorney for the marijuana dispensary. Those funds were then transferred from the attorney’s account to the marijuana dispensary’s business account.

Id.

The press release issued by the USAO includes a page from an investor presentation deck used by Lifted Luxury, a provisional licensee. Lifted Luxury’s licenses are currently suspended following the Commission’s unanimous vote to adopt the Hearing Officer’s [recommended decision](#), at 73-85, on September 11, 2025. See [Public Meeting Minutes | Sept. 11, 2025](#), at 12-13.

- **11/13/2020** – Lifted Luxury submitted applications for an MR, MPM, and MC – Tier 1 (MRN283558; MPN281939; MCN283014)
 - o All applications approved for Provisional Licensure at the 1/14/2021 public meeting
 - o Provisional Licenses were subsequently renewed on 2/10/2022 and 3/9/2023
 - o Licenses were suspended on 9/11/2025 until 5/17/2027 due to suitability issue with PHDIC, Cassandra Heneault (Heneault) (see below).
 - o Lifted Luxury’s business plan does reference a \$450,000 capital investment from Jasmine Chitouras in exchange for shares in the company. See Lifted Luxury Business Plan, at 9.

- **2/21/2023** – Licensing referred Heneault to EC staff for suitability review. The basis of the suitability issue was 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A, Row 14* (“The applicant or a Licensee held a License that was revoked, a renewal application that was denied, or a similar action taken with relation to their Marijuana business in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdiction, whether by administrative action or stipulated agreement.”). Specifically, Heneault held a cultivation license in Rhode Island that was revoked.
- **4/24/2023** - As this represented a Mandatory Disqualification for the sole owner of the Licensee, Enforcement recommended that the Executive Director exercise his authority to make a suitability determination that Heneault and, therefore, Lifted Luxury, were unsuitable for continued licensure. That recommendation was approved on 4/24/2023. See [01 Suitability Recommendation](#).
- **4/26/2023** – Suitability determinations issued to Heneault and Lifted Luxury. See [02 For Licensing](#) (folder containing both suitability determination notices).
- **9/11/2023** – Order to Show Cause issued ordering the suspension of Lifted Luxury’s licenses and Heneault’s agent registrations. See [2023.09.11 Show Cause Order Lifted Luxury.pdf](#). Note, this was a non-emergency action and, therefore, the suspensions did not take effect until after the Hearing Officer’s recommended decision was adopted by the Commission.
- **10/10/2023** – Heneault submitted a hearing request form, dated 10/3/2023. See [2023-10-10 08-34 Hearing Request.pdf](#)
- **11/2023** – The Commission received a public records request seeking the below information. See attached email chain, last message from the legal department was seeking an opinion from prior enforcement counsel relative to withholding certain documents due to the pending hearing request.

Commission agents) or phone call logs from or to the individual "David Spirito", Task Force Officer with the U.S. Drug Administration.

Communications may be between February 2021 and present. Mr. Spirito invested a Marijuana Dispensary [according to an affidavit filed in the District of Massachusetts](#). That affidavit does not directly specify whether "witness interviews" conducted included the employees, agents, or officers of the Cannabis Control Commission.

From February 2021 to present, a copy of any Requests for Information (RFI) or other written correspondence sent by the Commission

Investigations and Enforcement Division to Massachusetts corporation Lifted Luxury, Inc. or individual Cassandra Heneault. (License Nos. MR283558; MC283014; or MP281939), and any response to the same (and investigation-related correspondence sent by other Commission agents not directly in the Enforcement division).

Excluding any personal bank records of all individuals and also excluding any records submitted with a Provisional License Application—a copy of all financial statements and/or bank statements provided by Lifted Luxury, Inc. (License Nos. MR283558; MC283014; or MP281939) to the Cannabis Control Commission.

- **4/23/2025** – Notice of Pre-Hearing issued to parties. Pre-hearing conference held on 5/6/2025. During the Pre-Hearing Conference, the Hearing Officer requested additional briefing by the parties, which was provided to the Hearing Officer on 5/30/2025. See [05 Hearing Process](#) (file containing hearing notices and briefing).
- **9/11/2025** – Commission voted to approve (3-0) the Hearing Officer’s recommended decision at public meeting. See [Public Meeting Minutes | Sept. 11, 2025](#), at 12-13.

- o **Recommended Decision and Discipline**

I recommend that the Commission do the following:

- (1) Pursuant to 801 CMR 1.01(7)(g)(2), dismiss with prejudice Lifted Luxury’s October 3, 2023 request for a hearing for failure to prosecute;
- (2) Declare in its Final Decision that had the Licenses not expired, the Commission would have had grounds to suspend them in this action until May 17, 2027; and
- (3) Take no action with respect to the Agent Registrations.



Executive Summary

To: Travis Ahern, Executive Director
Cc: Kajal Chattpadhyay, General Counsel; Michael Baker, Deputy General Counsel
From: Erica Bruno, Associate General Counsel
Date: September 17, 2025
Subject: **Commission Authority to Implement a Licensing Freeze**
Importance Level: High

Issue: Whether the Commission may impose a temporary freeze on the intake of license applications, and if so, whether it may apply selectively to license types or equity groups.

Short Answer: The Commission may lawfully impose a prospective licensing freeze tied to neutral policy objectives and applied by license type. Completed applications must continue under the 90-day mandate. Equity-only exemptions are constitutionally high risk. For long-term freezes, rulemaking (or legislative action) is necessary to ensure durability and minimize legal exposure.

Key Conclusions:

- **Authority Exists for Prospective Freezes:**
Under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 and 935 CMR 500.101/501.101 (“form and manner” authority), the Commission may prospectively pause intake of new license applications.
- **Completed Applications Must Proceed:**
Once an application is deemed complete, the Commission must approve or deny it within 90 days (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 5). A freeze cannot apply retroactively to completed applications.



- **Selective License-Type Freezes Permissible:**

The Commission may freeze intake for some license categories (e.g., retail, cultivation) while continuing others (e.g., MTC, ITL), consistent with statutory objectives and comparative state practices.

- **Equity-Only Carve-Outs Are Legally Risky:**

Limiting intake exclusively to Massachusetts-based equity categories (EEAs, SEPs, SEBs, DBEs) likely violates the Dormant Commerce Clause, given recent federal cases invalidating residency-based or residency-proxy criteria.

- **Short-Term vs. Long-Term Freezes:**

- *Short-term pauses* may be adopted by Commission vote as an exercise of discretion.
- *Long-term freezes* should be implemented through c. 30A rulemaking (regular or emergency if justified) to avoid “underground regulation” challenges.

Recommendations:

- **Policy Rationale**

A licensing freeze should be framed around neutral, nondiscriminatory objectives such as:

- Market stabilization and prevention of oversaturation.
- Ensuring adequate testing infrastructure and public health safeguards.
- Managing administrative capacity and geographic balance.
- Reassessing whether equity objectives are being achieved.

Equity applicants should continue to be supported through nondiscriminatory mechanisms (priority review, technical assistance, capital access).

- **Procedural Path**

- **Immediate Step (Short-Term):** Commission may vote to temporarily suspend intake prospectively, with clear scope, effective date, and exemption for completed applications.
- **Durable Step (Long-Term):** Commission should initiate rulemaking (or emergency rulemaking if justified) to codify the freeze and minimize litigation risk.



- **Legislative Engagement:** A freeze could prompt the Legislature to enact explicit moratorium authority, as occurred in Oregon.

- **Recommended Motion Language (for immediate action)**

“That the Commission, pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 and 935 CMR 500.100 [and 501.101], shall temporarily suspend the acceptance of [specified license types] license applications, effective [date], until further vote. This suspension shall not apply to applications already deemed complete as of the effective date, which shall continue to be processed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G § 5(a) and 935 CMR 500.102(2)(c) [and 501.102(2)(b)].”



Memorandum

To: Commissioners
Cc: Jessica Porter, Policy Analyst
From: Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy (DGAP)
Date: November 6, 2024
Subject: Special Policy Report: State Imposed Moratoria on Cannabis Licenses and Industry Implications

PURPOSE: To share with Commissioners information regarding state-imposed moratoria on Cannabis Licenses and the implications it has on states' cannabis industry, as requested by Commissioner Roy.

BACKGROUND:

As the cannabis industry continues to grow, various states have enacted moratoria on issuing certain types of cannabis business licenses to manage market stability, address regulatory challenges, or respond to community concerns. While some states initially targeted cultivation licenses, several have extended moratoria to other license categories, such as retail, processing, and wholesale licenses. This memorandum details these actions in specific states, exploring the reasons for the moratoria and their implications for the industry.

A. States with Moratoria on Additional Cannabis License Types

1. Oregon

Oregon's cannabis market faced significant challenges from overproduction, which led to a market saturated with excess cannabis products and unsustainably low prices. In response, the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) implemented a moratorium on various license types, including cultivation, processor, wholesaler, and retailer licenses. This moratorium was effective as of March 20, 2024, and remains in effect until January 1, 2025, with the intent on giving the OLCC time to address the oversupply issue, manage the impact on the market, and stabilize prices¹. The moratorium was established with ratio-based formulas tied to the population, but it does contain exceptions such as for producers looking to change canopy size, research labs, and the renewal or transfer of existing licenses.

The comprehensive moratorium has helped reduce market saturation and maintain price levels, but it has also restricted the entry of new businesses across multiple sectors of the cannabis industry. By pausing new licenses, Oregon aims to provide stability for existing

¹ [Oregon House Bill Chapter 16 \(2024\), HB4121](#)



license holders while taking a more controlled approach to future market growth in connection to the existing population².

2. Oklahoma

In Oklahoma, the rapid expansion of the medical marijuana market has led to regulatory and compliance challenges. To address these, Oklahoma implemented a two-year moratorium in August 2022 on new grower, processor, and dispensary licenses³. The moratorium was recently extended through 2026, allowing the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) additional time to ensure compliance within the existing market, mitigate concerns about illegal operators, and strengthen regulatory oversight⁴. The extended moratorium aims to stabilize Oklahoma's medical marijuana market by prioritizing compliance among current license holders and deterring unregulated activity. However, the pause on new licenses limits growth opportunities, which some industry stakeholders argue could slow the economic potential of Oklahoma's cannabis sector⁵.

3. Minnesota

Minnesota's legalization of adult-use cannabis in 2023 included provisions allowing municipalities to enact local moratoria on various cannabis business licenses, such as retail and cultivation licenses. This approach empowers local governments to address regulatory and community considerations before permitting new cannabis businesses. The League of Minnesota Cities has provided guidance for municipalities navigating these moratoria, emphasizing the importance of evaluating local impacts and establishing clear regulatory frameworks.

These local moratoria give municipalities time to prepare regulations tailored to their communities, enabling a smoother transition to legalized adult-use cannabis. While this cautious approach may prevent rapid industry expansion, it ensures that local communities have a say in how cannabis businesses are integrated, potentially fostering long-term community support⁶.

4. Ohio

In anticipation of potential adult-use cannabis legalization, several Ohio municipalities have already enacted moratoria on cannabis business licenses, including dispensaries and cultivation facilities. These local moratoria allow municipalities to consider zoning, public health, and safety concerns, as well as the overall impact on their communities. The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law provides municipalities with guidance on implementing these temporary holds.

By instituting preemptive moratoria, Ohio municipalities can ensure local control over cannabis market development and address concerns before adult-use legalization takes effect. However, this approach also delays the establishment of a regulated market, which

² Aggregated News, [Oregon Cannabis License Moratorium: Almost There](#), Cannabis Business Executive (March 18, 2024)

³ [Oklahoma HB3208](#)

⁴ [Oklahoma HB 2095](#)

⁵ Marijuana Moment, [Oklahoma Extends Pause on New Medical Marijuana Business Licenses Into 2026](#) (Nov. 14, 2023)

⁶ [Adult Use Cannabis: What Cities Need to Know](#), League of Minnesota Cities, (July 29, 2024)



may have financial implications for municipalities that could benefit from cannabis-related tax revenue⁷.

B. Broader Implications of Moratoria on Various License Types

1. **Market Stability and Oversight** - By limiting the number of licenses issued, states like Oregon and Oklahoma intend to stabilize cannabis supply and mitigate the risk of market oversaturation. This approach provides existing businesses with a more predictable market and prevents price drops caused by excess production. However, it also restricts competition, potentially leading to higher prices for consumers.
2. **Regulatory and Compliance Benefits** - States with rapidly expanding cannabis markets often struggle to ensure compliance with evolving regulations. Moratoria are intended to provide regulatory agencies, such as Oklahoma's OMMA, with the time needed to improve compliance measures and reduce illegal activity. This helps maintain a well-regulated market, though it may limit opportunities for new entrants.
3. **Community and Environmental Considerations** - Localized moratoria, as seen in Minnesota and Ohio, allow municipalities to assess the community and environmental impacts of cannabis businesses before they are fully integrated into the market. This cautious approach can help address residents' concerns and ensures that cannabis businesses operate within community standards. However, local moratoria can lead to delays in industry expansion, impacting potential revenue and job creation.
4. **Economic Impact** - While moratoria on new licenses can stabilize the market, they may also hinder economic growth, especially in rural or underserved areas where cannabis businesses offer employment and local investment opportunities. In states like Oklahoma, the industry slowdown may restrict economic benefits that the cannabis sector could provide to communities, limit innovation from manufacturers and restrict research opportunities.
5. **Equity and Access Challenges** - Restrictions on new licenses can affect social equity programs, which aim to support individuals from communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition. Moratoria without exceptions may limit access for new equity-focused businesses, delaying progress toward a more inclusive industry. Future policies might consider exceptions or pathways specifically for equity applicants.

State-imposed moratoria on various cannabis license types reflect a cautious approach to managing market stability, regulatory compliance, and community impact. While these pauses have benefits, such as stabilizing prices and addressing regulatory challenges, they also introduce barriers to entry for new businesses, including those supported by social equity initiatives. Moving forward, states who consider adopting moratoria could consider adding exceptions or targeted provisions that prioritize

⁷ The Ohio State University – Moritz College of Law, [Local Moratoriums for Ohio Adult Use Marijuana Operators](#), (2024)





social equity and local economic development as well as revisiting the moratoria and adjusting as necessary to align with the market's current condition.





Cannabis Control Commission

Public Meeting

February 12, 2026 at 10:00 am

In-Person with Remote Access 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 Change of Ownership
6. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses
7. Staff Recommendation on Final Licenses
8. Staff Recommendation on Provisional Licenses
9. Staff Recommendation on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals
10. Commission Discussion and Votes
11. New Business Not Anticipated at Time of Posting
12. Next Meeting Date
13. Adjournment

Minutes

1. January 14, 2026
2. January 15, 2026





Executive Director and Commission Staff Report

Executive Director and Staff Report

1. Medical Program Updates
2. Social Consumption Working Group Updates
3. Cannabis Revenue Flow Webpage
4. Host Community Municipal Equity (HCME) Update
5. Licensing Update





Medical Use of Marijuana Program

New Public Education Materials

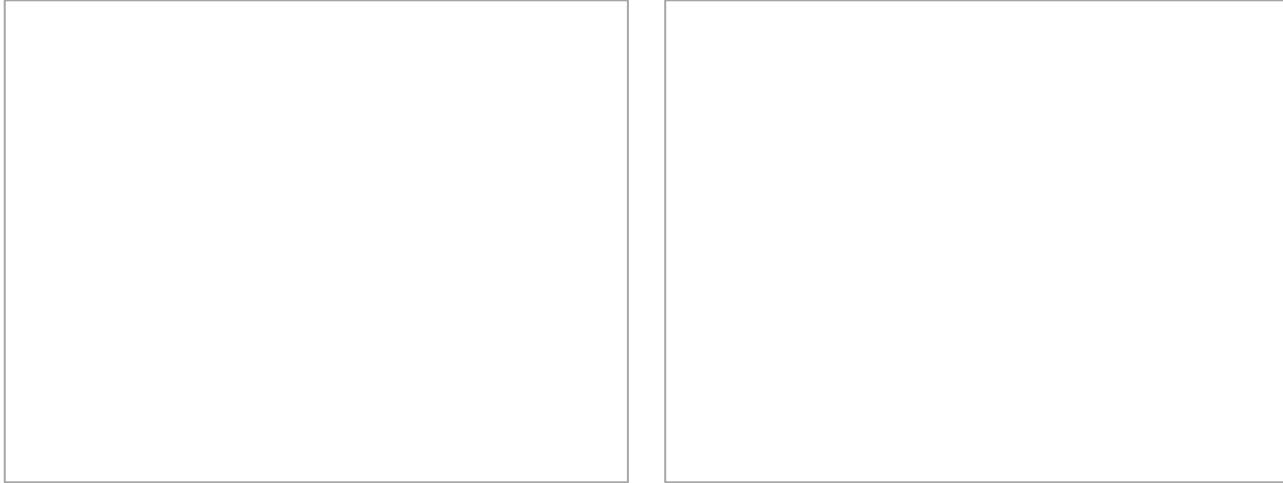
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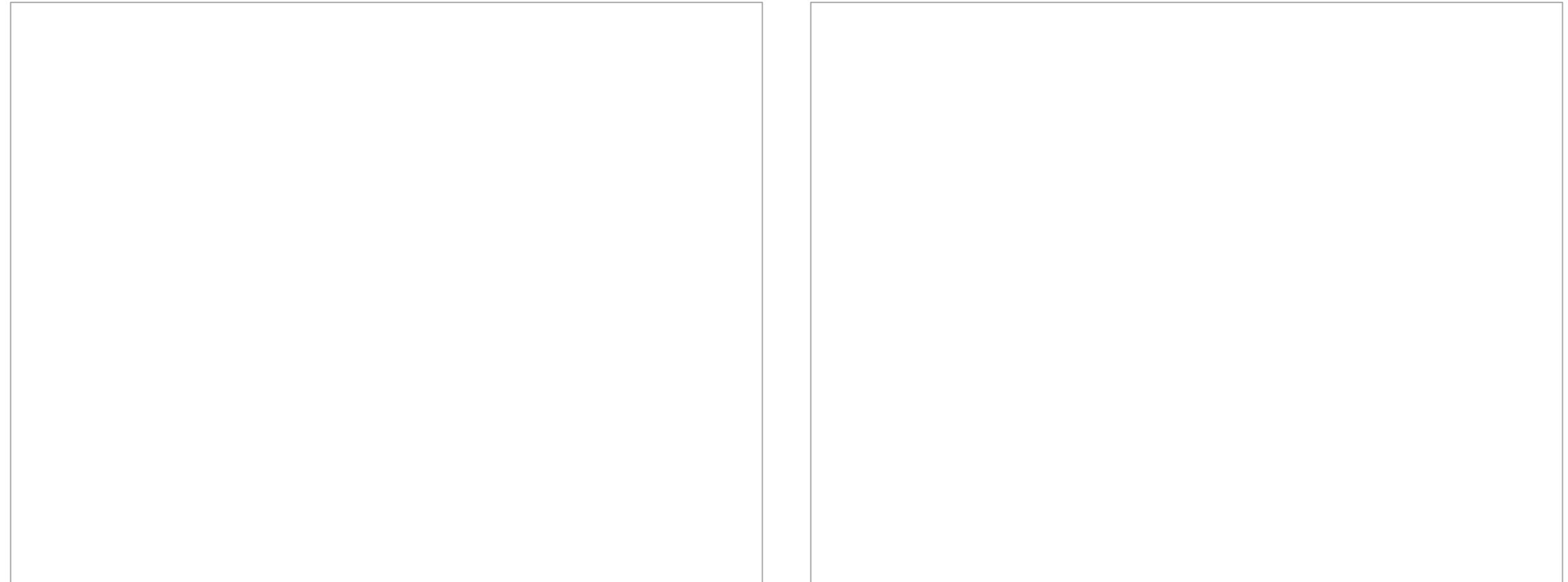
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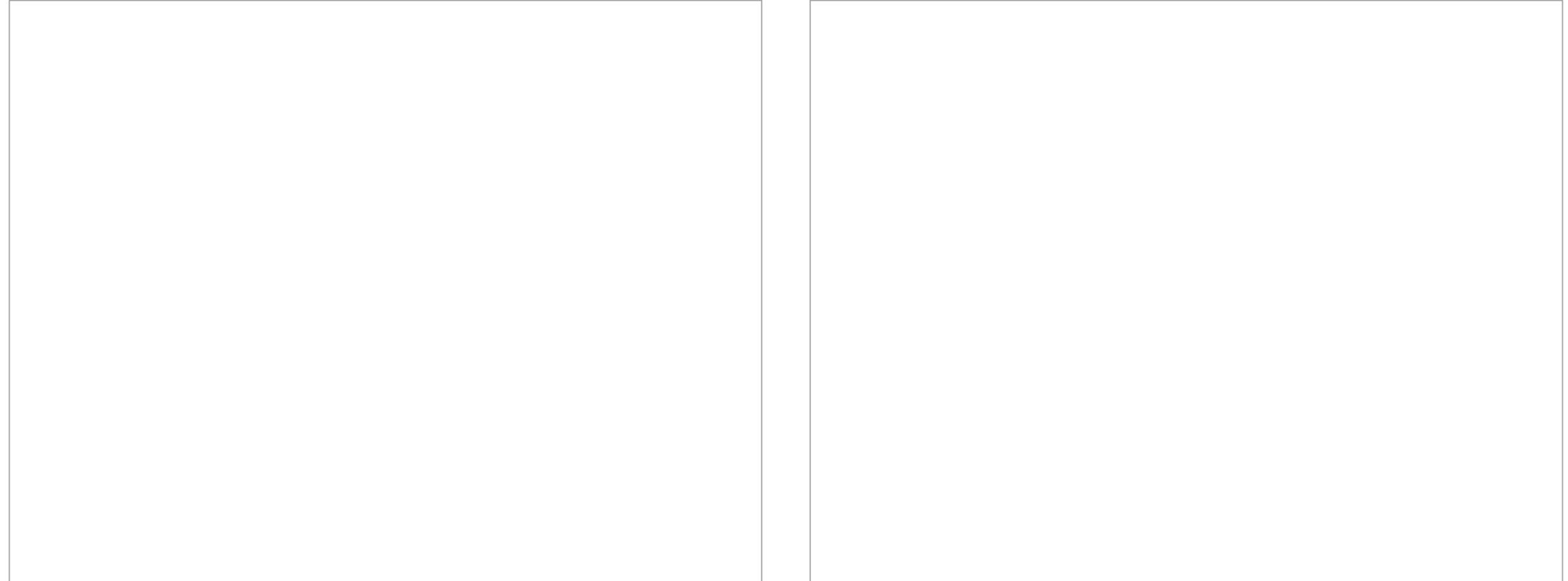
- 2 New Tri-Fold Brochures
 - [Medical Use of Marijuana Program: Guide for Patients](#)
 - [Medical Use of Marijuana Program: Guide for Caregivers](#)
 - Available now for digital download on the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse Website
- [Medical Use of Marijuana Program Overview Video](#)
 - On the Commission's YouTube channel
- Will be added to the website and distributed via social media and by email blast to our general distribution list, MTCs, and Certifying Healthcare Providers



Medical Use of Marijuana Program: Guide for Patients



Medical Use of Marijuana Program: Guide for Caregivers





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2025 Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Program Year in Review

February 12, 2026

Kate Fiske Interim Director of Constituent Services

Constituent Services Department Overview

Medical Program Support

The Medical Marijuana Program was established in 2012 under the Department of Public Health and transitioned to the Cannabis Control Commission in 2018.

Constituent Services phone line

- The Constituent Services team manages phone calls from patients, caregivers, healthcare providers, registered agents and licensees, and the general public.
- Supports inquiries regarding rules and regulations, such as certifications, registrations, patient allotment and access, MMJOS system navigation and many other relevant issues.

In-person patient events

- Registration
- Held a listening session regarding the Medical Program



Constituent Support

Commission Mailbox Management

- Triage and respond to all emails sent to the Commission's general mailbox.
- Receive and prepare general inquiries for all Commission teams and refer complaints to the Inspections team.
- Commission general email inbox is open for inquiries 24/7 and responses are typically returned within 24 business hours.
- Liaise with community and government agencies to support constituent needs

Operator Phone Line

- Constituent communications come through this line and are reviewed for appropriate staff follow-up.
- Operator line is managed by Reception/Operations, with the CSA team providing regular coverage and support.



Commission Phone Lines 2025

Information reflective of January 1 - December 31, 2025

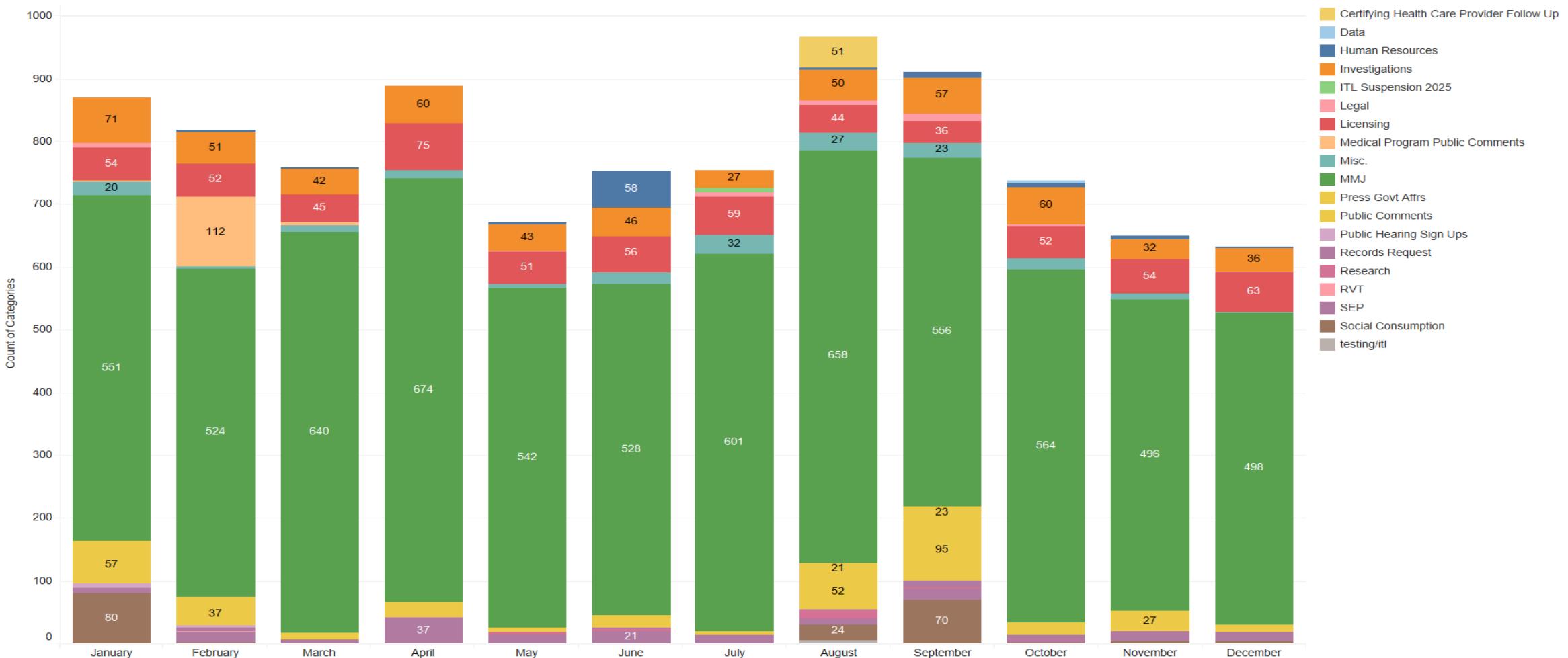
January 1- December 31, 2025	Calls Offered	Calls Handled	Average Handle Time	Abandon (Caller Hung Up)	% Abandon Calls	Average In Queue Time
Operator Inbound	5,296	5,887	04:09 min	134	2.47 %	01:34 min
Operator Outbound	615	615	00:16 sec	0	0.00%	n/a
Patient Services Inbound	22,315	26,314	14:04 min	1,134	4.83 %	03:04 min
Patient Services Outbound	4,319	4,319	16:02 min	0	0.00%	n/a

Commission Inbox Management 2025

Weekly CCC General Mailbox Report

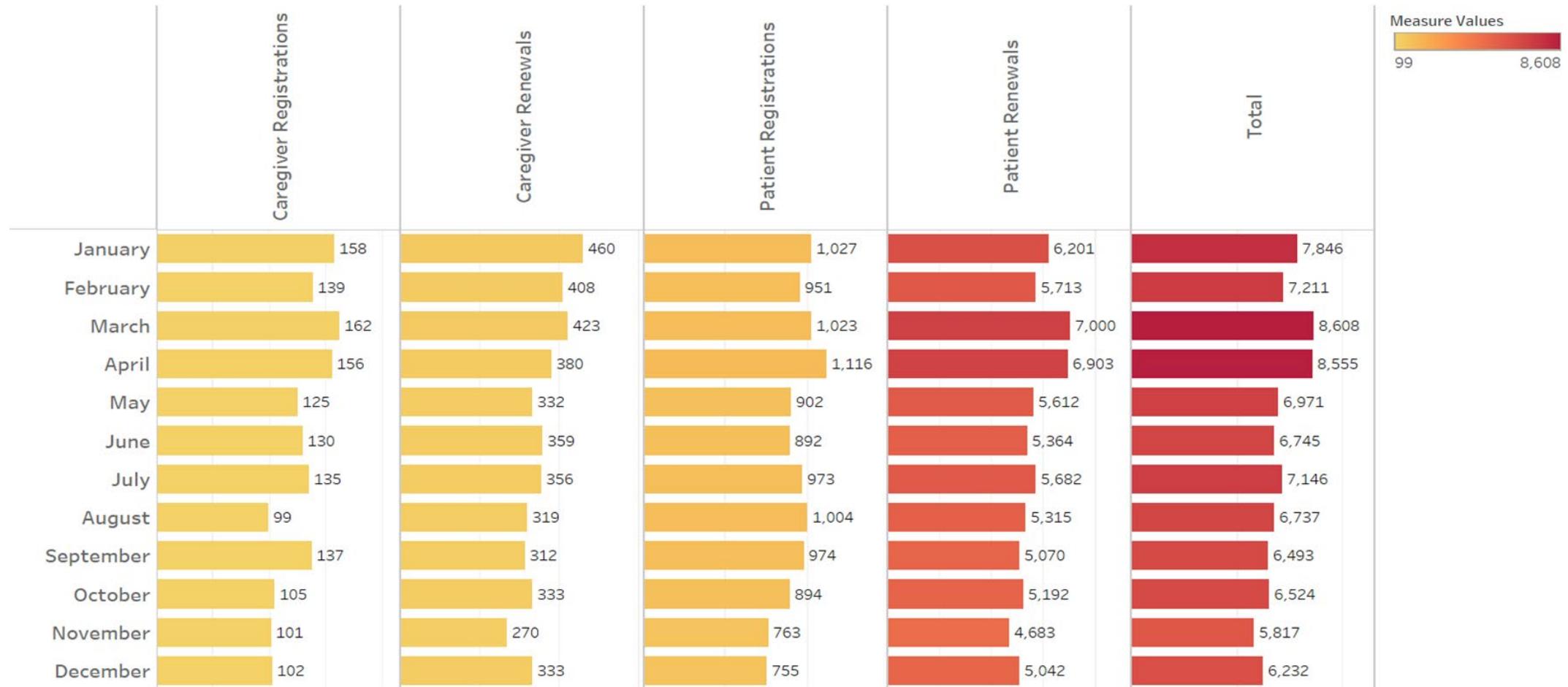
1/1/2025 to 12/23/2025

Total emails: 9,419



2025 Patient and Caregiver Registrations

2025 Medical Program Summary by Month
(based on registration date)



Medical Marijuana Program Numbers by Year

Medical Program Numbers by Year

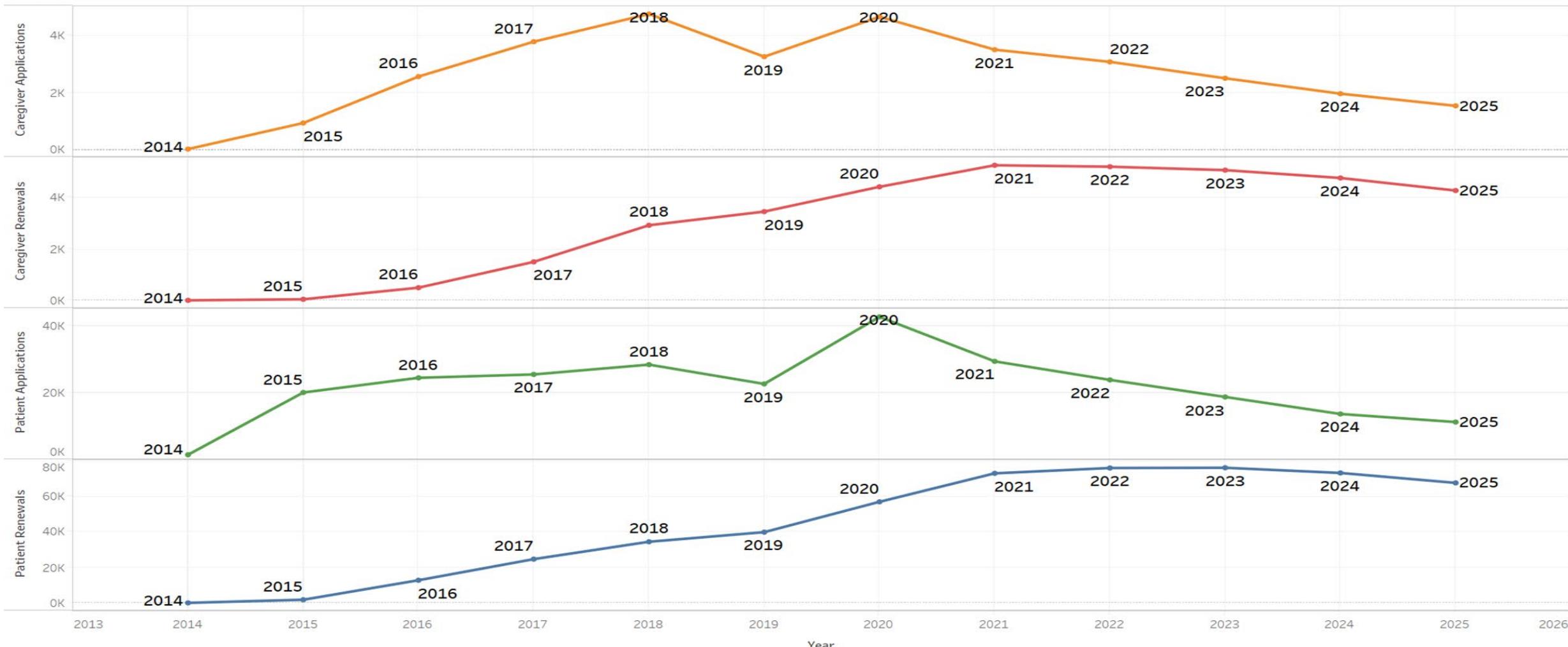
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Year	Caregiver Applications	Caregiver Renewals	Total Caregivers	Patient Applications	Patient Renewals	Total Participants
2025	1,549	4,285	5,834	11,274	67,777	79,051
2024	1,974	4,775	6,749	13,696	73,391	87,087
2023	2,512	5,081	7,593	18,793	76,324	95,117
2022	3,085	5,215	8,300	23,902	76,188	100,090
2021	3,510	5,271	8,781	29,457	73,171	102,628
2020	4,659	4,430	9,089	42,777	57,081	99,858
2019	3,265	3,463	6,728	22,694	39,940	62,634
2018	4,756	2,930	7,686	28,474	34,522	62,996
2017	3,789	1,501	5,290	25,540	24,697	50,237
2016	2,571	493	3,064	24,527	12,782	37,309
2015	950	40	990	20,127	1,762	21,889
2014	39	0	39	1,483	0	1,483
Grand Total	32,659	37,484	70,143	262,744	537,635	800,379

Massachusetts Medical Program by Year (Alternate View)

Medical Numbers by Year

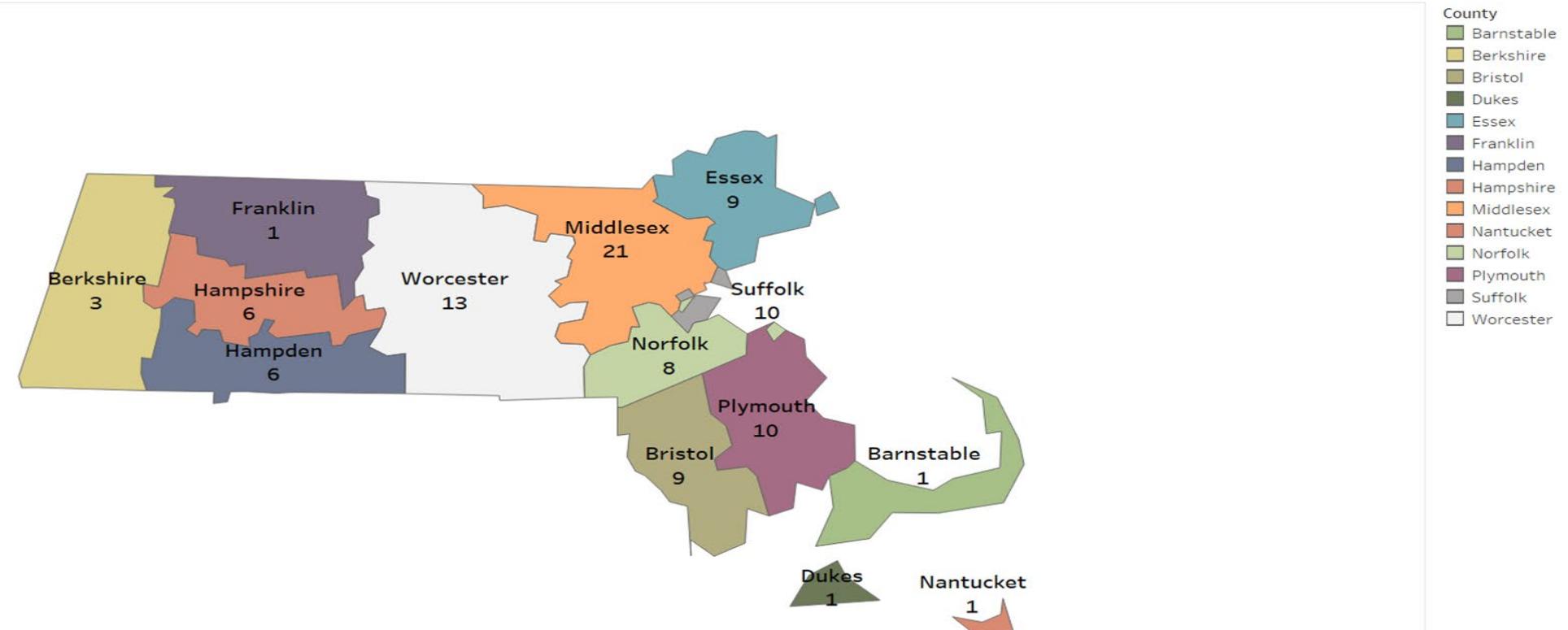
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Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers in Massachusetts

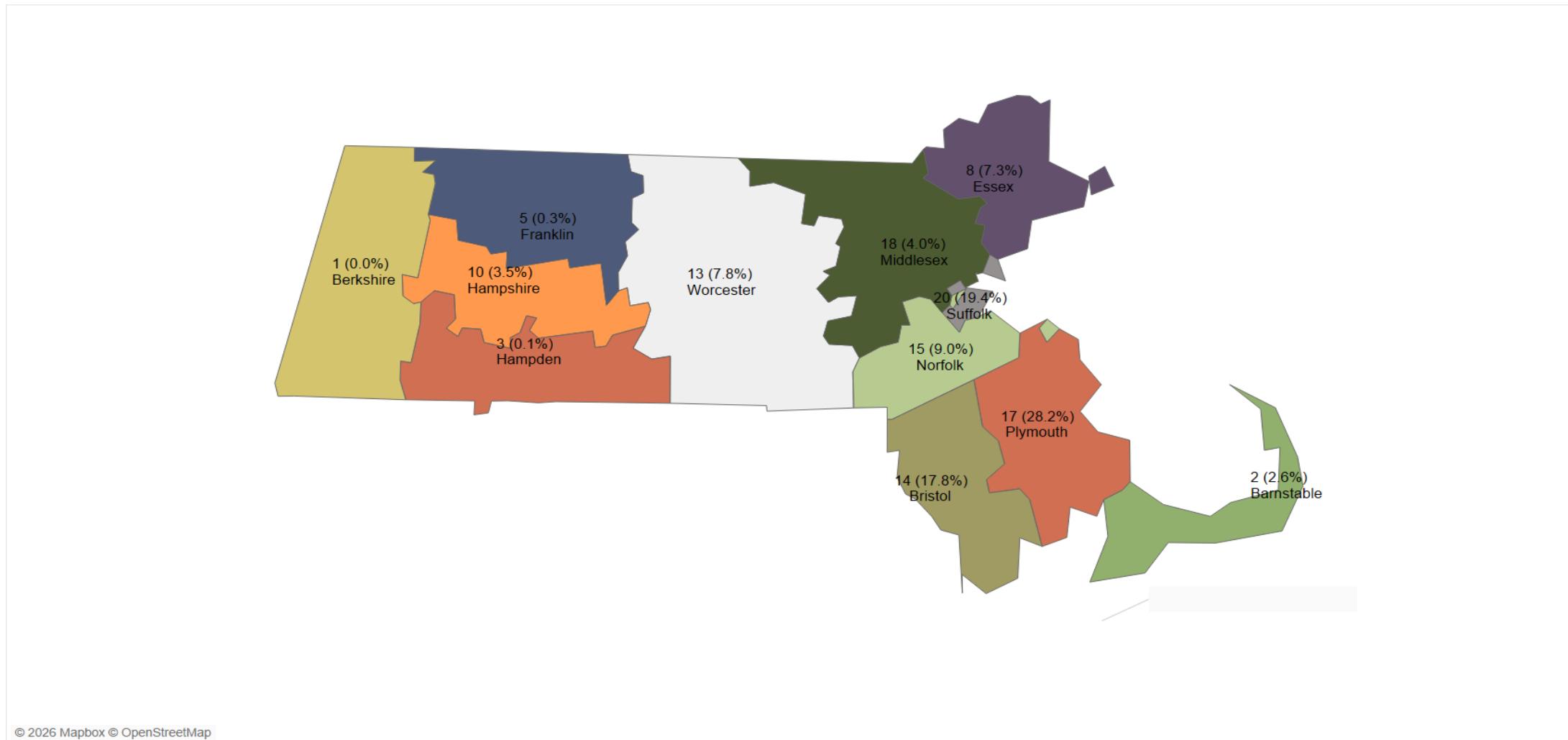
Active MTC's 2014-2025 County Map

(based on registration date)



Certifying Health Care Providers by County

Providers by County



Certifying Healthcare Provider Engagement in 2025

- Engagement with MA Coalition of Nurse Practitioners around continuing education.
- Informational outreach to local healthcare organizations and groups, including partnering with DPH on the development of a bulletin encouraging providers to register with the Medical Program.
- Collaborated with certifying healthcare providers to increase access and knowledge regarding the program and the medical use of marijuana, such as facilitating provider engagement with pediatric patients, the Endocannabinoid systems, and gathered feedback regarding future regulations and policies.



How to Contact Us for More Information or Support

General Commission Phone: (774) 415-0200

Email: Commission@CCCMass.com

Website: <https://masscannabiscontrol.com/contact/>

Medical Use of Marijuana Program

Phone: (833) 869-6820

Medical Program phone line hours:

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday





Social Consumption Working Group Updates

Overview of Social Consumption Working Groups

Implementation

Sponsor: Executive Director Ahern
Lead: Director of Licensing Olivia Koval

Local Advisory

Sponsor: Chair Shannon O'Brien
Lead: MGAP Jessica Porter (Designee for DGAP)

Public Awareness

Sponsor: Commissioner Carrie Benedon
Lead: Director of Digital and Creative Services AnnMarie Burtt

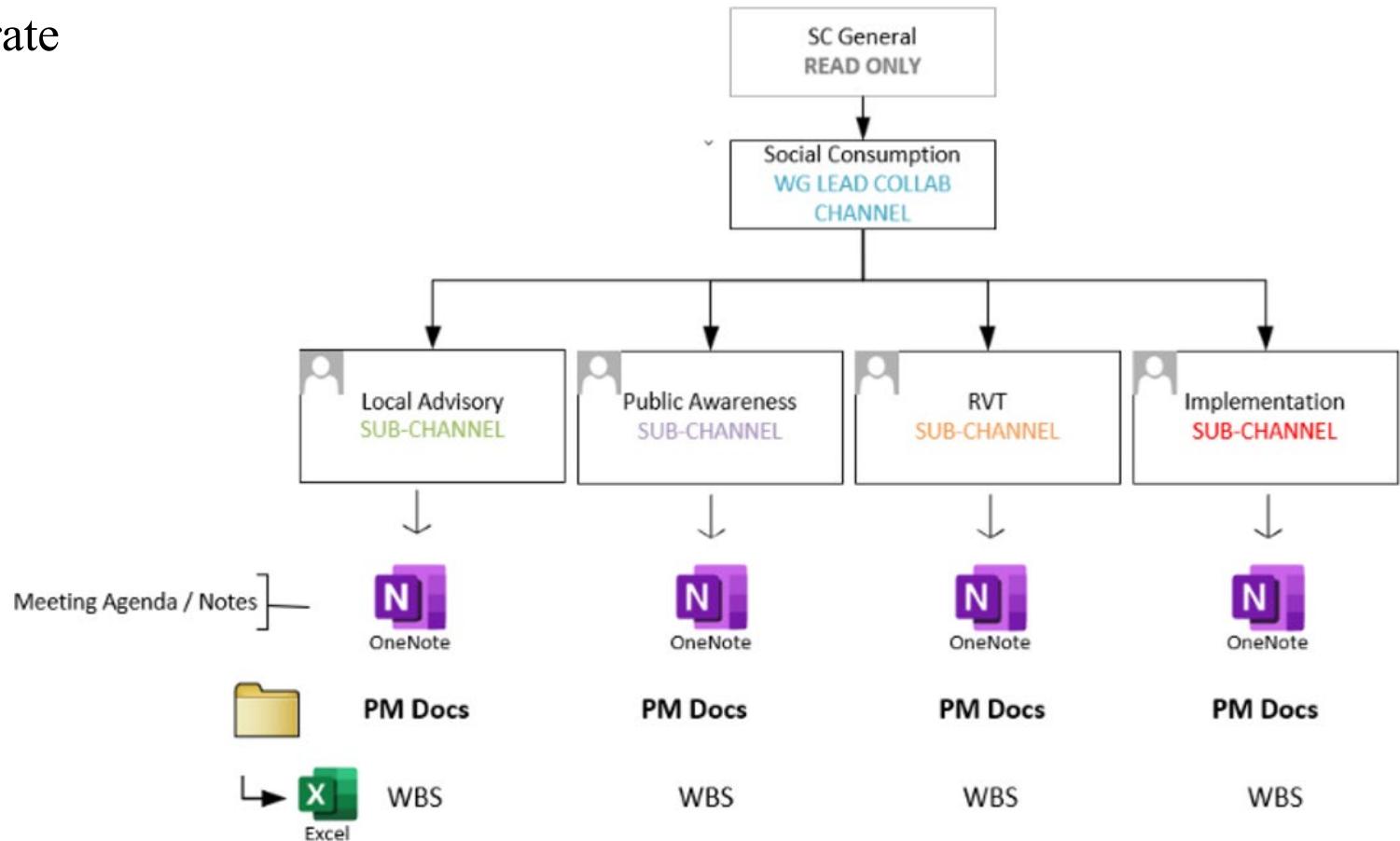
Responsible Vendor Training

Sponsor: Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Lead: Director of Enforcement Training Armond Enos

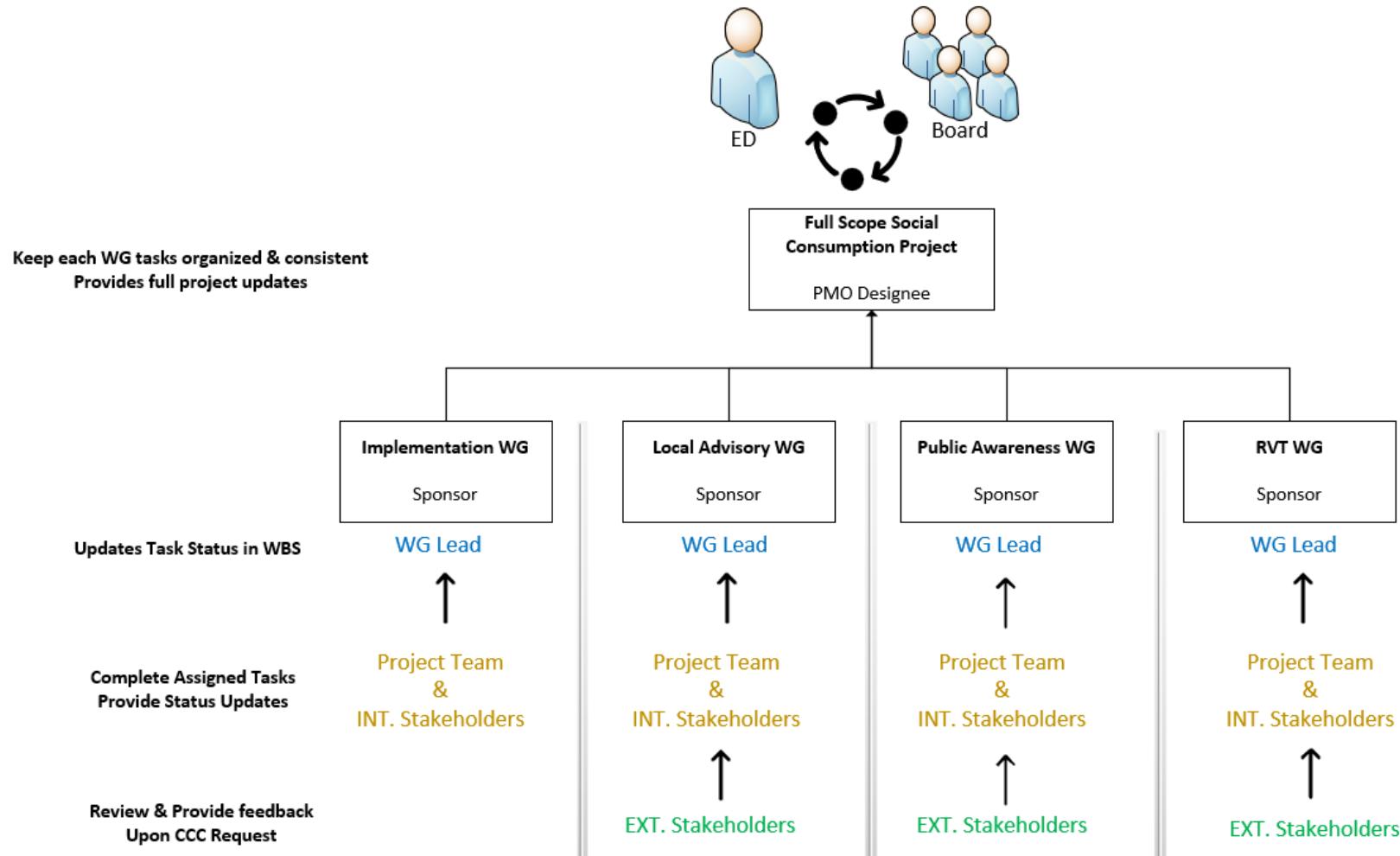


Overview of Social Consumption Implementation and Open Meeting Law Considerations

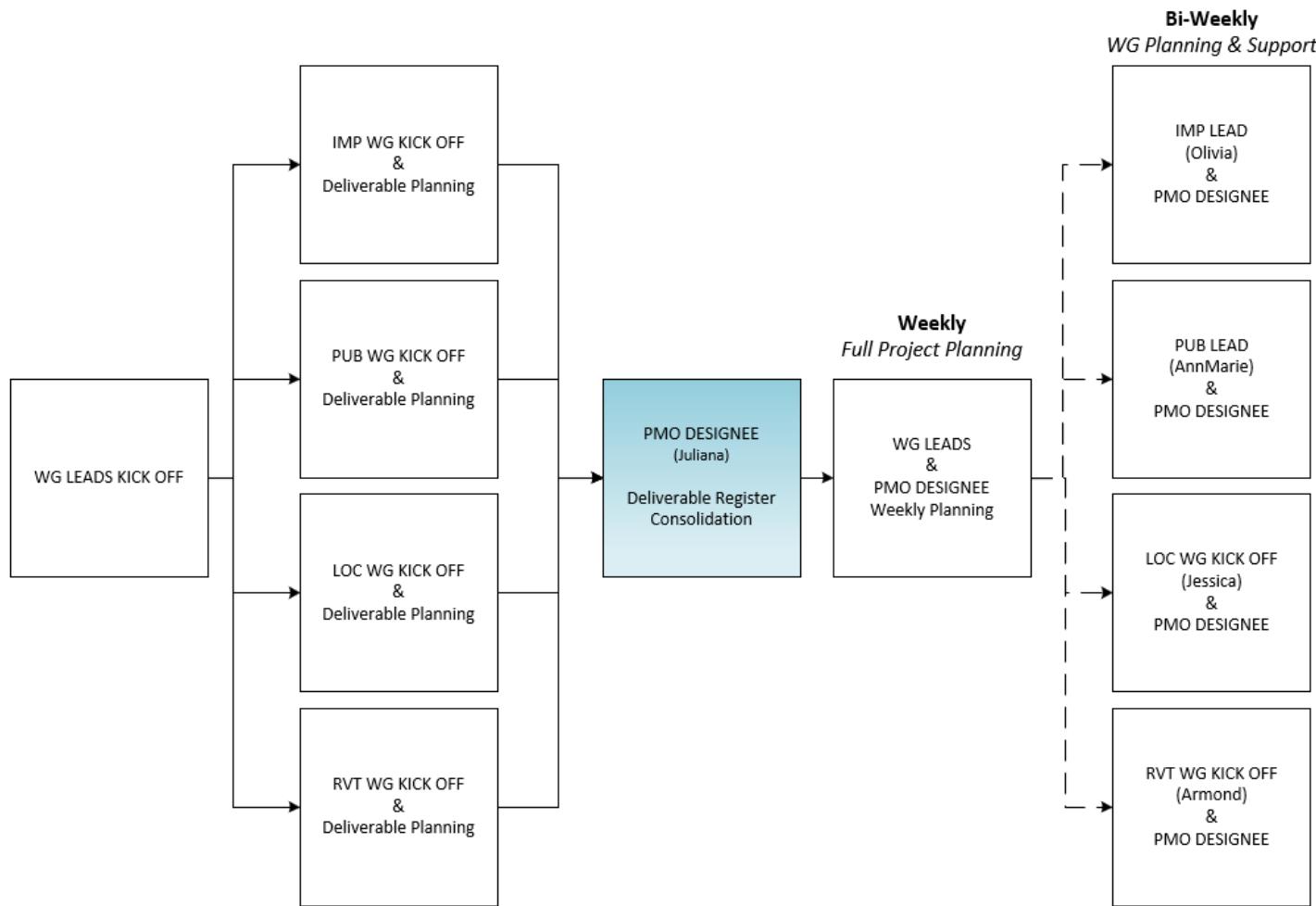
- One main channel for Leads to collaborate
- Four sub-channels with separate Files, Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) and Notes (OneNote)
 - Enables Access Controls
 - Protects against serial communications
- Internal Assignments for Staff through WBS and Updates App
- External Participants will receive items for review via Share File link



Reporting and Visibility- Updated



Overview of Social Consumption Working Groups- Updated





Cannabis Revenue Flow Webpage

<https://masscannabiscontrol.com/state-local-government/cannabis-revenue/>

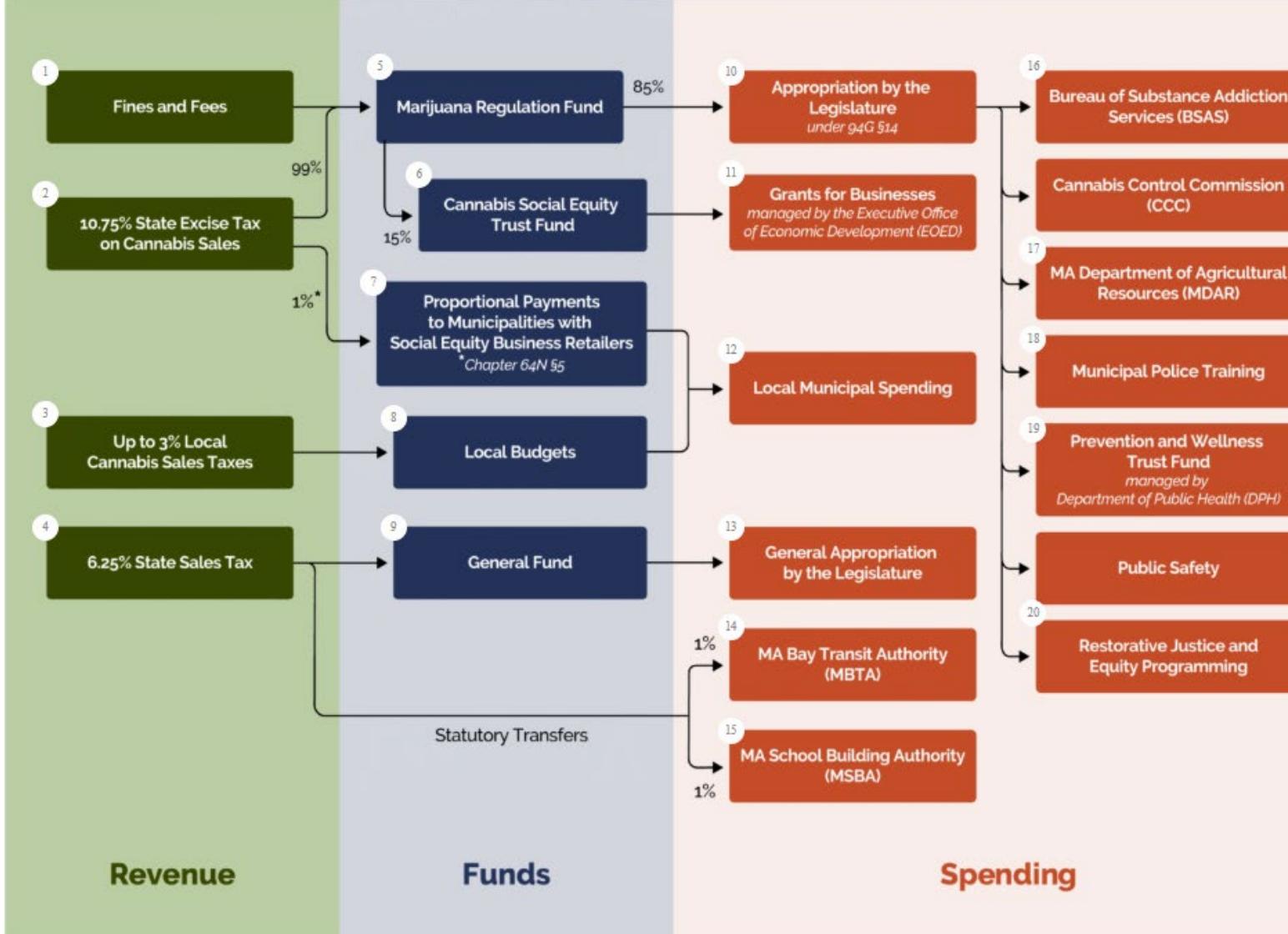
Cannabis Revenue Flow in Massachusetts

Have you ever wondered where consumers' tax dollars go when they purchase products from a licensed Marijuana Establishment in Massachusetts? Review this flow chart and guide to find out.



Although the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) receives a portion of state tax revenue to support agency operations and administration of the Medical Use of Marijuana Program, the agency's funding is determined annually through the state budget process. The State Legislature and the Governor utilize marijuana tax revenues as a key funding source across many other state government departments, programs, and public services each year. Learn more below or by reviewing Mass. Budget and Policy Center's 2025 report, [Show Me the Money: Cannabis Revenue, Spending, and Equity in Massachusetts](#).

Cannabis Revenue Flow in Massachusetts





Host Community Municipal Equity Update

Host Community Municipal Equity Update

- **HCMEs reviewed and accepted by Commission: 22**
Lee, Merrimac, Newton, Melrose, Cambridge, Shrewsbury, Monson, Rockland, Framingham, Hanson, Northampton, Somerville, Medford, Groton, Bourne, Charlton, Haverhill, Belmont, Brimfield, Maynard, Westfield, Holliston
- **HCMEs received or under review by Commission: 103**
 - **31 applications** have been re-opened or are pending review.
 - **50 applications** have been withdrawn or are incomplete.
- **HCME outstanding: 248 Municipalities**
 - **107 are "no" towns**

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

- 4 applications awaiting first review
- 19 applications awaiting supplemental review
- 8 applications for Provisional License consideration
- 2 applications for Final License consideration
- 76,494 certified active patients



Licensing Applications | February 12, 2026

The totals below are number of approvals by stage.

Type	#
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	248
Provisionally Approved	127
Provisional License	488
Final License	40
Commence Operations	778
Total	1,681

→ + 8.1%

* Note: This represents the percent increase since February 2025.

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

Licensing Applications | February 12, 2026- Updated

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	14	N/A	0	0	15	1	13	9	43
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	22	123	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	145
Independent Testing Laboratory	1	N/A	0	2	2	0	16	11	21
Marijuana Cultivator	41	N/A	2	42	188	13	150	125	436
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	12	N/A	0	0	22	0	20	18	54
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	18	120	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	138
Marijuana Microbusiness	9	N/A	0	5	17	1	16	13	48
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	37	N/A	1	44	131	17	127	105	357
Marijuana Research Facility	5	N/A	0	1	0	1	0	0	7
Marijuana Retailer	55	N/A	2	31	104	7	427	401	626
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5	N/A	0	2	4	0	4	3	15
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	8
Third Party Transporter	12	N/A	0	0	1	0	5	4	18
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	234	248	5	127	488	40	780	690	1,922

Active Cultivators | February 12, 2026- Updated

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Microbusiness w/ Tier 1 Cultivation (up to 5,000 sq. Ft.)	9	1	13	23
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	9	3	23	35
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	14	2	36	52
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	8	1	26	34
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	3	1	8	14
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	10	10
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	8	10
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	2	3
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	0	0	1	1
Cultivation Tier 9 (70,001-80,000 sq. ft.)	0	0	1	1
Cultivation Tier 10 (80,001-90,000 sq. ft.)	0	0	5	5
Cultivation Tier 11 (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	6	7
Total	48	8	138	195
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	820,000	90,000	3,380,000	4,290,000

+70.8%

+8%

* 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 | February 12, 2026

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	38	6	103	147
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	2	1	22	25
Total	40	7	125	172
Total Maximum Canopy	775,000 sq. ft.	85,000 sq. ft.	3,315,000 sq. ft.	4,175,000 sq. ft.
Total Minimum Canopy	490,040 sq. ft.	40,007 sq. ft.	2,360,125 sq. ft.	2,890,172 sq. ft.

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Expired Only (Indoor)	122	4	15	141
Expired Only (Outdoor)	14	1	2	17
Total	136	5	17	158
Total Maximum Canopy	3,315,000 sq. ft.	90,000 sq. ft.	395,000 sq. ft.	3,700,000 sq. ft.
Total Minimum Canopy	2,305,136 sq. ft.	55,005 sq. ft.	260,017 sq. ft.	2,530,157 sq. ft.
Average Number of Days Expired	753	547	578	769
Expired More than One (1) Year	116	2	8	125



*As of 1/26/26

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

***Between Tiers 1-3, there is a range of 4,999 sq. ft. in between tiers whereas Tiers 3-11 include a range of 9,999 sq. ft between tiers

Host Community Agreements Data | February 12, 2026

Overview	Total	SEP & EEA	DBE
The total number of applications received since March 1, 2024, containing an HCA	1,497	272	149
Number of Model HCAs received	392	43	41
Compliant Model HCAs	380	41	38
Number of Model HCA Waivers received	195	48	18
Compliant HCAs	1,322	239	127
Non-Compliant HCAs	119	19	17
169 Towns with Compliant HCAs			
<i>Abington, Adams, Amesbury, Amherst, Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Attleboro, Avon, Ayer, Barre, Becket, Belchertown, Bellingham, Belmont, Berkley, Bernardston, Beverly, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Boston, Bourne, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Brookline, Cambridge, Charlton, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chicopee, Clinton, Colrain, Cummington, Danvers, Dartmouth, Deerfield, Dighton, Douglas, Dracut, Eastham, Easthampton, Egremont, Essex, Fairhaven, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Franklin, Gardner, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Grafton, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Groton, Hadley, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hardwick, Hatfield, Haverhill, Hinsdale, Holbrook, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopedale, Hubbardston, Hudson, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Lanesborough, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Littleton, Lowell, Lunenburg, Lynn, Malden, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Maynard, Medford, Medway, Melrose, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleborough, Milford, Millbury, Millis, Monson, Montague, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, New Bedford, Newton, North Adams, North Attleboro, North Brookfield, Northampton, Norton, Norwood, Orange, Orleans, Palmer, Peabody, Phillipston, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Plainville, Plymouth, Provincetown, Quincy, Rehoboth, Rockland, Rowley, Royalston, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Sandisfield, Sandwich, Saugus, Sharon, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Somerville, Southbridge, Southwick, Springfield, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Swansea, Taunton, Templeton, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Tyngsborough, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Waltham, Ware, Wareham, Webster, Wellfleet, West Boylston, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westfield, Weymouth, Whately, Whitman, Williamstown, Winchendon, Woburn, Worcester.</i>			



Host Community Agreements Data | February 12, 2026

HCA Review Status		Total
Number of HCAs reviewed		1,467
Number of HCAs currently under review		30
Number of Host Community Agreement Determination Notices sent out		877
Extensions		Total
Extension requests received		2,600
Extension requests that received conditional pre-approval		61
Extension requests granted		2,413
Average number of days requested		87
Municipalities with extension requests*	179	
*Abington, Acton, Adams, Amesbury, Amherst, Arlington, Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Attleboro, Avon, Ayer, Barre, Becket, Belchertown, Bellingham, Belmont, Berkley, Bernardston, Beverly, Billerica, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Boston, Braintree, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookline, Cambridge, Carver, Charlton, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chicopee, Clarksburg, Clinton, Colrain, Cummington, Danvers, Dartmouth, Dighton, Douglas, Dracut, Dudley, Eastham, Easthampton, Essex, Fairhaven, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Franklin, Freetown, Gardner, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Grafton, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Groton, Hadley, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hatfield, Haverhill, Hinsdale, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hubbardston, Hudson, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Lanesborough, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Leominster, Littleton, Lowell, Lunenburg, Lynn, Malden, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Maynard, Medford, Medway, Melrose, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleborough, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Millville, Monson, Montague, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, New Bedford, Newburyport, Newton, North Adams, North Attleboro, North Brookfield, Northampton, Northbridge, Norton, Norwood, Orange, Orleans, Oxford, Palmer, Pepperell, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Plainville, Plymouth, Provincetown, Quincy, Rehoboth, Rockland, Rowley, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Sandisfield, Sandwich, Seekonk, Sharon, Sheffield, Shirley, Shrewsbury, Somerset, Somerville, Southampton, Southbridge, Springfield, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Swampscott, Taunton, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Tyngsborough, Upton, Uxbridge, Waltham, Ware, Wareham, Watertown, Webster, Wellfleet, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Springfield, West Stockbridge, West Tisbury, Westfield, Westport, Weymouth, Whately, Whitman, Winchendon, Woburn, Worcester		





Staff Recommendations on Changes of Ownership

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1. Deep Roots, Inc.



Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses

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1. Artis, LLC (#DOR5182981)
2. Berkshire Roots, Inc. (#MXR126681)
3. BudEGA, Inc. (#MRR207401)
4. Commcan, Inc. (#MRR207472)
5. Eddie's Flowers, Inc. (#MRR207433)
6. Ezdelivery LLC (#DOR5182987)
7. Galil Greenery LLC (#MRR207336)
8. Green Adventure LLC (#MRR207323)
9. Green Meadows Farm, LLC (#MRR207451)
10. Holistic Industries, Inc (#MRR207420)
11. HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#MRR207423)
12. JO Gardner, Inc. (#MRR207033)
13. LC Square, LLC. (#MPR244393)
14. MCR Labs, LLC (#ILR267954)
15. Morandojuana, Inc. (#MPR244383)
16. Pioneer Valley Extracts, Inc. (#MPR244384)
17. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#MPR244389)
18. The Green Lady Dispensary II, Inc. (#MRR207346)
19. The Harvest Club, LLC (#MRR207436)
20. UC Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140741)

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21. UC Cultivation, LLC (#MCR140910)
22. UC Retail, LLC (#MRR206878)
23. Witch City Gardens LLC (#MCR140974)
24. Yellow House Cannabis LLC (#MRR207483)



Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses

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1. KG Collective, LLC (#MR284224), Marijuana Retailer
2. Mainely Productions, LLC (#MP281751), Marijuana Product Manufacturer



Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses

Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses

1. Burn Bright, LLC (#MPN282368), Marijuana Product Manufacturer
2. Chispa Tres LLC (#MBN282528), Marijuana Microbusiness (Cultivation and Product Manufacturing)
3. Diablo Man, LLC (#MBN282525), Marijuana Microbusiness (Cultivation and Product Manufacturing)
4. Elevation, Inc (#MRN285306), Marijuana Retailer
5. G&S Management Services, LLC (#MBN282519), Marijuana Microbusiness (Product Manufacturing Only)
6. John Williams Street Investments, LLC (#MRN285438), Marijuana Retailer
7. The Heritage Club, LLC (#DOA100185), Marijuana Courier
8. Wonderland Dispensary & Delivery, Inc. (#MRN285154), Marijuana Retailer



Staff Recommendations on Responsible Vendor Training Renewals

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1. Green Flower Inc (#RVR453163)
2. Marijuana Handlers (#RVR453165)



Commission Discussion & Votes

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1. Open Meeting Law and Release of Executive Session Minutes Policy (continued)
Commissioner Benedon
2. Delegation of Powers to Approve Licenses (continued)
General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay
3. Licensing Freeze Considerations
Commissioner Roy
4. Notices of Deficiency
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Licensing Freeze Considerations

February 12, 2026
Commissioner Roy, Executive Director Ahern

Policy Rationale

- Wholesale and retail price compression has driven flower prices down more than 60–70% since market launch, eroding margins for existing cultivators and threatening widespread business failures among compliant operators.
- Continued expansion of cultivation capacity during sustained price compression risks deepening oversupply, pushing wholesale prices below sustainable levels and undermining the long-term viability of the regulated market.
- A temporary licensing pause would create space for the Commission to evaluate market health indicators (prices, utilization, bankruptcies, employment) and align supply with realistic demand, rather than locking in structural overcapacity.
- Stabilizing the cultivation sector is necessary to preserve jobs, tax revenues, and consumer access in rural and Gateway City communities that disproportionately host large cultivation facilities and are most exposed to sudden closures.
- By reducing pressure to compete solely on ever-lower prices, a freeze can refocus competition toward product quality, safety, and equity participation, preventing a race to the bottom that advantages only the most over-capitalized firms.



Commission Permissible Actions

The Commission may:

- Prospectively pause acceptance of new license applications
- Apply a pause to specified license types
- Continue accepting other license categories during a pause
- Adopt a short-term or long-term freeze
 - *Short-term pauses* may be adopted by Commission vote
 - *Long-term freezes* should be implemented through c. 30A rulemaking

Commission Authority For Licensing Freeze:

- M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 grants the Commission broad licensing authority
- 935 CMR 500.101 and 501.101 authorize control over application form and manner
- This authority supports a prospective pause on accepting new applications



Commission Actions

The Commission may not:

- Apply a licensing freeze retroactively
- Halt processing of completed applications
- Extend the 90-day statutory review period
- Limit intake exclusively to equity applicants
- Rely on residency-based or proxy criteria



Total Licensees Who Have Commenced Operations and Canopy Considerations

Type	Commence Operation	Active Commence Operation
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	0	0
Marijuana Courier License	13	9
Independent Testing Laboratory	16	11
Marijuana Cultivator	150	125
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	20	18
Marijuana Microbusiness	16	13
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	127	105
Marijuana Research Facility	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	427	401
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	4	3
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	2	1
Third Party Transporter	5	4
Standards Laboratory	0	0
Total	780	690

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	38	6	103	147
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	2	1	22	25
Total	40	7	125	172
Total Maximum Canopy*	775,000 sq. ft.	85,000 sq. ft.	3,315,000 sq. ft.	4,175,000 sq. ft.
Total Minimum Canopy	490,040 sq. ft.	40,007 sq. ft.	2,360,125 sq. ft.	2,890,172 sq. ft.

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

**Between Tiers 1-3, there is a range of 4,999 sq. ft. in between tiers whereas Tiers 3-11 include a range of 9,999 sq. ft between tiers

Active Cultivators | February 12, 2026

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	38	6	103	147
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	2	1	22	25
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Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Expired Only (Indoor)	122	4	15	141
Expired Only (Outdoor)	14	1	2	17
Total	136	5	17	158
Total Maximum Canopy	3,315,000 sq. ft.	90,000 sq. ft.	395,000 sq. ft.	3,700,000 sq. ft.
Total Minimum Canopy	2,305,136 sq. ft.	55,005 sq. ft.	260,017 sq. ft.	2,530,157 sq. ft.
Average Number of Days Expired	753	547	578	769
Expired More than One (1) Year	116	2	8	125



*As of 1/26/26

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Comparison of Massachusetts Canopy

Massachusetts cannabis canopy per 21+ adult (roughly 1.0-1.2 sq ft) places it in the upper middle range among adult-use states, higher than supply-constrained markets like Connecticut but below oversupplied leaders.

State	Est. sq ft per 21+ Adult	Notes
Massachusetts	1.0–1.2	~4.4M sq ft canopy / ~4.5M adults 21+
Connecticut	0.4–0.6	More constrained; higher flower prices (\$10+/g)
Maine	0.8–1.0	Similar flower dominance (~58% sales)
Michigan	1.2–1.5	Aggressive licensing drove price crashes
Missouri	1.5+	Rapid expansion post-legalization
Illinois	1.0–1.2	Matches MA; heavy price compression



Notices of Deficiency

Notices of Deficiency (NOD)- All License Types

Topic Area	Regulation	Notes
Required Annual and On-going Responsible Vendor Training	935 CMR 500/501.105(2)(a) 935 CMR 500/501.105(2)(b)	Trainings not being conducted in a timely manner or records of trainings not available for inspection.
Required On-going Metrc Training	935 CMR 500/501.105(2)(a)4	Trainings not being conducted in a timely manner or records of trainings not available for inspection.
Record Keeping	935 CMR 500/501.105(9) et. Seq.	Recordkeeping either not compliant or not available for inspection. Common non-compliant or missing records include evidence of training, background check/CORIs, inventory, waste.
Limited Access Areas	935 CMR 500/501.110(4)(a)	Typically, not keeping LAAs properly secured, limited to necessary personnel, or locking doors. During PPLI, often not properly signed according to regulations.



NODs- All License Types Except Courier and Third-Party Transporter

Topic Area	Regulation	Notes
Security – Video Cameras	935 CMR 500/501.110(5)(a)4.	Video surveillance cameras either not functioning, or the views are obscured or not sufficiently capturing marijuana handling and storage areas.
Inventory - Attaching Tags to all Marijuana, Clones and Plants	935 CMR 500/501.105(8)(e)	Plants or Packages not Tagged.
Waste – Processing and Recording	935 CMR 500/501.105(12)(c)	Updated Regulations changed the requirement to only 1 agent having to witness and document wasting procedures.

NODs-

All License Types Except Research and Standards Labs

Topic Area	Regulation	Notes
Transportation - Emergency Stop	935 CMR 500/501.105(13)(a)11	Lack of adherence to emergency stop logging
Transportation - Manifests	935 CMR 500/501.105(13)(f)4.	Manifest not maintained/kept current
Transportation - Vehicle Alarm System	935 CMR 500/501(13)(c)1.c.	Vehicles not equipped with operational alarm

NODs

Topic Area	Regulation	Notes
Cultivator, Product Manufacturer, Retailer, Craft Cooperative, Microbusiness, Delivery Operator, Transporter w/ Other Existing ME		
Prohibited Advertising	935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)(20) - adult-use only	Applicable for adult-use licenses only.
All Licenses EXCEPT Courier & Third-party Transporter		
Waste - Processing	935 CMR 500/501.105(12)(c)	Waste not being properly ground and mixed to render unusable for original purpose
Cultivator, Product Manufacturer, Retailer, Craft Cooperative, Microbusiness, Delivery Operator		
Expired Products	935 CMR 500/501.105(11)(b) 935 CMR 500/501.140(7) 935 CMR 500/501.160(5)	Products with test results greater than 1 year (i.e. “expired products”) improperly separated in virtual and or physical inventory, and/or selling or “conveying” these products.
All Licenses EXCEPT Courier, Third-party Transporter, Research Facility, Standards Lab		
Maintaining Real-Time and Virtual Inventory	935 CMR 500/501.105(8)(b)	Metric (i.e. virtual) not matching physical including reported vs actual location or quantity, and physical inventory not accounted for, or improperly adjusted.



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Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

**Public Meeting dates are tentative and subject to change*

Next Meeting Date	
February 23, 2026	Public Hearing Hybrid via Teams 10:00 am
February 26, 2026	Public Meeting Hybrid via Teams 10:00 am

2026 Public Meetings	
March 12	July 9
March 26	July 23
April 16	August 13
April 30	September 10
May 7	September 24
May 21	October 8
June 11	October 29
June 25	November 12
	December 10





Additional Licensing Data

Licensing Applications | February 12, 2026

The totals below are all license applications received to date.

Type	#
Pending	234
Withdrawn	1,808
Incomplete	9,783
Denied	5
Approved: Delivery Pre-certifications	243
Approved: Delivery Endorsements	5
Approved: Licenses	1,433
Total	13,511



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The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	4
Marijuana Courier	29
Marijuana Delivery Operator	42
Independent Testing Laboratory	20
Marijuana Cultivator	393
Marijuana Microbusiness	39
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	319
Marijuana Research Facility	2
Marijuana Retailer	569
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	6
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	10
Total	1,433



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Status	#
Application Submitted: Awaiting Review	4
Application Reviewed: More Information Requested	250
Application Deemed Complete: Awaiting 3rd Party Responses	13
All Information Received: Awaiting Commission Consideration	0
Applications Considered by Commission (includes Delivery Pre-Cert)	1,681
Total	1,948



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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)	14
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification (Part 1)	22
Independent Testing Laboratory	1
Marijuana Cultivator	41
Marijuana Delivery Operator Provisional License (Part 2)	12
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification (Part 1)	18
Marijuana Microbusiness	9
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	37
Marijuana Research Facility	5
Marijuana Retailer	55
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1
Third Party Transporter	12
Standards Laboratory	0
Total	234



Cultivation Applications* | February 12, 2026- Updated

Type	Pending Application	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operations**	Total
Microbusiness w/ Tier 1 Cultivation (up to 5,000 sq. Ft.)	6	0	5	17	1	16	45
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	14	0	3	38	4	27	86
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	7	0	7	58	3	33	108
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	5	2	7	44	1	31	90
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	4	13	2	15	35
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	9	7	1	10	29
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	5	7	0	8	22
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	2	0	1	4	1	3	11
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	0	1	0	4	6
Cultivation Tier 9 (70,001-80,000 sq. ft.)	3	0	1	3	1	2	10
Cultivation Tier 10 (80,001-90,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	1	0	0	6	8
Cultivation Tier 11 (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)	8	0	5	13	1	11	37
Total	52	2	48	205	14	166	487
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)***	1,800,000	40,000	1,710,000	4,605,000	315,000	4,675,000	13,145,000

** Note: The percentage represents all-time Cultivation “Commence Operations” licenses and may include licenses that are no longer active.

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

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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	38	170	11	124	381
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	9	N/A	1	5	17	2	26	60
Total	46	N/A	2	43	187	13	150	441

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Of the 1,681 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	45	209	32	286
Provisionally Approved	8	22	24	54
Provisional License	28	102	106	236
Final License	1	4	5	10
Commence Operations	33	78	82	193
Total	115	415	249	779

-1.7%

+17.9%

-1.2%

*Note: This represents the increase since February 2025

Licensing Applications | February 12, 2026

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

The 1,948 applications represent 1,133 separate entities

Type	#
MTC Priority	267
Economic Empowerment Priority	141
Expedited Review	773
General Applicant	767
Total	1,948

Type	#
Expedited: License Type	83
Expedited: Social Equity Participant	438
Expedited: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	192
Expedited: Two or More Categories	60
Total	773

Licensing Applications – EE Only | February 12, 2026- Updated

Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Courier License	4	N/A	0	0	5	0	4	13
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	4	31	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35
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	4	14	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18
Marijuana Microbusiness	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	1	N/A	0	3	3	0	3	10
Marijuana Research Facility	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marijuana Retailer	8	N/A	0	2	9	2	22	43
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	26	45	0	8	28	1	33	141

Licensing Applications – SEP Only | February 12, 2026

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	0	10	1	10	33
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	20	97	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	117
Independent Testing Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Cultivator	6	N/A	0	5	22	0	9	42
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	12	N/A	0	0	19	0	17	48
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	17	107	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	124
Marijuana Microbusiness	3	N/A	0	1	6	0	2	12
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	11	N/A	0	10	17	2	8	48
Marijuana Research Facility	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marijuana Retailer	18	N/A	1	5	25	1	28	78
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	5	N/A	0	0	1	0	0	6
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	107	209	1	22	102	4	78	523

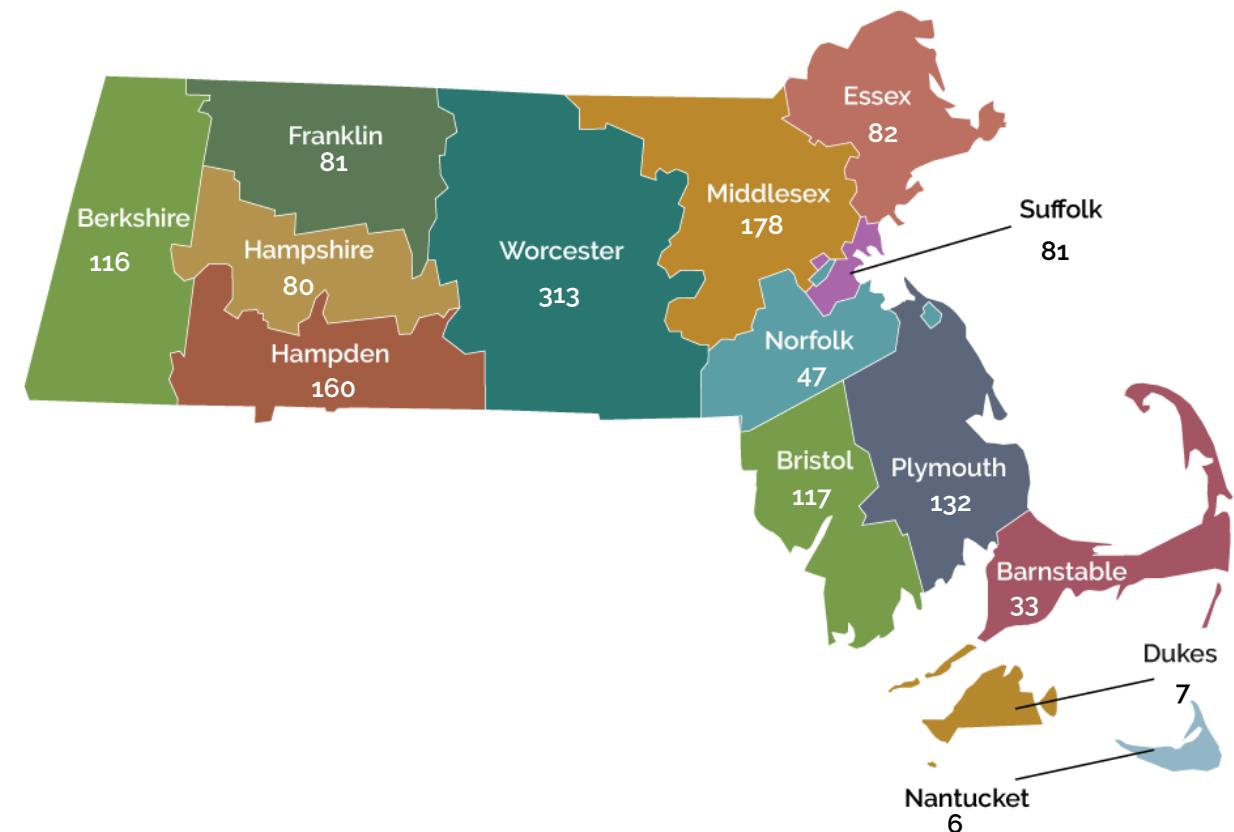
Non-Active Licenses By Stage | February 12, 2026

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	0	0	2
Marijuana Courier License	8	1	4	13
Independent Testing Laboratory	2	0	5	7
Marijuana Cultivator	137	6	25	168
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	12	0	2	14
Marijuana Microbusiness	8	0	3	11
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	91	8	21	120
Marijuana Research Facility	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	54	1	26	81
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	2	0	1	3
Third Party Transporter	0	0	1	1
Standards Laboratory	0	0	0	0
Total	316	16	88	420

Marijuana Establishment Licenses | February 12, 2026

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

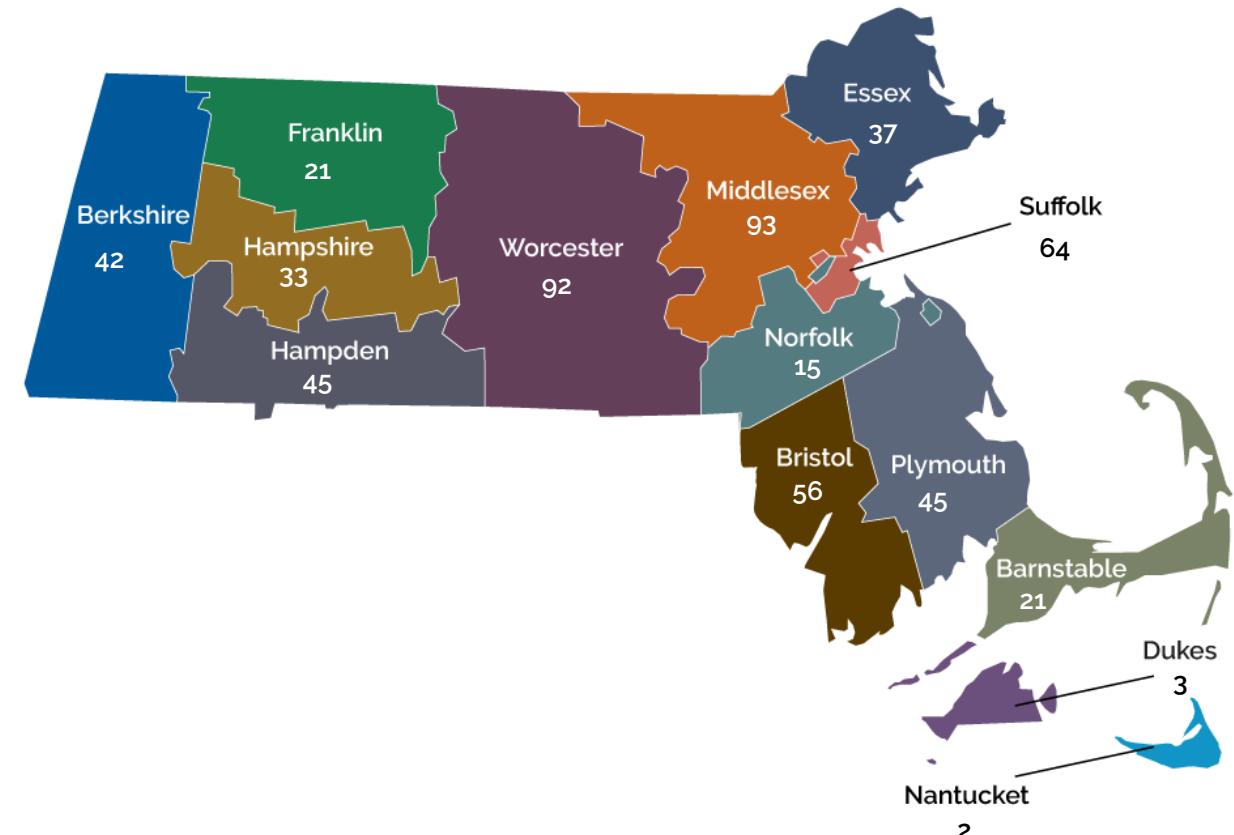
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Barnstable	33	0
Berkshire	116	0
Bristol	117	0
Dukes	7	0
Essex	82	0
Franklin	81	0
Hampden	160	3
Hampshire	80	0
Middlesex	178	0
Nantucket	6	0
Norfolk	47	0
Plymouth	132	0
Suffolk	81	0
Worcester	313	1
Total	1,433	4



Marijuana Retailer Licenses | February 12, 2026

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

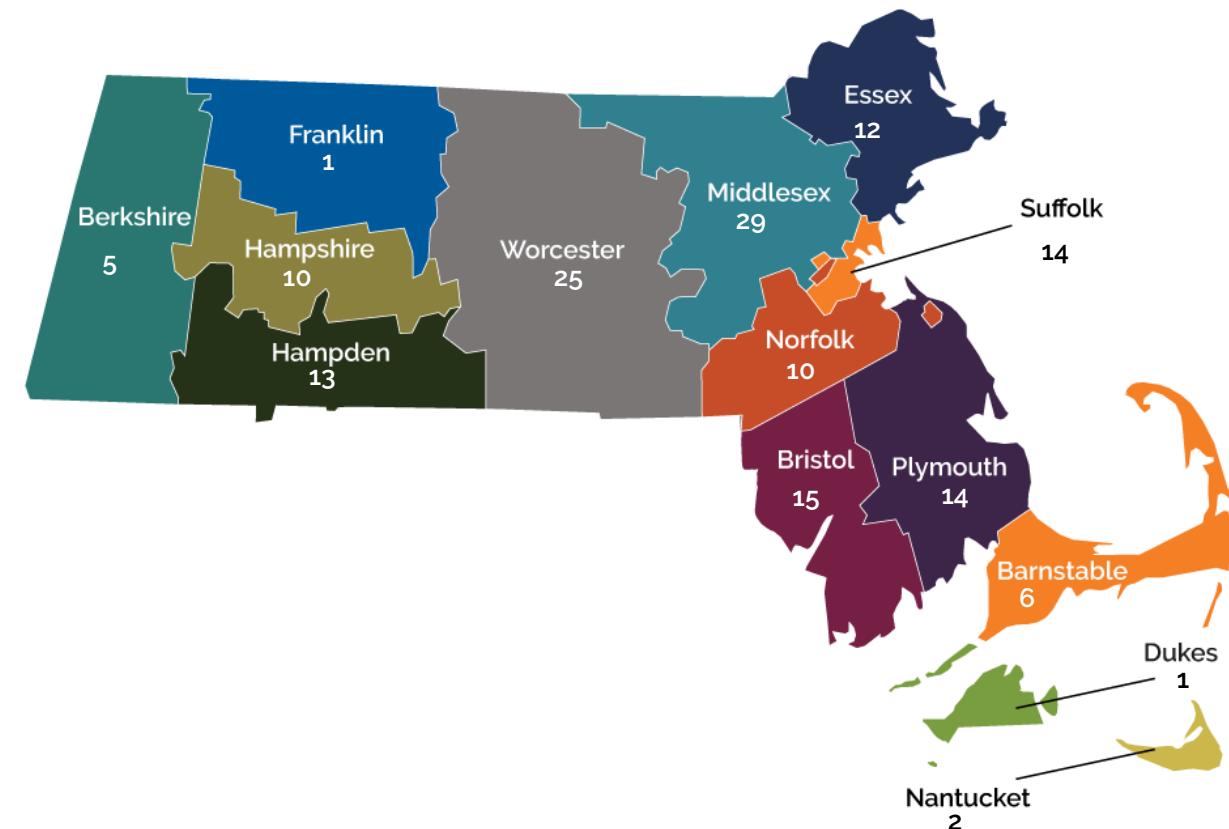
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Barnstable	21	0
Berkshire	42	0
Bristol	56	0
Dukes	3	0
Essex	37	0
Franklin	21	0
Hampden	45	1
Hampshire	33	0
Middlesex	93	0
Nantucket	2	0
Norfolk	15	0
Plymouth	45	0
Suffolk	64	0
Worcester	92	2
Total	569	3



Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses (Dispensing) February 12, 2026

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

County	#
Barnstable	6
Berkshire	5
Bristol	15
Dukes	1
Essex	12
Franklin	1
Hampden	13
Hampshire	10
Middlesex	29
Nantucket	2
Norfolk	10
Plymouth	14
Suffolk	14
Worcester	25
Total	157



MMJ Licensing and Registration Data | February 12, 2026

The numbers below are a snapshot of the program as of the month of January

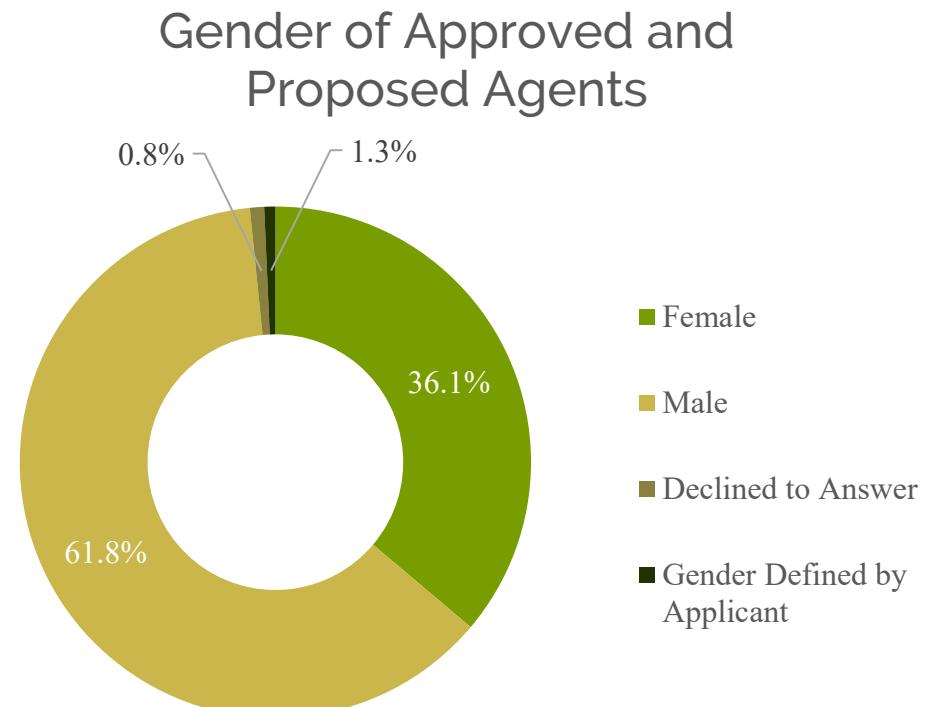
MTC Licenses	#
Provisional	2
Final	1
Commence Operations	91
License Expired	98
Surrendered	3
Total	195

MMJ Program	#
Certified Patients	80,080
Certified Active Patients	76,494
Active Caregivers	5,382
Registered Certifying Physicians	351
Registered Certifying Nurse Practitioners	132
Registered Physician Assistants	7
Ounces Sold	91,639

Agent Applications | February 12, 2026

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	7,492	36.1%
Male	12,833	61.8%
Declined to Answer	267	1.3%
Gender Defined by Applicant	159	0.8%
Total	20,751	100.0%

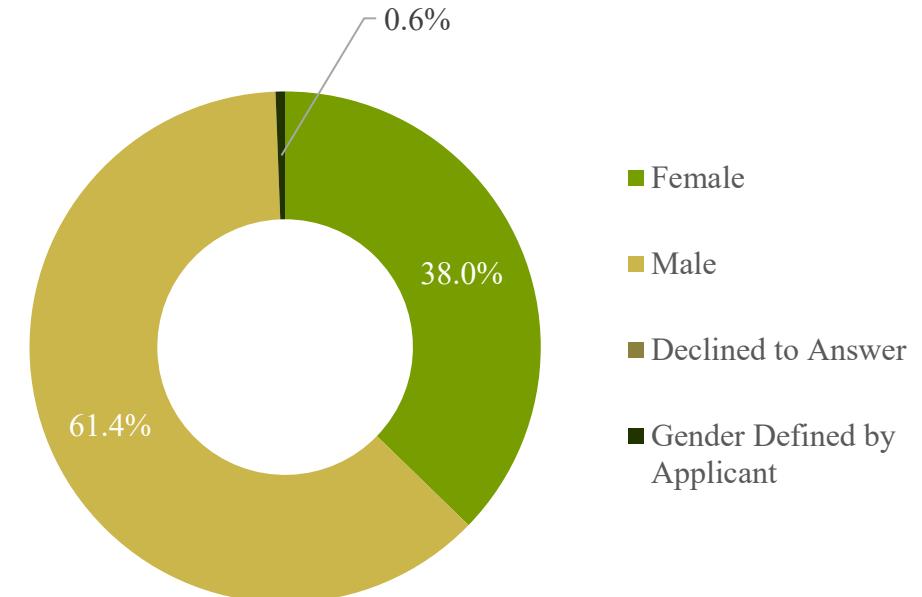


Agent Applications | February 12, 2026

Demographics of Approved and Pending Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	1,896	38.0%
Male	3,062	61.4%
Declined to Answer	0	0.0%
Gender Defined by Applicant	29	0.6%
Total	4,987	100.0%

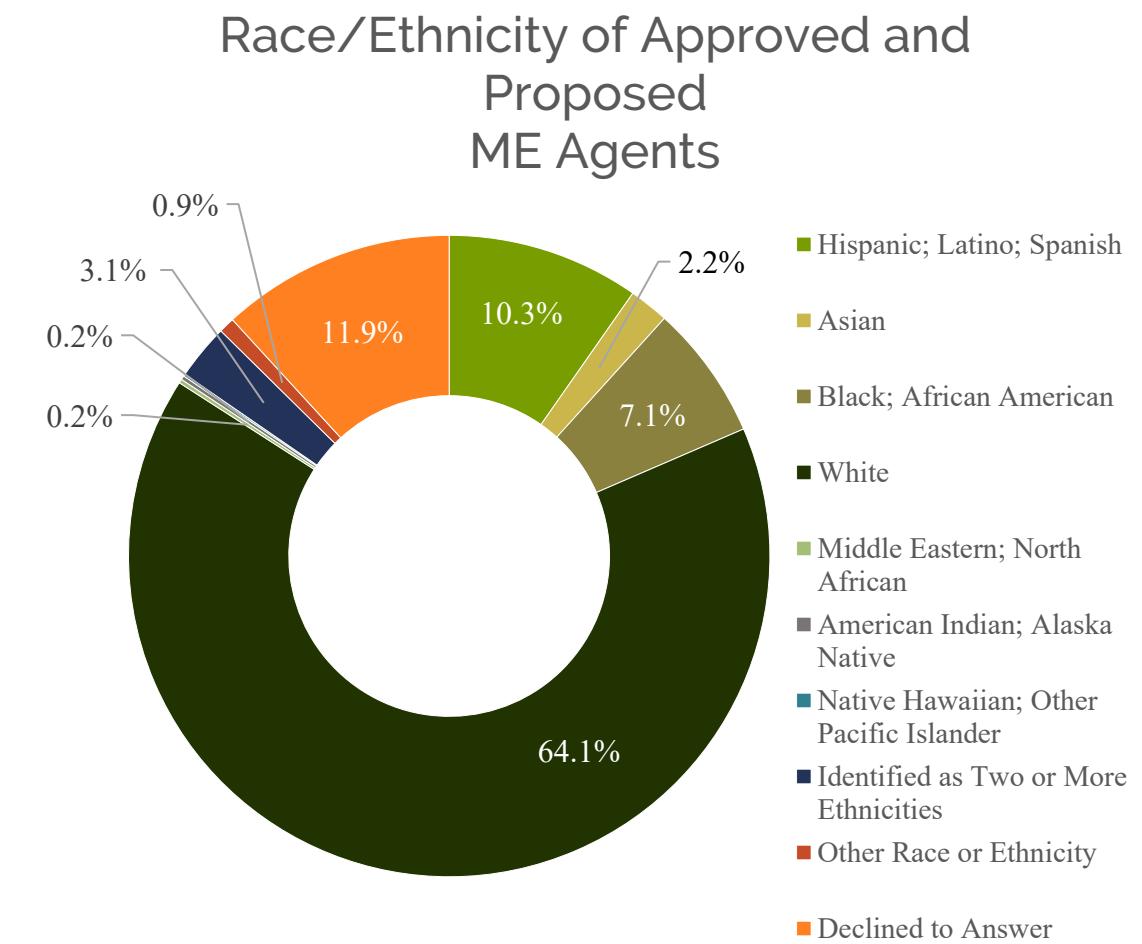
Gender of Approved and Proposed MTC Agents



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Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Race/Ethnicity	#	%
Hispanic; Latino; Spanish	2,147	10.3%
Asian	456	2.2%
Black; African American	1,463	7.1%
White	13,292	64.1%
Middle Eastern; North African	46	0.2%
American Indian; Alaska Native	40	0.2%
Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander	23	0.1%
Identified as Two or More Ethnicities	635	3.1%
Other Race or Ethnicity	187	0.9%
Declined to Answer	2,462	11.9%
Total	20,751	100.0%

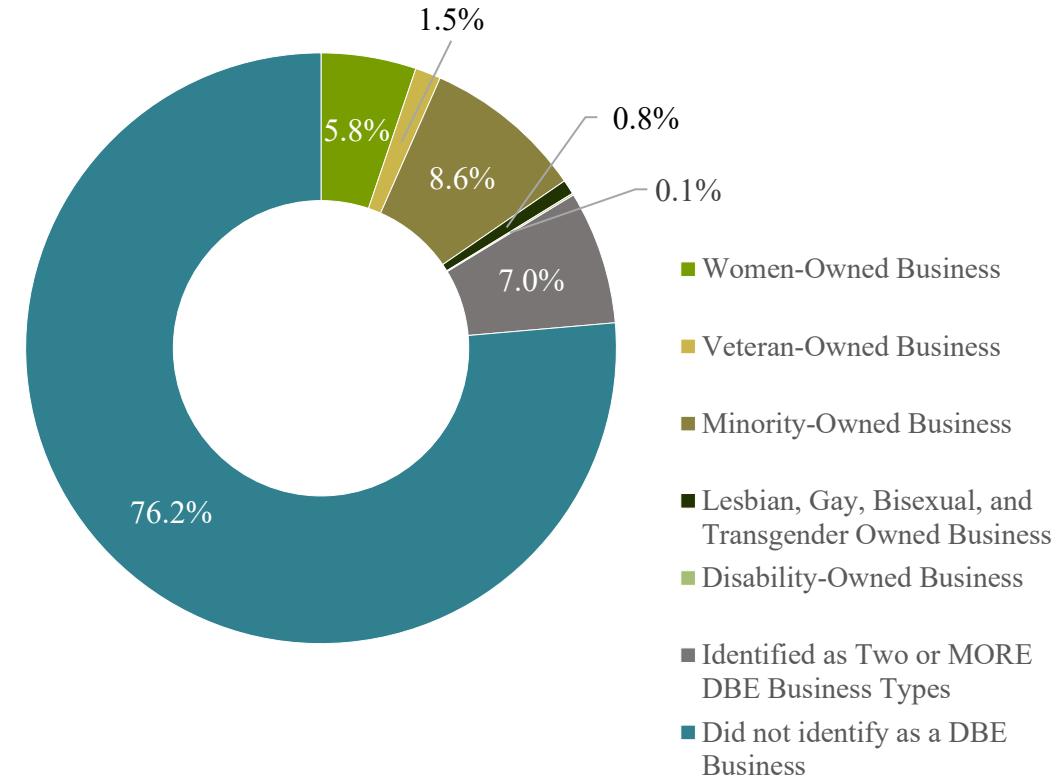


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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statistics for Approved Licensees

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	98	5.8%
Veteran-Owned Business	26	1.5%
Minority-Owned Business	146	8.6%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	14	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	2	0.1%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	120	7.0%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,297	76.2%
Total	1,703	100.0%

DBE Statistics Approved Licensees

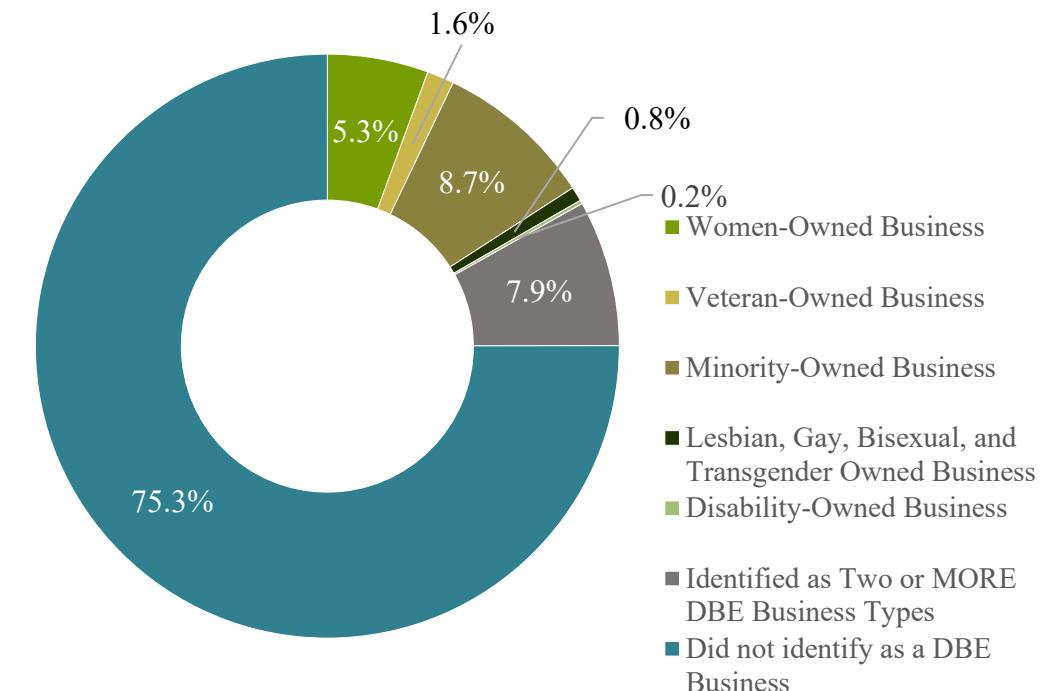


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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Statistics for Pending and Approved License Applications

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	103	5.3%
Veteran-Owned Business	32	1.6%
Minority-Owned Business	170	8.7%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Owned Business	16	0.8%
Disability-Owned Business	4	0.2%
Identified as Two or MORE DBE Business Types	154	7.9%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,464	75.3%
Total	1,943	100.0%

DBE Statistics for Pending & Approved License Applications



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Total Agent Applications: 94,900

- 204 Total Pending
 - 200 Pending Establishment Agents
 - 4 Pending Laboratory Agents
- 4,491 Withdrawn
- 3,158 Incomplete
- 9,018 Expired
- 57,448 Surrendered
- 6 Denied / 2 Revoked
- 26 Suspended
- **20,547 Active**

Of the 204 Total Pending:

- 54 not yet reviewed
- 149 CCC requested more information
- 1 awaiting third party response
- 0 review complete; awaiting approval

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The total number of MTC agent applications received by status.

MTC Agent Application	#
Pending MTC Agent Applications	4
Pending Laboratory Agent Applications	0
Incomplete	37
Revoked	13
Denied	31
Surrendered	23,541
Expired	4,023
Active	4,982
Total	32,631



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