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April 14, 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

April 16, 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

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- IX. Commission Discussion and Votes
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 3. Red Tape Removal Working Group Prioritized Recommendations
 4. Create Definition of “Existing Licensee in Good Standing” to Expedite Transfers of Ownership (*Vote*)
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 7. Publication of Receivership Reporting Form (*Vote*)
 8. Establishing a Permanent Testing Task Force (*Vote*)
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 10. Non-Enforcement of Conflicting Advertising and Purchasing Limits Regulations with H.5350 (*Vote*)
- X. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting
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CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

March 4, 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 Renewal Licenses
 - Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses
- [Meeting Packet](#)
- February 26, 2026, 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.000 Delivery Exclusivity and Secret Shopper Program Draft Regulations.
- February 26, 2026, 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 501.000 Secret Shopper Program Regulations Draft 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 – 00:17:16
 - Commissioner Roy expressed that she looked forward to conversations around receiverships and mentioned meetings around the Secret Shopper Program with stakeholders. She added that she also looked forward to conversations around Delivery Exclusivity and Secret Shopper. Commissioner Stebbins thanked Baked Beans Farm in Beverly for hosting him for a tour. He mentioned that he told them about the EquityWorks Career Hub and connected them with the Equity Programming and Community Outreach (EPCO) department. He stated that



Commissioner Roy and himself also visited Medicinal Genomics in Beverly. Commissioner Benedon made no comments. The Chair thanked staff and Associate General Counsel Erica Bruno (AGC Bruno).

III. Minutes – 00:20:40

- January 27, 2026
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the January 27, 2026, 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 January 27, 2026, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

IV. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses – 00:21:21

- Licensing Manager Tsuko Defoe (Manager Defoe) presented on behalf of the Licensing department the Staff Recommendations for Renewals and Final Licenses.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the renewal of items numbered 1 – 2 as indicated on the agenda.
- 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 renewal of items numbered 1 – 2 as indicated on the agenda.

V. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 00:24:15

1. W.S. Coliseum (#MR285088)

- The Chair thanked staff for their work on this License and appreciated the extra work for them to get through the process. Commissioner Stebbins stated he had to recuse himself and asked if he should leave the room. Commissioner Roy noted a discussion about rules of necessity. The Chair asked when the research on the rules of necessity would be completed and Executive Director (ED) Travis Ahern stated an update would be provided at the March 12th Public Meeting (PM). Commissioner Stebbins exited the room and Commissioner Roy thanked staff.
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Final License.
- Commissioner Benedon seconded the motion.



- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Recused
 - Chair O’Brien – Yes
- The Commission passed the motion by a vote of three in favor and one recusal.

VI. Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:25:21

1. Change of Ownership Process

- Commissioner Roy noted that the process had improved dramatically since the Commission started. She added they were seeing a lot of distressed Licensees and receiverships. She expressed that time was of the essence and jobs are on the line. She suggested removing red tape and still doing due diligence. She noted other jurisdictions can expediate the process much more quickly. She asked how they in light of the economic challenges and price compression, could they make it seamless. She stated she knows it is complex. The Chair asked how they get rid of some of the less important areas of enforcement so they can focus on public health and safety and protecting Consumers. Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) provided an overview of the Licensing department’s involvement in the Change of Ownership process and what they review when reviewing applications. She noted the ED does the approval of straight forward individual Change of Ownerships where they are not acquiring more than 10% of the company. She noted that the Licensing department gathers all of the documentation for due diligence. Director of Enforcement Training Armond Enos (Director Enos) stated that there have been instances where a current owner was undisclosed and they have to look at the buyer and seller to have everything be examined, and it takes time. The Chair asked about why they interview buyers and sellers. Director Enos stated that the interview happens after the Licensee had submitted the Change of Ownership control request and they want to make sure the documentation is still accurate. He added that there are ownerships that vary across Licensees. The Chair suggested streamlining the process. Director Enos expressed he wanted to reconvene with the Financial Investigation Team (FIT) managers for input. Director Koval noted that there have been questions in the past if it seems like there is a different type of review for Changes of Ownership compared to new applications and explained it. She added that the Department of Revenue (DOR) has questioned regarding are they allowing a Change of Ownership for someone who is not in good standing with DOR. Commissioner Roy added that they cannot be renewed if they are not in good standing. She asked if the FIT team was internal and Director Koval confirmed it was internal. Director Koval mentioned there were outliers in the data. Commissioner Stebbins asked the ED his thoughts in terms of them being prepared for an onslaught next year. The ED stated they were comparing other jurisdictions processes where they are different from theirs. Commissioner Benedon asked about time and Director Koval explained the process once they get the documentation, do due diligence and get payment. Director Enos mentioned working with Citrin Cooperman to help with more complex ownership.



The Chair mentioned streamlining the process to take the burden off the team and still have a fully compliant License and ownership. Commissioner Roy noted Information Technology (IT) limitations and mailing a check. The Chair asked the Chief Financial Accounting Officer Lisa Schlegel (CFAO Schlegel) if they could change to electronic payments and CFAO Schlegel stated the software did not allow that type of application. Director Koval added that they did put in a request with the third-party vendor that manages the Licensing software to see if they can get these applications online. The Chair asked how many Changes of Ownerships they process a year. The ED mentioned requesting two different IT platforms. Commissioner Roy proposed motion language and friendly amendments were suggested. Commissioner Benedon asked if there were internal Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that Director Koval's team uses that would contain at least some of the info regarding the existing process and Director Koval confirmed. Commissioner Benedon asked if they could be shared with the Commissioners.

- Commissioner Roy moved to direct staff to conduct a comprehensive review of the Commission's current Change of Ownership (and Change of Control, where applicable) processes and requirements, including but not limited to the associated application forms, supporting documentation, review workflows, approval thresholds, and timelines. As part of this review, staff shall:
 1. Identify operational, legal, and policy bottlenecks that may contribute to unnecessary delay or administrative burden for applicants and the Commission.
 2. Evaluate processes and timelines for Change of Ownership in other jurisdictions with mature adult-use cannabis programs, including but not limited to states such as California (notice-based for partial changes), Arizona (notice model), and those with approval models like Colorado, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland; analyze key differences in approval/notice regimes, average processing times (e.g., weeks for notice states vs. months for pre-approval), statutory timelines where established, electronic submission usage, delegation authorities, and fee structures.
 3. Assess opportunities to streamline, standardize, or otherwise improve the efficiency, transparency, and predictability of the Change of Ownership process in Massachusetts, including benchmarking against peer states, potential adoption of notice filings for low-risk changes, mandated service level agreements (SLAs), and expanded use of existing electronic systems like MassCIP.
 4. Consider any needed regulatory, policy, or procedural changes, and evaluate potential impacts on public health and safety, equity goals, compliance, and industry growth. Staff is further directed to return to the Commission within sixty (60) days with written recommendations.
- Commissioner Benedon 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.

2. Director of Testing and Compliance Hiring Process

- The Chair stated that they need to make sure that the Director of Testing and Compliance would have the authority and ability to freely and openly talk about potential testing fraud independently to make scientific decisions around compliance. Commissioner Roy noted it as an issue in the past. The ED noted that the position would report to the Chief of Enforcement (CIE) and the CIE position was also under the recruitment process. The Chair noted concerns around preventing honest dialogue. Commissioner Roy noted the need to talk about it broadly to address issues. The ED noted the adjustments to the job description and that the position would be open until filled. He added that they had 49 applicants from March 3rd and phone screens were ongoing. The Chair asked who was conducting phone screens and the ED stated that Human Resources (HR) Generalist Soraya Pierre-Louis (HR Generalist Pierre-Louis) was. The Chair asked what the phone screen was for and how many they wanted to move forward to the next phase. The screening panel itself is assigned to Commissioner Roy, Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin (EC Goodin), Director Enos, and HR Generalist Pierre-Louis. Commissioner Roy asked who made the decision to move forward and he stated that the phone screen process would further clarify that. The Chair asked if Commissioner Roy had access to the resumes and he would set it up with Chief People Officer (CPO). The Chair asked for her to have access to that as quickly as possible. Commissioner Roy asked if she looked at the resumes and found someone to move forward could she do that and he said she could work with the CPO on that.

3. Launch of Licensee Outreach and Feedback

- The Chair stated that she would be working with Director Enos to set up a regular meeting and that different Commissioners would be able to join in compliance with Open Meeting Law (OML). Position to train investigative staff and provide in the moment Licensee feedback. Allowing Licensees will reduce violations. Answers to questions to get into compliance and stay. Commissioner Roy asked if they would do a compliance tour and the Chair stated what she anticipated. She added that communication needed to be seamless and that the Chief Technology Information Officer (CTIO) was working to advance communication.

4. Review of Internal Processes for Receiverships

- Commissioner Roy thanked staff for putting collective heads together around receiverships and she flagged that the number of receiverships had gone up and would keep growing. She noted court appointed receiverships and that they have pre-approved appointees for receivership and increasing that list would help a distressed Licensee and charging fees. She identified two areas of red tape which disincentives to be preapproved by the Commission. EC Goodin stated it generally made sense and cited 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.104(3)(d)1. He added that the court has ultimate



jurisdiction, but a cap issue is identified in statute. He also mentioned suitability. The Chair asked how they made it publicly available and put it on the website. EC Goodin flagged regulatory citations around receiverships and judicial invention. He cited 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.104(3)(c). EC Goodin recommended be careful to take any administrative enforcement action that may cross any line with any standing court orders. He stated he did not see any issue with posting the list and referred to the General Counsel (GC). He noted what his team looks at during the application process. He noted one consideration was practicality. The ED mentioned disclosures. Commissioner Stebbins stated the Commission has a renewal fee and the Commission does not get to keep it anyways. Commissioner Roy stated it has disincentivized people to go through this due to the fee. Director Koval noted the fee as an issue, and she has seen people turn away. Commissioner Stebbins noted keeping this in mind during their next regulatory round. Commissioner Roy read proposed motion language. The ED suggested to look into interim solutions.

- Commissioner Roy moved to direct staff as follows:
 1. Develop proposed regulatory amendments for the Red Tape Removal Working Group’s review that would reduce or eliminate the pre-qualification fee for Preapproved Court Appointees and change the renewal schedule from annual to biennial. Further, direct the Executive Director and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer to consult with the Comptroller and/or State Auditor to determine whether the Commission has authority to waive or reduce the current \$500 initial fee and \$400 annual renewal fee cited in 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.104(3)(c).
 2. Develop and implement an outreach initiative to inform prospective qualified Preapproved Court Appointees of the benefits of Preapproved Court Appointee pre-qualification, with the goal of increasing the number available for court appointment. Once eight or more receivers are pre-qualified, staff shall publish the list on the Commission’s website.
 3. Conduct outreach to the Massachusetts court system to provide guidance on how the statutory license cap and suitability applies to receivers and to inform the courts of the Commission’s receiver pre-qualification process.
- 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 Chair noted that they received faulty advice regarding the authorization of the ED to unilaterally decide to change the final vote of the Commissioners from August of 2025. She shared that the ED relied on a motion that was made on September 10, 2020. She asked EC Goodin to provide for the board a review of the regulations and where the definition of minor exists. She asked to come back during the March 12th

PM to see if those regulations were approved and not just draft. She noted in August of 2022 there was a memorandum from a former GC and the Chair discussing a legal case that basically stated it was illegal for Commissioners to delegate authority that requires judgment. She asked EC Goodin to find where the definition of minor is where the Commission has granted authority for the ED to make decisions that are minor in character that are normally should be retained to the Commission. She noted they would be having a broader discussion about delegation of authority and figuring out roles. Commissioner Roy asked EC Goodin if they were working on the form and he confirmed it would be circulated in about 30 days.

- Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 1:00 PM.
- Commissioner Benedon 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 03:02:18.)

5. Discussion of Centralized Motion Tracker

- The Chair tabled the discussion.

6. Update on Boston Bud Factory, Inc. Stipulated Agreement

- EC Goodin asked the intent and the Chair stated the issue is understanding how certain investigations take years and some are done in shorter timeframe. She added that they did not have a Hearing Officer (HO) for two years and asked why no one brought that to the level of the Commission. EC Goodin stated that the GC appoints HOs and it is not an EC issue. He added that HOs are independent. She asked if they previously had internal staff that served as HOs on the Legal team and he confirmed. EC Goodin mentioned that processes are generally new in some areas as they had not gone through a full hearing process at the agency. He stated that in regulation it identifies that a HO will schedule a matter within a reasonable amount of time or a reasonable time. The Chair asked who defined reasonable and EC stated it was up to interpretation. The Chair noted that they rejected the Stipulated Agreement because they felt it was not strong enough. EC Goodin provided more clarity on the timeline from the beginning and what prompted the enforcement action that was before the board on October 1, 2025. He also provided clarity around the investigation process. The Chair asked the role the GC played, and he provided her with clarity. EC Goodin stated that the process is influenced by the specific facts and circumstances that might be present in each case. The Chair expressed desire to tighten up the timeline and Commissioner Roy asked why it took six months for the respondent to request a hearing if in the regulation it was supposed to be done within 30 days. EC Goodin stated there was an informal dispute resolution conference request and they couldn't reach a resolution, so the hearing request was filed. Commissioner Roy stated that



should automatically go to a more formal proceeding. EC Goodin explained that they send out a request form to see if there is an opportunity before getting before a HO. The Chair stated the board needs more transparency and too much authority is vested in the staff. She added they need to tighten up timelines. EC Goodin stated that their goal is always to have equal application for the regulations. EC Goodin provided a timeline of what had occurred since October 1, 2025. The Chair asked if they had the ability to negotiate the Stipulated Agreement. Commissioner Roy suggested putting conditions upon rejection. EC Goodin noted that since the board rejected the Stipulated agreement, that agreement is not in effect. EC Goodin added that they have to exhaust their administrative remedies and need to get a final agency determination. Commissioner Benedon stated she was uncomfortable waiving their right to go to a HO. EC Goodin stated that every matter needs to be handled on a case-by-case basis. The Chair mentioned thinking about an escrow fund that protected people of the Commonwealth. Commissioner Benedon pointed out that there is going to be some disparity in fines because part of the point of a fine is to assess a fine that's sufficient to deter future misconduct and is not just a cost of doing business for the Licensee. The Chair stated not any one person should have unilateral authority and it should rest with Commissioners. EC Goodin mentioned that every Stipulated Agreement, including a financial penalty, are all approved by the board.

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to take a recess returning at 2:05 PM.
- Commissioner Benedon 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 04:05:57.)

7. Discussion and Review of Draft Regulations and Policy Questions

- Associate General Counsel Erica Bruno (AGC Bruno) began at 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.050(10)(b) and 500.050(11)(f). She noted the two Commissioner decisions are whether to extend exclusivity and how long in length. The Chair expressed she was comfortable with three years with the ability to extend it. She mentioned monitoring this on a regular basis and hopes to look into this again every year to assess. Commissioner Stebbins added that he was also comfortable with the three-year extension with the note they can extend more if they need too. He added that three years was also consistent with Social Consumption (SC) three-year exclusivity. Commissioner Roy echoed the comments and stated they could look at it anytime and that there was more to do. She mentioned the Social Equity Trust Fund (SETF) and noted that good things are in place and will be close to real time collecting data that we collected retrospectively last time. She also stated that Licensees may want an exit strategy at one point. Commissioner Benedon stated that she still advocated for more than three years and proposed five years. She explained



that when Licensees accept trust fund money that includes a limitation on selling their assets or ownership stake in the business for a period of five years. She added that the issue of whether they were looking to provide additional period of time primarily for the benefit of existing Licensees. She expressed concern that three years without the certainty of a future extension simply wouldn't be enough time for new social equity operators or someone in the pipeline. Lastly, she stated she wanted to expand opportunities as much as possible for delivery. Commissioner Roy noted the resistance to opening and expanding the map and the Chair noted they do not want more applicants coming in because they will have to compete for the funds. Commissioner Benedon noted that they currently have 18 Provisional Licenses between Delivery Operators and Couriers and 26 in the application phase. Commissioner Roy asked Commissioner Benedon if she knew how long they were in the pipeline and she stated everyone at least is current within the year, but not sure when they started. Commissioner Benedon noted that testimony they heard was unanimously supporting five years and nothing shorter and noted the Donahue report. Commissioner Stebbins noted he would love for them during the intervening period to think about how they might support folks who have a Courier License moving to the Operator License. He added that after testimony, delivery market remains a challenge, and they need to continue to have those conversations to understand the challenges. He suggested talking to officials to say there is value in allowing delivery for both public health and public safety reasons. Commissioner Roy mentioned creating License types that expand access to medical.

- Commissioner Roy moved to adopt an extension for Delivery Exclusivity until April 1, 2029, with the ability of the Commission to affirmatively vote to extend such period, as determined by the Commission in its discretion.
- Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – No
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – Yes
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
- The Commission approved the motion by three in favor and one opposed.

- AGC Bruno stated that the next Commissioner decision was whether to include indigenous peoples to 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.050(10)(b)4. and 500.050(11)(f)4. The Chair noted it as appropriate to consider. Commissioner Stebbins stated this was raised at a Public Hearing and in comment and testimony. Commissioner Roy stated she was comfortable adding it. Commissioner Roy stated that the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office certifies business owned by Native Americans, indigenous people as a subcategory for minority business enterprise. AGC Bruno stated she was going to do some research and return to the board. AGC Bruno went to the definition of Secret Shopper and read. Commissioner Roy proposed expanding the definition and explained her proposed language. Commissioner Stebbins noted a concern about a secret shopper obtaining



corresponding control samples of Marijuana or Marijuana products from Marijuana Product Manufacturers, Marijuana Cultivators for comparative or investigative purposes. Commissioner Roy noted they needed the ability to be able to contract with a third-party Licensee to obtain a sample and keep it in Metrc. Commissioner Benedon asked about the language that was added regarding under the age of 21 who is directed to pose as an individual 21 or older. AGC Bruno mentioned the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) for their underage verification program and their standards. The Chair stated it is to see if they are even checking identification. AGC Bruno described what is being looked at in enforcement actions through the ABCC. She added that an under 21-year-old could misrepresent themselves, but they can't misrepresent their age. She added that the ABCC has already set standards that have been upheld in courts and that's an easy way for the Commission to adopt the program. Commissioner Roy asked Director Enos how when an investigator gets a product how does it get to the Independent Testing Lab (ITL) from the retailer. Director Enos stated the investigator would transport that utilizing the state vehicle and they have chain of custody documentation. Commissioner Roy asked if it stayed in Metrc and Director Enos confirmed. He added that it is anonymized so the ITL can not see where it came from. Commissioner Roy asked if a third-party transporter could obtain product and drive it to the ITL and Director Enos stated he would look into the question. The ED noted how other jurisdictions used employees or interns for their programs. AGC Bruno mentioned to the public that the amendments are mirrored in the Medical Use regulations except for the relevant citations. She went to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(1) and read the proposed language. Commissioner Roy noted if they changed the Secret Shopper definition, they would want to make a change here and the ED confirmed. Commissioner Roy stated that purchase, procure, or obtain wouldn't box them in. Commissioner Stebbins asked if the title should be changed to "authorization" and AGC Bruno confirmed. She moved to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(2) and Commissioner Stebbins proposed some changes to include authorization. Commissioner Benedon asked why it was documentation of authorizations rather than documentation purchases. Commissioner Stebbins stated it he changed it due to the retitling, and it was more than just purchases. AGC Bruno stated she could worth smith the language offline to include more than just purchases. Commissioner Roy noted interactions. The Chair noted consensus. AGC Bruno proceeded to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(3) and proposed the changes. Commissioner Stebbins asked about flexibility to use a Marijuana Transporter including third-party transporters as well as the ITL to get product and take it back to their lab. Commissioner Roy noted anonymizing, so the lab doesn't know where the product came from. AGC Bruno proceeded to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(4) and read the proposed language. Commissioner Roy noted that anywhere purchase is they should add procured and AGC Bruno agreed. The Chair suggested a break.

- Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 3:45 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 05:44:11.)
- AGC Bruno began at 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(5) and read. Commissioner Stebbins suggested under (c) to change authorization to participation. The Commissioners discussed authorization versus participation. Commissioner Stebbins stated he was ok with how it is. AGC Bruno stated she would wordsmith offline and consistency is helpful. Commissioner Roy proposed a title change to include both and the Chair noted consensus. AGC Bruno read 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(6) and proposed amendments and revisions. AGC Bruno moved on to 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.303(7) and read proposed amendments. Commissioner Stebbins suggested expanding. AGC Bruno stated there were two Commissioner decisions around as to the extent the secret shopper program is codified in regulation and whether to allow third parties to act as secret shoppers and the extent a secret shopper may act on behalf of the agency. The Chair noted consensus on it being regulated. Commissioner Roy shared the need for flexibility. Commissioner Benedon thanked Commissioner Roy for pushing the secret shopper program. AGC Bruno provided a timeline for the next meetings. Commissioner Stebbins asked if they were in a good position to make the deadline for exclusivity and AGC Bruno confirmed they were.

XII. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 06:06:50

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

XIII. Next Meeting Date – 06:06:58

- The Chair stated that the next meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2026.

VII. Adjournment – 06:07:27

- Commissioner Stebbins moved to adjourn.
- Commissioner Benedon 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 adjourn.



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 - Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses
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- [Meeting Packet](#)
- March 11, 2026, Boston Globe Article.

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 – 00:05:18
 - The Chair commented about the serious work they have at hand and timeframes they have. She stated that a Boston Globe did a report about the serious crisis that the Commission and the Cannabis industry is in right now. She expressed that it was a call to action quickly and decisively. She added that if you are doing the right thing in this industry, the Commission should feel your partner, not your biggest obstacle. Commissioner Roy reflected on the joint Ways and Means meeting where they testified for the FY27 budget. She thanked the legislature for their continued partnership in support. She looked forward to the upcoming conversations. She added she met with Cannabis Credit and representatives from Needam bank. Commissioner Stebbins noted the Renewals this month and Metrc's training seminar. He added he



has been working with the Northeastern capstone master's degree program on public policy and urban affairs. He mentioned he would share a final report. He noted that the first meeting was tomorrow for the Social Consumption (SC) and Responsible Vendor Training (RVT) working group. He mentioned allowing Metrc training to replace RVT and the need to change RVT during the next regulatory round. He added that they needed to make regulatory changes with respect to a Provisional Licensee holding property through that phase of their License. Commissioner Benedon noted joining the Massachusetts Equitable Opportunities Now (EON) round table discussion around challenges within the industry with a focus on the Social Equity Program (SEP) and Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant (EEA) Licenses. She mentioned certain individuals within the industry and looked forward to continuing working with them. The Chair pointed out that there were 40 Licenses listed for Renewal and out of an abundance of caution, moved T.Bear Inc. to Monday's Public Meeting (PM). She also noted issues raised by Commissioner Benedon about sufficiency of the meeting notice including acronyms and debating or deliberating around the update on the petitions process. She confirmed they would only be listening to the information. Commissioner Benedon provided some insight on Open Meeting Law (OML) notice specificity requirements. Commissioner Roy asked to table petitions as she had questions and the Chair acknowledged.

III. Minutes – 00:15:38

- The Chair requested the legal definition of minor and asked Executive Director (ED) Travis Ahern to share the February 6, 2026, memorandum to all the Commissioners from the February 10, 2026, PM.

- February 10, 2026
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the February 10, 2026, 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 February 10, 2026, Commission Public Meeting minutes.

- February 12, 2026
- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the February 12, 2026, 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 February 12, 2026, Commission Public Meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Roy noted a message she sent to the ED around rules of necessity and delegation. The Chair and ED noted it would be talked about it at a later PM in March.

IV. Executive Director and Commission Staff Report – 00:20:12

- The ED highlighted procurement activity and stated that there were two Requests for Information (RFIs) for the licensing management system, and digital agent badging and medical patient identification. He noted an upcoming discussion around complaint resolution and background checks. He noted in the future he would be bringing a contract to the board to move forward the medical platform. Commissioner Roy stated it was interesting to hear the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) talk about how they have provided services to other agencies to help them advance their Information Technology (IT) infrastructure. The Chair mentioned partnering and collaborating with other agencies, so they were not reinventing the wheel. Chief Technology and Innovation Officer Paul Clark (CTIO Clark) stated they did try and coordinate with EOTSS. The Chair noted unfunded mandates. CTIO Clark stated he is always open and looking for opportunities to coordinate. He added that the Licenses that the Commission has are very cost effective as compared to what it would cost through EOTSS. The ED noted they were in the gathering stage as the Commission needs resources to implement a lot of the changes that are coming.

1. Licensing Update

- Director of Licensing Olivia Koval (Director Koval) presented highlights from the licensing data. She provided an update on licensing applications. Commissioner Roy asked how many surrenders they had in 2025 and Director Koval stated she would check with the Data Analytics team to figure out how many. Commissioner Roy also requested a slide by year that shows surrenders, expirations, revocations and suspensions to keep an eye on the trends. She also requested a standalone slide for receiverships. The Chair mentioned conducting financial audits. Director Koval presented data on active Cultivators. The Chair noted holding two Public Listening Sessions on March 18th around a potential freeze and workers safety. Director Koval presented data on Host Community Agreements (HCAs). Commissioner Roy asked about extension requests and Director Koval confirmed it was all the extensions requested from the very beginning. Commissioner Stebbins noted that one Licensee could come back and keep requesting extensions. Director Koval highlighted a Licensee who is an Medical Treatment Center (MTC) who is not utilizing their Cultivation License because they are cultivating under a sister License due to the vertical integration requirements.

V. Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses – 00:41:38



- Licensing Manager Tsuko Defoe (Manager Defoe) presented on behalf of the Licensing department the Staff Recommendations for Renewals, Provisionals, and Final Licenses.
- The Chair noted that item numbered 34 indicated on the agenda T. Bear Inc. (#MPR244405) would be tabled.
- Commissioner Benedon moved to approve the renewal of items numbered 1 – 40 with the exception of item numbered 34 as indicated on the agenda.
- 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 renewal of items numbered 1 – 40 with the exception of item numbered 34 as indicated on the agenda.

VI. Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses – 00:42:36

1. Kapnos, Inc. (#MRN285398)

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Provisional License.
- 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 Provisional License.

VII. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses – 00:43:26

1. FreeMarketMA, LLC (#MP282279), Marijuana Product Manufacturer

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve the Final License.
- 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 Final License.

VIII. Commission Discussion and Votes – 00:43:53

1. Update on FY27 Joint Ways and Means Budget Testimony



- The ED stated that the budget was presented at the Joint Ways and Means meeting and noted a lot of work still to be done between now and the final budget. He stated the request was 33 million dollars and included a number of items that are priorities. It was noted that the Commission does not keep any of the revenue and all depends on the appropriation. He noted the need for funding for licensing software, SC implementation, reference lab procurement and development, SOC 2 audit, financial audits and background checks. The Chair noted the importance of all Commissioners having individual communication with legislators to make the case. She added sending another letter to all the members of the Ways and Means committee and all the members of the Cannabis oversight committee.
- Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 11:15 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 01:04:38.)

2. ICPS Report

- Chief of Research Julie Johnson (Chief Johnson) presented findings from the International Cannabis Policy Study (ICPS) from 2019-2023. The Chair noted the Commissioners would not deliberate and would submit written questions to the Research department. She added that they might have to come back to the topic at a future PM. Chief Johnson stated they would take substantive questions for two weeks via email and would comprehensively answer all those questions. She added they would anonymize them and a Questions and Answers (Q&A) would be posted. Commissioner Roy asked who the partners were and how long it took to create the report. Chief Johnson stated that they split the legislative mandate between the industry report and the ICPS report. She noted that their research mandate is an unfunded mandate and they need more resources. She noted they have not been able to do two metrics currently mandated due to funding. She stated she works collaboratively with external folks to get on grants to satisfy the research mandate successfully by collaboration. She stated that the ICPS report was procured through Dr. David Hammond at the University of Waterloo. She added that it was a global study since 2018 and it was the only surveillance system study that asked really detailed questions about Cannabis use specifically. She provided an overview of the legislative research agenda. Research Analyst Alexander Colby (Analyst Colby) presented a brief history of Cannabis laws and regulations. He also provided an overview of the ICPS. He noted that the Commission has used the ICPS to show the public health impacts of Cannabis legalization in Massachusetts since 2019. He gave background on the ICPS survey methodology. He mentioned they organized the survey data into nine sections. Analyst Colby and Research Analyst Graelyn



Humiston (Analyst Humiston) reviewed the results from their analyses of Massachusetts ICPS data. Commissioner Roy asked about what buying from a store meant and Analyst Humiston stated they needed to explore further. Analyst Humiston clarified that Cannabis purchases from a legal or authorized source rose from 56% in 2019 to 84% in 2023 and went over limitations. Commissioner Roy clarified that the data was from 2019 to 2023 used in this survey. Commissioner Roy asked if the participants were compensated and the Chair requested more information on how people get identified. Analyst Humiston recapped the overall findings from the ICPS survey data. Chief Johnson presented policy recommendations to the board around education and prevention, hemp derived cannabinoids, future research, monitoring, and data. She acknowledged internal staff and Dr. Hammond. Chief Johnson stated they would compile all Commission questions and answers anonymously in a formal Q&A to publish on the website along with the report. Chief Johnson clarified the process of reporting to the legislature. The Chair asked if this could be sent to the legislature sooner than in the fall. Commissioner Roy suggested an executive summary and suggested including delivery. She also suggested in the future questioning around potency and what demographic seeks the highest potency and its relation to psychosis.

- 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 03:12:45.)

3. Exit Interviews Overview

- The Chair noted that this topic was tabled.

4. Update on New Product Catalogue Launch Date

- CTIO Clark presented an update on the new product catalogue launch date. He provided background of the Metrc product catalog and what was new for the product catalog. CTIO Clark explained that the Metrc product catalog was separate from the main application database. Commissioner Roy asked about search engine optimization to “Massachusetts product catalog” to easily find it or they won’t use it. Commissioner Benedon stated that when she searched, she found it. CTIO Clark stated he would work with the Digital and Creative Services team. He presented next steps for Metrc and the implementation of the new product catalog. Commissioner Stebbins asked about the retention policy and if a Consumer knew why all products weren’t on the catalog. CTIO Clark stated he can work with the Communications team about the launch and can ask Metrc for awareness. Commissioner Stebbins expressed that it would be helpful to have an explanation on why products were gone



and CTIO Clark stated he would work on a good suggestion and explained why they picked the 18-month retention period. Commissioner Roy noted that the enhancements would be more user-friendly and Certificates of Analysis (COAs) would accompany any product. CTIO Clark noted it would be easier to search. Commissioner Roy asked CTIO Clark if he heard of fraudulent COAs and flagged what the Commission can do to prevent it. CTIO Clark noted that Metrc had approached them recently to provide input as to improving their data collection on the testing data side. CTIO Clark also noted budget dependency on what they would need, workload on the Data and IT teams and bandwidth issues. Commissioner Roy read proposed motion language.

- Commissioner Roy moved to approve an 18-month retention period for data with the Metrc product catalog and to ensure that Certificates of Analysis are incorporated into the catalog no later than March 31, 2026.
- 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.

5. Aggregated Open Data

- CTIO Clark stated that they previously posted on the open data platform testing dates for yeast and mold, Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and Tetrahydrocannabinolic Acid (THCA) from April 2021-December 2024. He stated that they originally planned to update it quarterly but did not reach that timeframe. He added that as of Tuesday March 10th, they posted testing data for 2025 and included heavy metals. He explained that the plan is to post older data in reserve chronological order from 2024 back to April 2021. The Chair asked about the process, and he stated it would be easier and made more sense to have more current dates available sooner. He mentioned quarterly updates with a 60-day delay and that the next update would be in early June of 2026 for January-March of 2026. Commissioner Roy noted how Nevada posted their data and expressed their want to make it easy for people to access the data. She added that they could go through the product catalog and could find the same information. CTIO Clark stated it was a big challenge to go through the product catalog and pull every COA up. Commissioner Roy noted that Nevada published all the testing information and names of labs publicly. CTIO Clark noted different state laws. The Chair asked General Counsel Kajal Chattopadhyay (GC Chattopadhyay) for an explanation on why the data is protectable and not in the public. GC Chattopadhyay stated that due to the policy on waiver of privilege, there would have to be a vote from the board to allow for a member of the Legal department to discuss level advice. He requested the Legal department research the issue and go through the various different risks and bring the research back to the board. Commissioner Roy read proposed motion language.

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- Commissioner Roy moved to direct the Executive Director and Commission staff to develop a draft data use agreement or DUA to permit end users to access de-anonymized identified data from the open data platform and to provide the draft DUA to the Commission for review and vote within 60 days.
- 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.

6. Executive Director CY 2026 Goals

- Commissioner Stebbins presented draft goals for the ED for the calendar year 2026 and the first six months of calendar year 2027. He noted the desired shift to review the performance goals on a fiscal year basis as previously it was on a calendar year basis to align with budget restrictions. He provided an overview of the goals and next steps. The Chair noted she might appoint herself to edit the goals and present and share the edited version. She stated that they needed to mention the issue of lab fraud in the goals. She raised her concerns. She suggested a management audit internally. She mentioned that money spent on behalf of the public is being well spent. She noted that goal #5 was not appropriate for the ED to be executing. The Chair mentioned that Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) had to be a goal. Commissioner Roy asked who if drafted the goals and Commissioner Stebbins stated he did with the use of a report from the ED sent in December. Commissioner Roy asked why he did the goals different this time and the ED explained the process. The ED asked the Commissioners to pick prioritization of the goals. Commissioner Roy asked if there was still time for the other Commissioners to shape the goals and the ED confirmed they do before a final vote. Commissioner Roy noted she would bring the finance aspect baked into the goals as Treasurer. The Chair stated she would ask for feedback in compliance with OML and finalize the draft. Commissioner Benedon suggested sharing their thoughts on the draft goals during a PM. The ED noted working groups and Commissioner Roy requested the Commissioners get the goals emailed to them.

7. Executive Director Management Oversight Group

- The Chair noted ongoing concerns around internal and external stories. She suggested they create an ED management oversight group. She stated this would ensure rigorous ongoing supervision of the ED. She appointed Commissioners Benedon and Roy. She stated that the key responsibilities were to monitor the ED reports on finances, ongoing Human Resources (HR) issues, and ensure that all employees are properly protected through the HR department, statutory and regulatory compliance. She added they will assess the ED performance using defined metrics like operational efficiency, policy alignment, goal achievement and leadership effectiveness. She thanked the two Commissioners and stated this would be an ongoing tracking and



oversight of issues that come into the Commission. Commissioner Roy stated this was long overdue and she welcomed it as highly productive for everyone involved. The Chair expressed the hope that the Commissioners can foster a more positive and collaborative relationship with the ED. Commissioner Benedon asked what the intention was and stated that all Commissioners have every right to be just as involved in the day-to-day oversight. The Chair stated that all Commissioners will still have their regular meetings with the ED and this doesn't undermine or stop any of them from doing anything. She explained this as a more structured way to achieve the goals in the spirit of collaboration and positive interaction. Commissioner Stebbins raised that it puts the ED in a position not to talk to himself and the Chair. Commissioner Roy stated that highly sensitive information that she wouldn't feel comfortable talking about in a PM, she would like to talk to the ED about. She added this was an opportunity to have open dialogue to stay within the parameters of OML and foster a more productive environment for everyone. Commissioner Stebbins mentioned clarity around reporting. The Chair mentioned Commissioners previously voting to undermine the statutory authority of the ED when it came to day-to-day operations and that it was not done properly. The Chair voiced her concerns and frustrations and noted this as a good alternative. Commissioner Benedon stated that no vote was needed and stated it was important for her that they are not so much delegating the authority of the Commission as a whole and not taking anything away from the other Commissioners, simply a more frequent or more accessible opportunity to have a sounding board type discussions, rather than delegating to two Commissioners among the four to have any particular powers that would otherwise be held by everybody. The Chair and Commissioner Roy agreed and worried about pushback. The ED looked forward to the collaboration and the support and asked if they would come back around June to update the board on what they have been working on.

- Commissioner Roy moved to take a recess returning at 2:45 PM.
- 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 motion.
- The Commission took a brief recess. (Returned at 04:33:40.)

8. Non-Enforcement of Red Tape Items Discussion

- The Chair stated they have convened many stakeholders around the topic. She stated when the Commission was first started there were heavy regulations and items that do not protect public health and safety. She added some regulations just being more burdensome for Licensees and staff. She asked the Investigations and Enforcement (I&E) team for their feedback. The Chair noted the regulatory process as long and cumbersome. Commissioner Roy read the proposed motion language and explained



the process. Commissioner Roy and the Chair brought up examples. Enforcement Counsel Timothy Goodin (EC Goodin) asked if the red tape removal working group could identify or get more clarity on what the universe looks like. The Chair noted she would like to set up a meeting to discuss and wants I&E to look at the universe and see if they agree. Commissioner Roy asked about tier relegation and asked who made the decision not to enforce it. Director of Enforcement Training Armond Enos (Director Enos) and EC Goodin didn't know. He added that they have several different tools that are available to the agency when considering enforcement of regulations. The Chair mentioned rent and architectural review. She expressed wanting relief. EC Goodin stated that more conversations would help them have the opportunity to identify any liability for the agency or any risks for particular non-enforcement. EC Goodin mentioned that each individual regulation may be tied up with a number of other regulations. The ED illustrated the process. Commissioner Stebbins stated he wanted some legal opinion around caselaw to add to the motion. Commissioner Benedon stated she was comfortable with the motion language and bringing this topic forward for further consideration. She added that she viewed differently the identification of items for temporary non-enforcement compared to discretionary relaxation. The motion language was tweaked and next steps were discussed. Commissioner Roy read the proposed motion language.

- Commissioner Roy moved to direct the Executive Director and staff to develop and present to the board no later than April 16, 2026, a prioritized list of regulations that may be considered for temporary non-enforcement subject to board authorization as part of an immediate initiative to reduce regulatory burden and streamline compliance requirements.
- Commissioner Benedon seconded the motion.
- The Chair took a roll call vote:
 - Commissioner Benedon – Yes
 - Commissioner Roy – Yes
 - Commissioner Stebbins – No
 - Chair O'Brien – Yes
- The Commission passed the motion by a vote of three in favor and one opposed.

9. Biennial License Renewal Study Group

- Commissioner Roy stated that this topic came up with the red tape removal committee, and she believed that was one area they could start removing red tape. She explained that Renewals impact every Licensee and the entire industry across the board. She noted a lot of paperwork and documents and that there was no prescriptive language in statute that would prevent them from doing biennial review. She added that licensing fees needed to stay yearly because the revenues were due to the state and that was non-negotiable. She noted that certain things that require notification to the Commission within a prescribed time frame would all remain the same but the annual glut of paperwork and uploads would free up staff too. Commissioner Stebbins mentioned incentivizing people to follow the timeline, so they were not delayed. He noted the good conversation and stated this would potentially lighten



bandwidth for the team. The Chair talked about notifying and emailing more people so they don't miss the deadline. Director Koval noted a change with JD software for more than one person on the record to get the updates. She noted they get twelve updates through the Massachusetts Cannabis Industry Portal (MassCIP). She added that Licensees use Metrc more than MassCIP. She mentioned a phone call reminder system but noted no capability or funding. CTIO Clark mentioned automated mailings. The Chair mentioned yearly postcard. CTIO Clark stated they could explore thoughts and mentioned a form that they could put on the website to keep contact info up to date. He added that they do not have the actual owner in most cases and rely on forwarding the message. Director Koval mentioned they are supposed to notify them whenever they are changing their contact or in some cases the reminders go to junk mail. The Chair mentioned sending out something after you get your Provisional License and you have so many days to tell us they've received it and if you haven't your License is invalid. Director Koval confirmed they did but the automated emails might come in a different form. Director Enos stated that the initial communications go through and they really need Licensees to stay on top of the email addresses and information. He added to make sure you check primary means of communicating. Commissioner Roy asked if they charged a late fee and Director Koval confirmed they did not. She proposed biennial review and to impose a significant late fee. EC Goodin stated there have been quite a few instances recently and the staff scrambled to not get the License shut down. The Chair asked how they collect annual Renewals. Director Koval explained the payment process through MassCIP or paper check. EC Goodin explained that the fee paid at Renewal is different than the initial application fee. The Chair mentioned being concerned about employees going without a paycheck. Commissioner Roy mentioned folding this into regulations quickly.

10. Addition of Vernon Hill to the List of Disproportionately Impacted Areas

- The Chair noted they had the authority to add to the list and how they set precedent adding Lawrence. Commissioner Roy mentioned testimony around the Commission not recognizing where they lived and thanked for bringing it to their attention. Commissioner Roy read a statement she wrote about Vernon Hill and why it should be added. She stated it benefited existing Licensees and provided opportunities for folks that live there. She added it impacts families. The Chair mentioned that they received a very positive review from Representative Russell Holmes to accept Vernon Hill. Commissioner Stebbins asked if this was all of Vernon Hill and Commissioner Roy confirmed. He mentioned it was kind of an island around other Disproportionately Impacted Areas (DIAs). He stated he did outreach to Kevin Gilnack and Worcester and Springfield to come up with a long-term solution and better use of census tracts. He expressed he felt more comfortable about adding Vernon Hill. He suggested creating a working group to look at this problem across the three largest cities where the census tracts have been used. He stated again that a long-term solution was to either identify neighborhoods and not use the census tracts alone. He mentioned letting folks get in who might have been ineligible to apply due to the census tracts issue. He added to spend some time looking at the overall criteria for participation in the SEP and noted concerns around residency pieces. He added that they were moving away from folks that lived in neighborhoods when the true war



on drugs and prohibition on Cannabis was being enforced. He suggested a friendly amendment to the motion language. The Chair asked Commissioner Stebbins to provide them with a report of the work he's been doing by the April 16th PM and she will put it on the agenda. He asked if he could have until a May PM. The Chair noted it would be great to look into changing the whole SEP. Commissioner Roy suggested looking at the current tracks and lining up with what's current. Commissioner Roy read proposed motion language.

- Commissioner Roy moved to designate Vernon Hill Census Tract 7326 in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts as an area of disproportionate impact for the purposes of the Commission's equity programs, including, but not limited to the Social Equity Program, positive impact requirements and any successor or related initiatives based on the neighborhood's demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, including its history of drug enforcement activity in its alignment with Commission's mandate to promote participation in the regulated Cannabis industry by communities disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement. And furthermore, direct staff to update the Commission's list of areas of disproportionate impact to include Vernon Hill, effective March 12th, 2026. Incorporate this designation into eligibility criteria and guidance for the social equity program and related equity initiatives. And work with the city of Worcester in community stakeholders to ensure that the benefits of this designation, including workforce development, technical assistance, and ownership opportunities are accessible to residents and legacy operators from Vernon Hill.
- Commissioner Benedon 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 passed the motion.

11. Update on Petitions Process

- The Chair stated the topic was tabled.

12. 30A Public Process Including Independence of Legal Team Fire Wall, Deadlines to Investigate and Appeal

- The Chair noted the auditor raising questions about desperate treatment of Licensees and she noted it was important to have a better understanding of M.G.L c. 30A, the firewall between I&E, the Legal department, and Commissioners. She noted that the GC affirmed that the General Counsel's office does not get involved in investigations and enforcement. She noted they did not have a Hearing Officer (HO) for two years. She mentioned cases that are three or four years long and her concern is that a Licensee may potentially be assessed significant fines. She explained that 60-70% of fees that should have been collected weren't collected for two years and that they were in the process of collecting or have collected. She added that it would cost more



money to do an audit or collections and that is was not transparent to Commissioners. She added that if a Licensee owes money and they go out of business, the Commission will not get those fees. She explained that it is inappropriate not to have a timely and fully robust process. EC Goodin walked through the deadlines and what happens under M.G.L c. 30A and why they are taking so long. He stated they were happy to look at areas for improvement and asked for suggestions. Commissioner Roy read a statement she wrote and stated her concern was they need to rebuild the firewall and have no appearance of bias. The Chair mentioned liability. EC Goodin stated that the GC does not direct a HO. Commissioner Benedon noted the GC is a Chief level position and in her view the GC is not simply providing legal guidance to the board as adjudicators but rather is responsible for providing legal guidance and making sure that the agency as a whole is in compliance with applicable laws. She suggested maybe needing another person in a GC equivalent position who provides legal guidance and support for that part of the agency. She noted that the GC or others in the Legal department can advise the Commission and also advise the I&E team on their legal obligations without getting involved in any particular enforcement matter. The ED stated he would review the HO process. EC Goodin noted past practice an explained how the EC position has generally been used by the Chief of Investigations and Enforcement (CIE). He noted he thought it benefited the agency to have collaboration with the GC. Commissioner Roy suggested someone else from the Legal department being a liaison to I&E.

13. Update on Attorney General’s Office Meeting Regarding Coordination and Referrals

- Commissioner Benedon stated it was a very brief introductory meeting that Commissioner Stebbins and herself had with representatives of the Attorney General’s Office (AGO) Consumer Protection Division for the purpose of learning where they had taken action from a Consumer protection standpoint. She added that they did not discuss the issue of criminal referrals. She stated that they had not received Consumer protection complaints related to Cannabis operators. She added that there was an additional division within the AGO, the Consumer Advocacy and Response Division. She stated they receive tens of thousands of Consumer complaints a year. The Chair mentioned inviting someone from that office to talk about how we could collaborate. Commissioner Roy questioned if they should have notified that division to say when we listed products on the public health and safety portal. She also suggested collaborating with them for the product recall process. Commissioner Benedon noted that anybody can submit a Consumer complaint and stated that they publicize their data and you can search complaints that have been received.

IX. New Business Not Anticipated at the Time of Posting – 06:16:17

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

X. Next Meeting Date – 06:16:24

- The Chair stated that the next meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2026, and noted a Public Listening Session on March 18th.



XI. Adjournment – 06:17:45

- Commissioner Roy moved to adjourn.
- 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 moved to adjourn.



Project Status Update

Project Name: Social Consumption Regulatory Implementation

Priority: P1_Regulatory

Phase: (Initiation / **Planning** / Execution / Monitoring & Controlling / Closure)

Date: 04/03/2026

PMO Staff: Juliana Kuszewski

Project Goal

Design and implement the regulatory, operational, and technology framework required to support Social Consumption licensing. This includes the development of a new RVT training program, configuring new license types across platforms, developing clear and standardized processes, and supporting distinct pathways for Supplemental, Hospitality, and Event Organizer licensees. The project will also deliver public education to promote safe and responsible cannabis use among consumers while coordinating engagement with municipalities and other state agencies to solicit feedback and key considerations.

Phase Progress

Building on the successful WG kickoffs, establishment of project documentation, and deliverable planning in March, the PMO has continued advancing deliverable sequencing, refining the Deliverable Register, and initiating detail planning sessions with the WG Leads. Efforts are now focused on the 27 foundational deliverables, aligning dependencies, project schedule buildout, and strategic scheduling meetings to optimize staff time.

Key Deliverables Completed

- Consolidated deliverables with integrated risks / constraints
- Identified and sequenced 27 foundational deliverables
- Initiated detail planning with WG Leads
- Started weekly PMO – WG Lead meetings
- Advanced coordination with RVT external stakeholders
- Began development of monthly PMO reporting for public meetings

Outstanding Items

IT review of SC teams access permissions structure

- Request sent 1/30/26
- Concurrence received 2/2/26
- Follow up request sent 2/27/26
- Follow up request sent 4/2/26

Top Risks & Issues

Risk/Issue	Impact	Mitigation	Status
Most staff assigned to the SC Project participate in multiple other working groups concurrently	Reduced bandwidth for SC tasks, scheduling conflicts that delay deliverables, increased risk of staff burnout, and potential for errors or oversight due to divided focus	Align leadership on project prioritization and protect dedicated project capacity by establishing defined time commitments	
Heavy upfront IT system assessment and build requirements are a core dependency	Launch of SC depends on existing system functionality supporting SC requirements (Metrc, MassCIP, Dynamics, data architecture). Incomplete or misaligned assessment could impact the timeline and require additional workload	Engage cross-WG team members early to define requirements and align priority. Establish ED oversight checkpoints to validate progress, allow early feedback, and ensure accountability and timely resolution of issues	
Non-SC WG decisions may have downstream impacts on SC work (i.e., red tape, COO, Licensing system procurement, etc.)	Without centralized, agency-wide PMO oversight, changes from other projects or policy decisions could affect the direction of the SC project, causing confusion for staff and stakeholders, increased resource demands or rework, and possible delays in implementation	Establish regular communication and visibility across WGs to identify interdependencies, ensure potential impacts are considered prior to finalizing decisions, and promptly notify the PMO, enabling timely action	
<i>New:</i> Research License & Permit not fully scoped, with key documentation, processes, and training still outstanding	Multiple risks identified, while the assigned PMO Designee has limited bandwidth to effectively manage work	Review Phase Gate report recommendation and provide clear prioritization of projects to focus resources	
<i>New:</i> Standards Lab license not fully scoped not fully scoped, with key documentation, processes, and training still outstanding	Multiple risks identified, while the assigned PMO Designee has limited bandwidth to effectively manage work	Review Phase Gate report recommendation and provide clear prioritization of projects to focus resources	
<i>New:</i> Backlog of ‘Advanced Core Curriculum (“ACC”)’ applications are delayed in queue due to DoET bandwidth and requirement for specialized subject matter expertise	Advancing SC RVT while bypassing ACC potentially negative public perception Undefined review process places additional strain on bandwidth and increases delays or inconsistent evaluations	Perform RVT Program assessment to fully scope requirements, establish a standard process, and prioritize backlog based on urgency	
<i>New:</i> The absence of project management software creates inefficiencies in managing large-scale and multiple projects, as the PMO must rely on fragmented tools (i.e., excel, SharePoint, etc.)	Overlapping dependencies and manually consolidating data are making project management more complex, time consuming, and difficult to scale	Short term: consolidate 4 individual WBS excel sheets to 1 SharePoint list Long term: Acquire a centralized project management solution with standardized processes and tools to improve visibility and management	

Resource Status

Staffing Adequacy: Most divisions represented - consider additional staff input. (i.e., Constituent Services, Testing)

Stakeholder Updates:

- *Correction* - Fiona Moreland added to PUB WG per AnnMarie Burt request
- Nadine Sanchara added to PUB WG per Maryalice Curley request

Schedule: No hard deadlines in place, PMO working with WG Leads to establish target completion dates for foundational deliverables.

Budget status: Forecasting initiated for PUB and IMP working group needs.

Resource Constraints: Scheduling around various roles, divisions, competing priorities, and public meetings.

Strategic Alignment

Aligned to agency priorities: SC Project remains an agency goal but needs clarification on priority level.

Scope Status: N/A

Phase Anticipated Next Steps

- Foundational deliverable detail planning
 - 4/6: PUB - education current vs. future of SC (for 4/20)
 - 4/10: RVT – external stakeholder brainstorming session (2 hrs.)
 - 4/15: IMP – IT assessments critical to enabling downstream work
 - 4/22: PUB – consumer research & campaign framework
 - 4/23: LOC – external stakeholder kick off meeting prep
 - 5/5: LOC – external stakeholder kick off meeting
 - 5/13: LOC – IT focus, municipal opt-in form & tracking
- Streamline task management by migrating four independent WBS to one SharePoint list
- Finalize materials for public meeting reporting

Sponsor Actions Required

Item	PMO Needs	Recommendation	Status
Project status updates	Advisement on frequency of project updates in report format vs. board presentation format	Approve monthly report style updates through planning phase and ongoing ED collaboration on board presentation requirements	PMO to send Bi-Weekly Project Status Updates to ED & WG Leads
Category focused meetings	Forum to collaborate on specific category needs (i.e., IT systems and reporting) that impact all 4 working groups	Approve PMO Framework update to enable cross-WG coordination on category specific discussions	Deliverable – specific planning meetings scheduled

Arrow Cultivate, LLC
0342-COO-01-0126

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	Arrow Cultivate, LLC
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2. License(s) Affected by this Change Request:

License Number	License Type
MC283773	Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 11/ Outdoor (90,001-100,000 sq. ft.)

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
Sherri Lev	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Brian Kuchachik	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

5. Background checks were conducted on all proposed parties and no suitability issues were discovered.
6. The proposed parties do not appear to have exceeded any ownership or control limits over any license type.
7. Commission staff conducted an organizational and financial inspection into the parties associated with this request and found no issues or inconsistencies with the information provided to the Commission.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP CONDITIONS

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

1. The licensee and proposed parties may now effectuate the approved change.
2. The licensee shall notify the Commission when the change has occurred.

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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.



New England Regional Dispensary, LLC 0340-COO-03-0126

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	New England Regional Dispensary, LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	N/A

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

License Number	License Type
MR284607	Marijuana Retailer

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

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

Individual	Role
Erik Williams	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Megan Sanders	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Michael Sheldon	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Canna Provisions, Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
Canna Provisions Employee Stock Ownership Trust	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control
Better Provisions, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

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

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



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

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP CONDITIONS

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

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



Phytopia, Inc.
0341-COO-03-0126

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OVERVIEW

1. Licensee Information:

Licensee Business Name:	Phytopia, Inc.
Licensee d/b/a Name:	N/A

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

License Number	License Type
RMD1692	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

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

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

Individual	Role
Richard Borges	Person with Direct or Indirect Control
Steven Ramierz	Person with Direct or Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Advanced Cultivators, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Control

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

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

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

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP CONDITIONS



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

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



MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT RENEWALS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COMMISSION MEETING: APRIL 16, 2026

RENEWAL OVERVIEW

- 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	Calyx Peak of MA, Inc.	MR283842	MRR206880	Swampscott	5/24/2026	CO
2	CastleLeaf, LLC	MP282158	MPR244418	Boston	6/18/2026	PL
3	CastleLeaf, LLC	MR284521	MRR207526	Boston	6/18/2026	CO
4	Green Gold Group	MR284703	MRR207518	Palmer	6/13/2026	CO
5	High Five Inc.	MP281787	MPR244371	Easthampton	4/17/2026	CO
6	Ignited Culture, Inc.	MR284438	MRR207421	Swansea	5/14/2026	CO
7	Kaycha MA, LLC	IL281349	ILR267959	Natick	5/23/2026	CO
8	LMCC, LLC	MR282885	MRR207478	Berkley	4/26/2026	CO
9	LMCC, LLC	MR282796	MRR207479	Taunton	4/26/2026	CO
10	OCS Green Leaves, LLC	MR284476	MRR207514	Millbury	6/26/2026	CO
11	Theory Wellness Inc	MR281549	MRR207434	Great Barrington	9/13/2026	CO
12	Treeworks of Massachusetts LLC	MP281343	MPR244412	Hatfield	5/15/2026	CO

- 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.



MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER RENEWALS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMISSION MEETING: APRIL 16, 2026

RENEWAL OVERVIEW

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

	Licensee Name	License Number	Renewal Application Number	Current Expiration Date	Host Community (Cultivation)	Host Community (Dispensing)	License Status
13	FFD Enterprises MA, Inc.	RMD1306	PAPER	4/10/2026	Hinsdale	Rowley	CO
14	Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc.	RMD1691	PAPER	4/16/2026	Sharon	Sharon	CO
15	Grass Appeal LLC	RMD3770	RMDR193820	5/26/2026	Uxbridge	Uxbridge	CO
16	Green Meadows Farm, LLC	RMD1626	RMDR193804	4/20/2026	Southbridge	Southbridge	CO
17	OCS Green Leaves, LLC	RMD1706	RMDR193826	6/16/2026	Millbury	Millbury	CO

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 501.100(5).
4. All licensees have paid the appropriate annual license fee.



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

RENEWAL CONDITIONS

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



Maruti Wellness LLC

MR285001

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Maruti Wellness LLC
Licensee d/b/a Name:	Stories Cannabis
Licensed Location:	266 Washington St. 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 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 November 14, 2024.
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 20, 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. 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.



SunnyDayz, Inc.
MC283692

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	SunnyDayz, Inc.
Licensed Location:	105 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield, MA 01373

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 2, Indoor, (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)

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

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Retail	Provisional License	Deerfield
Marijuana Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Deerfield

LICENSING OVERVIEW

- The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on October 13, 2022.
- The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
- No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
- 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

- Commission staff inspected the licensee’s facility on the following date(s): January 12, 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. Cultivation Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all cultivation operations were in compliance with the Commission's regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Seed-to-sale tracking;
- ii. Compliance with applicable pesticide laws and regulations; and
- iii. Best practices to limit contamination.

- 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 cultivate, harvest, possess, 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.



Top Shelf Cannaseurs, LLC
MP281435

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Top Shelf Cannaseurs LLC
Licensed Location:	420 West Street, 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):

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 May 7, 2020.
5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license(s).
7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensees previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license(s).

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. Commission staff inspected the licensee's facility on the following date(s): March 2, 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.

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, 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.



Green Meadows Farms, LLC

RMD4325

ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name and address of the Marijuana Establishment:

Licensee Business Name:	Green Meadows Farms, LLC
Licensed Cultivation Location:	64 Mill Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)
Licensed Manufacturing Location:	64 Mill Street, Southbridge, MA 01550
Licensed Dispensary Location:	239 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

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

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Southbridge
Marijuana Cultivator, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Southbridge
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	Commence Operations	Southbridge
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Fitchburg
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Marlborough
MTC Tier 3/Indoor (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Southbridge-Southbridge
MTC Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Southbridge-Fitchburg

LICENSING OVERVIEW

4. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure for the above-mentioned license(s) on January 15, 2026. Final License Executive Summary I



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): March 17, 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 501.105 through 935 CMR 501.160 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 501.105(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.



Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth Manufacturing, Inc.

MPN282262

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth Manufacturing, Inc.
Proposed Location:	757 State Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747

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 2/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Dartmouth
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Dartmouth

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Mathew Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Andrew Medeiros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Lauren Forster	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Edward Mediros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Elisa Mediros	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
The Medeiros Irrevocable Investment Trust	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. License Applicant's Status:

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General Applicant

- 7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement (“HCA”) on August 26, 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.
- 8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on March 18, 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 10% individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: New Bedford and Fall River.
2	The license applicant proposed to organize and host three (3) educational, training, and/or skill development events annually at its dispensary location.

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: 20% Women, 10% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 3% Veterans, 2% Persons with Disabilities, and 2% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to provide a semi-annual internal training workshop on topics such as public speaking, professional development, resume writing, management, and leadership aimed to benefit 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.



Bulrush LLC
MBN282537

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Bulrush LLC
Proposed Location:	1 Cabot St, Holyoke, MA 01040

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
Carlha Toussaint	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 (License Type/Social Equity Program Participant/
Carlha Toussaint / 100% / SE303897

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on April 28, 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 received a municipal response from the host community on March 12, 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 50% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Holyoke.
2	The license applicant proposed to form partnerships with at least one Social Equity (SE)-owned ancillary business annually and one 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 proposed to hire the following: 40% 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 engage with at least 1 supplier of a company that is Women, Veteran, Minority, LGBTQ+, or Disabled-owned businesses within the first year of operation.
3	The license applicant proposed to implement an employee promotion goal wherein at least 50% of the employees who receive promotions within our first year of operations are 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.

- 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.



Debken Corp.
MRN285396

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Debken Corp
Proposed Location:	204 North Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02135

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
Deborah Stevens	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Kenneth Stevens	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Matthew Stevens	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

6. License Applicant's Status:

General Applicant

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on July 25, 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.

8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on March 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 hire 30% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: MA Residents with Past Drug Convictions, and/or MA Residents with Parents or Spouses with Past Drug Convictions.
2	The license applicant proposed to implement a mentorship program that provides ongoing advancement and management training occurring annually to at least one (1) employee, annually.

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, 10% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 7% Veterans, 12% Persons with Disabilities, and 1% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to develop employee training, mentorship, and promotion program geared towards women, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, People with Disabilities, and LGBTQ+ whereby providing ongoing advancement training with management training twice annually and new skills development training, quarterly.

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.



Hudson Botanical Processing, LLC

MXN281354

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Hudson Botanical Processing, LLC
Proposed Location:	14 Kane Industrial Drive, Hudson, MA 01749

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

License Type(s) Sought:
Marijuana Existing Licensee Transporter

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.)	Commence Operations	Hudson
Marijuana Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Hudson

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Kathleen Adams	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
John Adams	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

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

6. License Applicant's Status:

General Applicant

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement ("HCA") on August 6, 2025. The license applicant submitted or resubmitted their application on or after

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

8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on March 18, 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 participate in two (2) volunteer events per year in census tracts of Worcester.

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: 10% Women, 10X% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5 % Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10X% LGBTQ+ People.
2	The license applicant proposed to contract with the following: 10% Women, 10X% People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, 5 % Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, and 10X% LGBTQ+ People-owned businesses.
3	The license applicant proposed to provide one annual cultural sensitivity training for all employees.

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.



J-BAM, Inc.
MRN285505

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	J-BAM, Inc.
License Applicant d/b/a Name:	FireHaus
Proposed Location:	71 Downing Industrial Parkway, Pittsfield, MA 01201

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 Cultivator, Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Pittsfield
Marijuana Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Pittsfield

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Jason Boze	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Chirag Sadana	Person Having Direct/Indirect

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 December 22, 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 received a municipal response from the host community on March 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 50% of individuals from the following Commission identified Areas of Disproportionate Impact: Pittsfield
2	The license applicant proposed to provide industry specific seminars twice annually.

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, 5% 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 partner with 20% of Women, People of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and 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.



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.



Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc.

MRN285402

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

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

License Applicant Business Name:	Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc.
Proposed Location:	181 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906

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 Cultivator, Tier 5/Indoor (30,000– 40,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Littleton
Marijuana Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Littleton
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Gardner
Marijuana Retail	Commence Operations	Woburn
MTC	Commence Operations	Littleton-Danvers
MTC	Commence Operations	Littleton-Woburn
MTC	Commence Operations	Littleton-Gardner

4. List of all required individuals and their roles:

Individual	Role
Jason Sidman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Michael Wilmoth	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
David Syrek	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Joshua Weaver	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

5. List of all required entities and their roles:

Entity	Role
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Premier Healthcare Group, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
PHG, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. License Applicant’s Status:

General Applicant

7. The license applicant and host community executed a Host Community Agreement (“HCA”) on August 22, 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.
8. The Commission received a municipal response from the host community on March 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 proposes to establish scholarship funds to support Fitchburg, census tracts of Lowell and Boston with grants of no less than \$5,000, annually.
2	The license applicant proposed to hire 5% of staff that are Fitchburg residents and 5% of staff that are Lowell residents.
3	The license applicant proposed to support the Lowell Transitional Living Center through annual donation drives.
4	The license applicant proposed to provide annual support to the Last Prisoner Project through donations of no less than \$2,000.

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
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1	The license applicant proposes to hire the following: 30% Women, 20% 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 implement an annual training program for all employees regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion principles.
3	The license applicant proposed to promote equity initiatives in the communities it serves by partnering with and supporting Steps to Success via annual donations of no less than \$2,000.

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.



Memorandum

To: Commissioners
Cc: Travis Ahern, Executive Director
From: Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs and Policy
Date: April 16, 2026
Subject: April 2026 Government Affairs Update

Legislative Update

On March 9, 2026, Chair O'Brien, Commissioner Roy, Executive Director Ahern and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Schlegel testified before the Joint Committee on Ways and Means in Hyannis, MA for its FY27 budget.

On March 13, 2026, Chair O'Brien, Commissioner Roy and Government Affairs staff were joined by Joint Ways and Means Chair Senator Michael Rodrigues and his staff for a tour of Solar Cannabis Co. In Somerset, MA.

Municipal Update

Municipal Law Unit

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



Memorandum

To: Travis Ahern, Executive Director
Cc: Jacob Nielson, 1st Assistant Enforcement Counsel; Erica Bruno, Associate General Counsel; Darrus Sands, Manager of Equity Programming & Strategic Partnerships; Andrew Carter, Chief of Staff; Paul Clark, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer; Matt Giancola, Director of Government Affairs & Policy; Maryalice Curley, Director of Communications; Neal McNamara, Press Secretary
From: Jessica Porter, Manager of Government Affairs and Policy
Date: March 31, 2026
Subject: Red Tape Removal Working Group: Final Report and Prioritized Recommendations

I. Executive Summary

The Red Tape Removal Working Group (“Working Group”) was convened to conduct a comprehensive review of the Cannabis Control Commission’s (Commission) regulatory framework and associated policies, with the objective of identifying opportunities to reduce administrative burden, eliminate redundancies, and modernize regulatory requirements. This effort reflects a coordinated initiative between Commission staff and external industry stakeholders to ensure that the regulatory structure remains effective, efficient, and aligned with current operational realities while maintaining core public health and safety protections.

The Working Group implemented a structured, multi-phase process to collect, refine, and prioritize recommendations. This process included stakeholder submissions, facilitated discussions to identify recurrent themes, and a formal prioritization exercise using a standardized scoring methodology. A total of 21 members of the external consulting team and 18 Commission staff participated in the prioritization process, providing a balanced perspective across operational and regulatory considerations.

Consistent with the Working Group’s charter, this report presents a prioritized set of regulatory and policy recommendations for consideration by the Executive Director and subsequent review by the Commissioners. The recommendations reflect areas where targeted changes may improve efficiency, reduce burden, and enhance clarity while maintaining the Commission’s statutory mandate.



II. Background and Charter Context

The Working Group was formally established to evaluate existing Commission regulations and associated policies for opportunities to streamline processes affecting the Commission, licensees, and other stakeholders. The Working Group was charged with identifying areas where regulatory requirements may be outdated, duplicative, or unnecessarily burdensome, and to develop prioritized recommendations for consideration by the Executive Director and Commissioners.

The scope of the Working Group was limited to agency regulations and associated policies. Statutory changes were explicitly identified as out of scope, though they were documented for broader policy awareness. The Working Group was designed to support the development of a targeted regulatory package, particularly in light of concurrent regulatory initiatives, including Social Consumption and Delivery Exclusivity.

The Working Group's charter further directed that recommendations be developed and prioritized in a manner that allows for submission to the Executive Director for consideration and potential advancement to the Commissioners within a defined project timeline.

III. Methodology

a. Input Collection and Working Group Process

The Working Group utilized a structured and iterative process to develop recommendations. Internal staff first solicited input from the external consulting team, requesting that stakeholders identify specific areas of regulatory burden or inefficiency. These submissions formed the foundation of the Working Group's recommendations.

Proposed recommendations were categorized into thematic areas, including: (A) licensing and registration; (B) security, transport, and staffing; (C) testing and labeling; (D) alignment with other industries; (E) Responsible Vendor Training; (F) Commission communication, consistency and transparency; (g) Municipalities, Host Community Agreements and Equity; and (H) Products. This process facilitated the consolidation of duplicative or substantially similar recommendations.

On January 28, 2026, internal staff and external stakeholders convened to review submitted recommendations, discuss why these identified items were creating red tape and provide additional context.

Following this session, internal staff conducted a detailed review of each recommendation and assigned it to one of three categories: regulatory changes, statutory change, or other operational or policy changes. This categorization process was informed by legal and policy analysis to ensure that each recommendation was accurately aligned with the Commission's scope of authority and existing statutory framework.

Regulatory changes were defined as those that could be implemented through amendments to existing regulations. Statutory changes were identified as those requiring legislative action and were documented for awareness but excluded from prioritization. Other operational or policy changes included recommendations that could be addressed through internal guidance, procedural updates, or administrative action without formal regulatory amendment. This classification process provided a critical foundation for

the prioritization phase by clearly distinguishing between recommendations that were actionable by the Commission and those that were not.

b. Prioritization Process and Participation

Following the consolidation and categorization of recommendations, the Working Group implemented a structured prioritization process to evaluate and rank actionable items within the Commission’s authority. A standardized Formstack survey was distributed to both external consulting team members and Commission staff to ensure consistency in evaluation across stakeholder groups.

Each participant independently evaluated the same set of recommendations using the standardized rating scale. Collecting responses independently ensured that results reflected individual assessments and minimized the potential for group influence.

A total of 21 members of the external consulting team and 18 Commission staff participated in the prioritization process. The external consulting team represented a cross-section of the regulated industry, including licensees and stakeholders across cultivation, manufacturing, retail, delivery, and laboratory operations. Commission staff participants included representatives from multiple divisions with subject matter expertise in licensing, enforcement, constituent services, communications, research, finance, and operations. Staff input reflected regulatory intent, statutory constraints, operational feasibility, and considerations related to public health and safety.

c. Rating Scale

Each recommendation was evaluated using a standardized four-point scale designed to assess relative priority and implementation value:

- 3: High priority
- 2: Moderate priority
- 1: Low priority
- 0: Do not implement

Participants were instructed to consider each recommendation based on its potential to reduce administrative burden, improve operational efficiency, enhance regulatory clarity, and maintain or strengthen public health and safety protections. The scale was intended to provide a consistent framework for comparing a diverse set of recommendations across multiple subject areas.

For calculation purposes, responses of “0” were converted to a value of “-1” during the aggregation process. This adjustment was made to ensure that recommendations identified as “do not implement” had a meaningful impact on overall scoring, rather than being treated as neutral. Without this adjustment, a score of “0” would function as the absence of preference and could dilute strong opposition to a recommendation. By assigning a negative value, the methodology more accurately reflects respondent intent and distinguishes between lack of prioritization and active opposition.

Scores from all respondents were aggregated and averaged for each recommendation. Averaging allowed for normalization across the full set of responses and ensured that no single respondent or group

disproportionately influenced the outcome. The resulting average scores provide a comparative measure of priority across recommendations within each stakeholder group.

These average scores form the basis of the prioritized lists presented in this report. Recommendations are ordered from highest to lowest average score, with tied scores grouped together to reflect equivalent prioritization levels.

IV. Key Findings

The prioritization results demonstrate substantial alignment between external stakeholders and Commission staff on the need to reduce administrative burden and modernize regulatory requirements. Both groups consistently prioritized recommendations related to simplifying licensing, reducing duplicative processes, and improving training requirements.

External stakeholders placed particular emphasis on operational efficiency, including fee structures, inspection flexibility, and reducing prescriptive requirements that may increase cost without corresponding public safety benefit. Commission staff similarly prioritized efficiency measures, while also emphasizing the importance of regulatory clarity, internal consistency, and improved communication tools.

Recommendations related to testing, labeling, and product standards were consistently identified as areas requiring modernization. Stakeholders and staff alike highlighted the importance of aligning requirements with scientific standards and practices in other regulated industries where appropriate.

V. Prioritized Recommendations

Consistent with the methodology described above, recommendations were grouped into four tiers based on average scores from the external consulting team. These tiers reflect the relative level of consensus and prioritization among respondents and are intended to support decision making regarding the prioritization and sequencing of any regulatory and policy actions.

Scores at or above 2.5 reflect a high level of consensus among respondents and indicate recommendations that may be appropriate for immediate consideration. Scores between 2.0 and 2.49 reflect strong support with some variability and may be suitable for inclusion in a near-term or phased regulatory package. Scores between 1.25 and 1.99 reflect moderate support and may warrant further evaluation or sequence. Scores below 1.25 indicate limited or inconsistent prioritization and are not recommended for near-term implementation.

A complete list of prioritized recommendations, including all tiers and corresponding scores, is included in the Appendix. The summary below highlights recommendations with the highest levels of consensus to support near-term decision making.

a. High Consensus Priority Recommendations

The following recommendations received the highest average scores and reflect strong alignment among external stakeholders. These items represent opportunities to reduce administrative burden, improve operational efficiency, and modernize requirements in a manner consistent with the Commission's regulatory authority.

- End unnecessary repetition of identical trainings by going through the RVT process every three years rather than every year.
- Allow discounts, loyalty programs, and advertising for cannabis as long as the marketing does not target minors.
- Change Responsible Vendor Training frequency from yearly to: initial hire, 1-year badge renewal, then every three years thereafter.
- Allow deficiencies to be corrected during inspections.
- Establish a helpline or direct communication route to quickly resolve METRC issues.

These recommendations demonstrate a high degree of consistency in stakeholder prioritization and are well positioned for consideration as part of a near-term regulatory or policy initiative.

b. Strong Support Recommendations

In addition to the high consensus items, a broader set of recommendations received strong support and may be appropriate for inclusion in subsequent phases of implementation or as part of a comprehensive regulatory package. These recommendations reflect meaningful alignment among respondents, though with slightly greater variability in prioritization. Key themes within this tier include licensing and fee reform, operational flexibility, training modernization, and product and consumer-facing adjustments, which may be appropriate for phased implementation.

The prioritized recommendations outlined above provide a structured framework to guide the Commission's evaluation of potential regulatory and policy changes. While the tiered approach reflects the relative level of stakeholder support, additional considerations, including legal authority, resource capacity, implementation timing, and potential impacts on public health and safety, should inform any final decisions.

VI. Considerations and Next Steps

The recommendations identified through this process provide a clear and actionable framework for reducing administrative burden and improving regulatory efficiency within the Commission's authority. Implementation will require careful sequencing to ensure that changes are legally sound, operationally feasible, and effectively communicated to stakeholders.

Next steps include conducting legal and policy review of prioritized recommendations, identifying those suitable for near-term regulatory amendments, and developing an implementation timeline aligned with ongoing Commission initiatives. Consideration should also be given to resource impacts, including staffing, system updates, and stakeholder education.

The Working Group's findings are intended to serve as the foundation for future regulatory packages and internal policy reforms. Consistent with the project timeline, these recommendations are submitted for review and potential action by the Executive Director and Commissioners.

APPENDIX A- Prioritized Recommendations, External Consulting Team

Recommendations were grouped into four tiers based on average scores. Scores at or above 2.5 reflect high consensus among respondents. Scores between 2.0 and 2.49 indicate strong support, while scores between 1.25 and 1.99 reflect moderate support with more variability. Scores below 1.25 indicate limited or inconsistent prioritization and are not recommended for near-term implementation.

I. High Consensus Priority (≥ 2.50)

Reflects near-uniform prioritization and strong consensus among respondents.

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3. Change Responsible Vendor Training frequency from yearly to: initial hire, 1-year badge renewal, then every three years thereafter. – 2.67
4. Allow deficiencies to be corrected during inspections. – 2.62
5. Establish a helpline or direct communication route to quickly resolve METRC issues. – 2.52

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6. Reduce or restructure license renewal fees, especially for established businesses. – 2.48
7. Allow for virtual inspections. – 2.43
8. Clarify that manifests can be adjusted either by the receiving entity or the distributor without having to bring the case back just to change the amount– 2.38
9. One badge per person, portable across employers and licenses – 2.33
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11. Remove requirement that visitors and contractors are always chaperoned and instead require that visitors be “reasonably monitored”. – 2.33
12. Align RVT renewal with badge renewal to decrease administrative burden. – 2.19
13. Ensure municipalities comply with HCA regulations. – 2.19
14. Increase the allowance for edible dosing to 10mg instead of 5mg. – 2.19
15. Create trainings that are specific to license types and roles so that training information is appropriate to the individual receiving it. – 2.14
16. Allow sale of non-cannabis accessories and ancillary products. – 2.14

17. Eliminate the two-driver rule completely. – 2.14
18. Extend incident reporting to next business day if after hours. – 2.14
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22. Allow multi-serve beverages. – 2.10
23. Allow process validation to reduce testing frequency. – 2.10
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III. Moderate Support (1.25 – 1.99)

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26. Standardize microbial testing to comply with MA State law. – 1.95
27. Enforce one ID check as opposed to multiple. – 1.95
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29. Simplify labeling for small packaging formats. – 1.90
30. Change the testing batch size and allow to validate a process such as ISO to reduce the frequency of testing. – 1.90
31. Reduce \$50K licensing fee for vertically integrated MTC. – 1.86
32. Eliminate CCC architectural review; defer structural changes to municipalities. – 1.86
33. Remove or sunset diversity plans and positive impact plans where they have served their purposes.– 1.86
34. Increase batch sizes. Recommendations of 15-25lbs, 30 lbs. or 50lbs. – 1.86
35. Eliminate redundant COAs for identical formulations or device sizes.– 1.86
36. Remove RVT for labs, cultivation, or manufacturing because the content is often irrelevant to these licensees.– 1.81
37. Eliminate the requirement for every plant to have a METRC tag because it is wasteful and insufficient.– 1.81

38. Make the fee schedule for recreational and medical licensing uniform. – 1.76
39. Require all ITL testing to fall within lab accreditation scope.– 1.76
40. Remove requirement to duplicate every twentieth sample and submit as a blind sample. – 1.76
41. Reduce waste disposal record retention from three years to one year – 1.76
42. Eliminate the requirement for sales location specific labels on 3rd party Flower and Pre-Rolls. – 1.76
43. Remove requirements for secured cash transport, body cameras, and excessive vehicle monitoring. – 1.76
44. Provide clarity on what infused flower should show as in METRC - total units per case/pack/grams vs. units/ flower to concentrate ratio – 1.71
45. Allow batch-level tracking. – 1.71
46. Create a public FAQ page on the commission website to clarify common questions. – 1.67
47. Eliminate the requirement to maintain 30% of product inventory for medical patients when the product is also sold recreationally. – 1.67
48. Allow Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs) vendor/quality control sample programs. – 1.67
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50. Reduce footage retention time from 90 days to 60 days – 1.67
51. Testing lab sample destruction only needs to be done by one person. – 1.62
52. Remove the need to test trim for pesticides before extraction, as extraction is an approved remediation method – 1.62
53. Clarify municipal minimum compliance standards. – 1.57
54. Publicize compliance and testing data on the commission website. – 1.57
55. Remove the requirement for a written and approved Diversity and PIP plan for renewals. – 1.57
56. Allow unlocked dumpsters when no cannabis waste is present.– 1.57
57. Replace printed price lists and strain descriptions with online menus accessible on request. – 1.57
58. Reduce vehicle surveillance video retention from 90 days to 30 days – 1.57
59. Raise the solvent limits to all be the same and in line with other states.– 1.52
60. Allow remediation and re-testing instead of destruction. – 1.52
61. Conduct a comprehensive review of all definitions and remove unused, redundant, or internally inconsistent definitions.– 1.48
62. Remove limits on number of deliveries per customer per day – 1.47

63. Establish a state reference lab and secret shopper testing program. – 1.43
64. Align all regulations clearly with statutory authority.– 1.43
65. Standardize tables, definitions, and terminology throughout regulations.– 1.43
66. Clarify “rendered-unusable” standards for waste. – 1.43
67. Simplify regulatory structure by license type where appropriate. – 1.43
68. Match FDA rule to remove the requirement to list the exact amount of potency as long as it matches the label. Allow 10% variance in testing result from label advertisement – 1.43
69. Eliminate or streamline provisional license phase.– 1.38
70. Clarify Host Community Agreement standards (“unreasonably impracticable”, “contract of adhesion”, “equitable relief”). – 1.33
71. Require license fees after approval, not at submission. – 1.33

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APPENDIX B- Prioritized Recommendations, Commission Staff

This appendix presents the prioritization of recommendations based on average scores from Commission staff who voluntarily completed the form. Recommendations are grouped into tiers using the same scoring framework applied in Appendix A to ensure consistency and comparability across respondent groups. This internal prioritization provides additional context to support the Commission’s evaluation of potential regulatory and policy changes, particularly where staff experience and implementation realities may inform decision making.

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- There were no recommendations that met this threshold.

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Proposed Cultivation Licenses Freeze Proposed Metrics

Potential Data Points from Metrc

NOTE: All the following can be analyzed by dates, tiers, or harvests

The following is available in Metrc:

Facilities:

- Tiers and Facilities details
- # of facility ID with plant counts greater than 0, per year
- Total potential available square footage per tier
- Average, range, and total square footage

Harvests:

- Start to Finish dates
- Plants per Square Foot
- Plants per harvest

Plants:

- Total Active Plant Count
- Plant weight at different stages (wet, waste, harvested, etc.)
- Total gram per plant at different stages
- Waste reasons
- Days spent in each stage

Packages:

- Lab tests (pass/fail)
- Categories
- Number of packages produced
- Number of packages or plants destroyed
- Number of packages for wholesale and for retail
- Average price per gram



Potential Analytics Based on Metric Data

1. Supply-Demand Equilibrium Metrics

These metrics demonstrate whether the market is physically capable of consuming what is being grown.

- **Plant-to-Harvest Conversion Rate:** The percentage of plants that successfully reach harvest vs. those destroyed or lost
- **Total Inventory on Hand (DOH):** Calculate the "Days of Inventory on Hand" by dividing the total weight of flower/trim in vaults by the average daily sales volume.
- **Production vs. Sales Delta:** The month-over-month variance between the total weight of harvested material and the total weight sold at retail. These trends can be monitored and analyzed over time.
- **Per Capita Canopy:** The total licensed canopy square footage divided by the adult-use population (21+). This data can be compared with other established markets.

2. Pricing & Economic Health

Stabilization focuses on preventing "destructive competition" where prices fall below the cost of production.

- **Wholesale Price Index (WPI):** Track the average wholesale price per pound across different cultivation tiers.
- **Price Elasticity Trends:** Analyze whether lower retail prices are actually driving higher volume.

3. Operational Utilization (The "Ghost Canopy" Metric)

A freeze may be an appropriate consideration if analysis shows that existing licenses aren't being fully utilized.

- **Licensed vs. Active Square Footage:** The ratio of the total canopy authorized by the state versus the amount of canopy currently being used for active plants.
- **Tier Progression/Regression:** Tracking how many cultivators are applying to increase their tier (expand) versus those asking to decrease their tier.

4. Business Viability and Attrition

To stabilize, you need to know if the current participants can survive.

- **License Surrender and Non-Renewal Rates:** High rates of voluntary license surrenders may be an indicator of an unstable market.
- **The "Pipeline" Saturation:** The total square footage of all "Provisional" and "In-Progress" applications. This may be used to gauge whether even with imposition of a freeze, the market supply is already locked into an upward trajectory for the next 12–18 months.

- **Cultivators in HCA:** The total number of cultivators who have not been able to secure an HCA. This could contribute to the pipeline saturation.

5. Inventory Velocity

- **Sell-Through Rate by Product Category:** Identifying if the oversupply is specific to flower or if it extends to concentrates and edibles. Examination of this metric may help to indicate whether a targeted intervention might be appropriate rather than a general moratorium.



Cannabis Control Commission

Public Meeting

April 16, 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. Commission Discussion and Votes
10. New Business Not Anticipated at Time of Posting
11. Next Meeting Date
12. Adjournment



Minutes

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1. March 4, 2026
2. March 12, 2026





Executive Director and Commission Staff Report

EquityWorks Career Hub Virtual Career Fair

- The Commission’s EquityWorks Career Hub, designed as a year-round hiring and workforce development platform supporting the Commonwealth’s legal cannabis industry, will host its first **Virtual Cannabis Career Fair on May 20, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- This statewide event will connect employers, licensees, and job seekers in a dynamic virtual environment, offering opportunities for recruitment, networking, and meaningful dialogue on workforce development within the industry.
- Employers and vendors are encouraged to participate by creating a virtual “booth” on the platform, while job seekers can create user profiles to explore opportunities and engage directly with participating organizations. Registration is streamlined and accessible, with additional resources and tutorials available on the Commission’s Equity Programs webpage.

Questions may also be directed to EquityCareers@CCCMass.com.



Executive Director and Staff Report

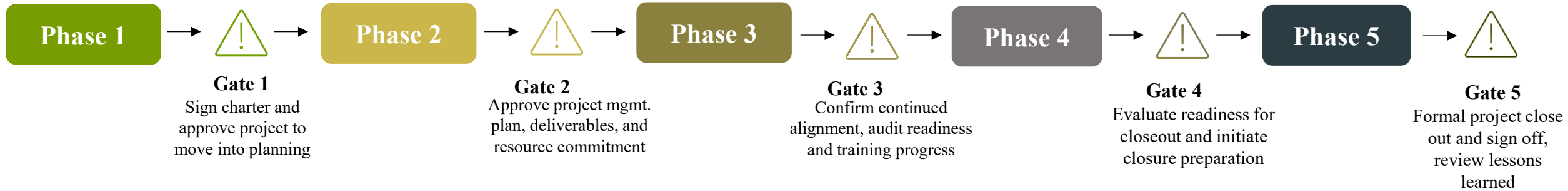
1. Update on Commission Working Groups
2. Annual 4/20 Public Education Campaign
3. Licensing Update





Social Consumption Regulatory Implementation Project

Project Phases & Phase Gates-ALT OPT



Phase 1: Initiation

- ✓ Define project objective & scope
- ✓ Identify stakeholders
- ✓ Develop Charter / outline

Phase 2: Planning

- ✓ Create project management plan
 - Deliverable planning
 - Secure resources & staff bandwidth
 - Define schedule & budget needs

Phase 3: Execution

- Assign tasks
- Manage communications, resources, and provide updates
- Hold regular team meetings

Phase 4: Monitor & Control

- Track project progress against plan
- Monitor schedule, budget, and risks
- Update stakeholders on progress

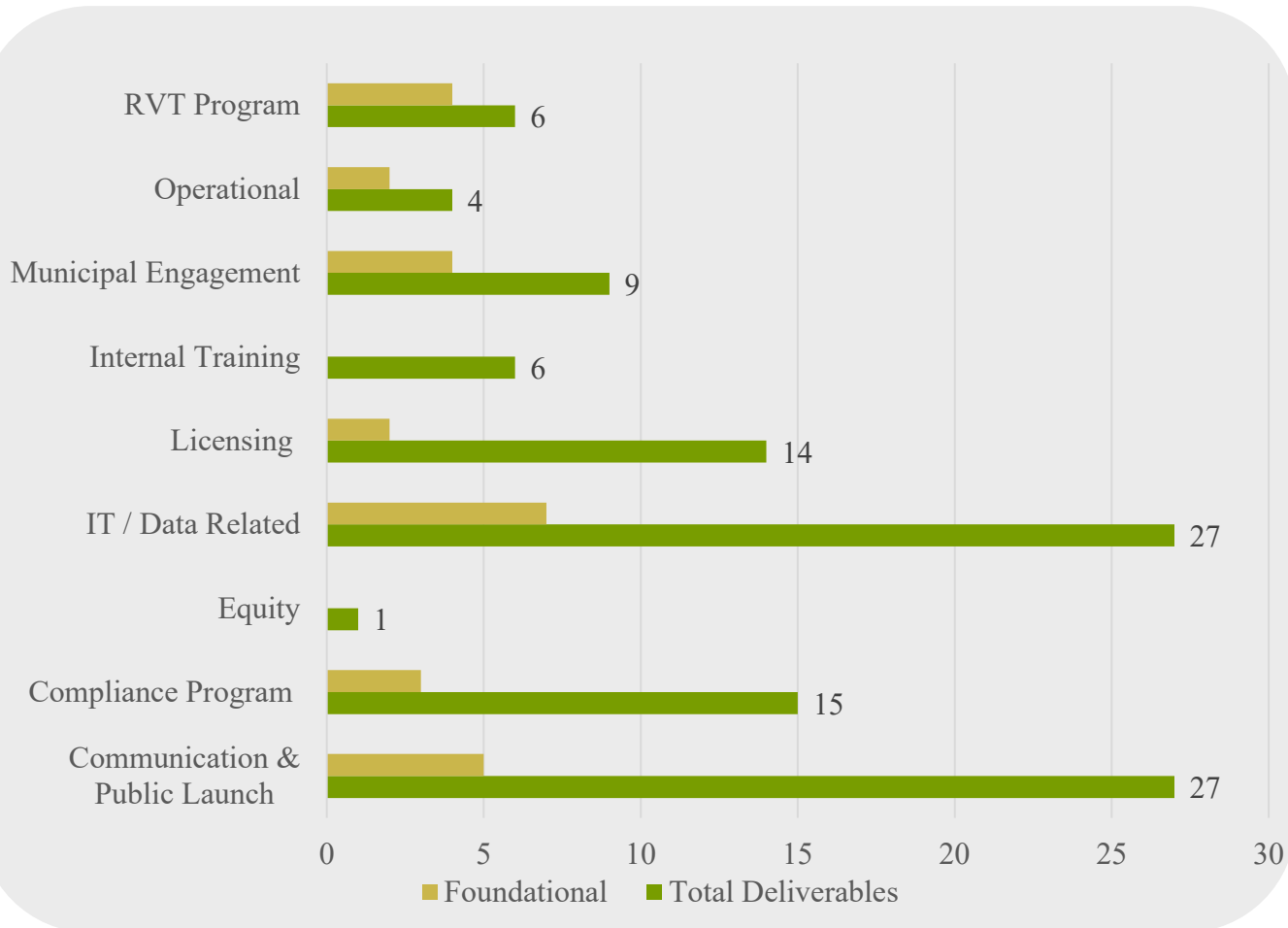
Phase 5: Closing

- Confirm all deliverables are complete
- Obtain stakeholder sign-off
- Review project, document lessons learned

End of Project Retrospective: Recognize efforts, achievements, and release resources



Deliverable Planning & Sequencing



Why Planning Matters

- Ensures the project is properly scoped and feasible before execution begins
- Identifies gaps, risks, and dependencies
- Supports informed decision-making

109 Deliverables Identified

- Foundational Deliverables represent early-stage activities necessary for successful and efficient project execution

Progress Highlights

Milestones

- ✓ Established a coordinated project structure, enabling cross-team collaboration and clear governance
- ✓ Held kick off meetings for all 4 working groups
- ✓ Held kick off meeting with RVT External Stakeholders; second meeting scheduled tentatively
- ✓ PMO Designee & WG Lead Collaboration meetings commenced 4/1
- ✓ Defined and prioritized the full scope of work to support efficient implementation

Key Risks / Considerations

- **Resource Capacity:** Staff are supporting multiple other initiatives and working groups concurrently
- **Critical IT System Dependencies:** Significant effort required before downstream work can begin
- **Alignment of Parallel Working Groups:** Decisions made across groups influence the project direction, timeline, and resource availability
- **Project Management Software:** PMO doesn't have software tools to support integrated tracking, scheduling, or reporting; causing reliance on manual coordination



Next Steps

- Define tasks required to complete foundational deliverables
- Develop a tentative schedule for finalized planning and forecast initial budget needs
- Engage stakeholders, provide participation expectations, and schedule meetings
- Initiate assessments to support downstream work
- Collaborate with agency work group(s) to assess impacts to Social Consumption

Initial Focus:

- Data architecture, Metrc requirements, internal records, and electronic forms
- Social Consumption RVT Development in coordination with external stakeholders
- Municipal Engagement - Host Community Agreement
- Internal Process Development
- Public Awareness Strategy





Annual 4/20 Public Education Campaign

April 16, 2026

AnnMarie Burt, Director of Digital and Creative Services

4/20 Annual Holiday

- April 20 (4/20) is an annual holiday based on the celebration of consumption of cannabis
- Cannabis-oriented observances and celebrations are held globally
- Saturday, 4/20/2024: Highest single sales day in Massachusetts at \$8.5M
- Taking place Monday April 20th, 2026
 - Also Patriots' Day and the Boston Marathon
- Commission releases annual public education campaign promoting safe and responsible consumption





4/20 Public Education Campaigns

2023

- “Promoting a Safe, Equitable, and Effective Cannabis Industry in Massachusetts” Video

- Press Release and Social Posts

2024

- Understanding Labels Flyer
- Marijuana Products Flyer
- More About Marijuana Sticker
- Promotion of educational materials available free of charge to Licensees at the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse
- Press Release, Emails, and Social Posts



Reminder: If you're getting ready to celebrate 4/20 soon, please check out our public education website, [MoreAboutMJ.org](https://moreaboutmj.org), for tips and resources to understand what's allowed under Massachusetts law and how to avoid certain risks. Helpful rack cards and other Commission resources can be ordered and downloaded for free by visiting the state's Health Promotion Clearinghouse at <https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/category/CANNABIS.html>.

Get orders in by 4/12 to have them on hand this holiday!



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2024 4/20 Public Education Campaign



Marijuana Products



Flower

Marijuana flower refers to the parts of the cannabis plant harvested for consumption—buds, stems, seeds, and leaves. Flower is most often consumed by smoking.



Concentrates

Concentrates are highly-potent forms of cannabis that come in a variety of styles. Because concentrates are so strong, it is important to consume them with caution.

Kief: Also referred to as dry sift or pollen, kief consists of the tiny, crystal-like growths covering cannabis flower.

Hash: Also known as hashish, hash is made from the resin of cannabis plants. Its consistency is usually dry, crumbly, and brick-like.

Butane Hash Oil (BHO): This concentrate is produced by using butane to extract cannabinoids—chemical compounds like tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD)—from cannabis plants. The consistency of BHO products can vary from a glasslike “shatter” to a soft wax.

CO2 Oil: CO2 oil is produced by an extraction method that uses pressure and carbon dioxide to pull cannabinoids from cannabis plants. CO2 oil is usually consumed through portable vaporizer pens.

Rosin: This solventless concentrate is produced using heat and pressure: two plates are pressed together to squeeze resinous sap out of trichomes. Consumers may vape, dab, or use rosin through other methods.



Edibles

Edibles include products such as cookies, brownies, candies, and beverages that contain cannabis. It can take anywhere from roughly 30 minutes to four hours to feel the effects of an edible after consuming it, and those effects may last longer than expected. How edibles impact you depend on your metabolism, the amount you eat, and medications or alcohol used at the same time. The amount of cannabis in edibles also can differ product to product—for example, one cookie or brownie may contain multiple servings, so be sure to check the packaging for dosage information beforehand.

Compared to smoking or vaporizing, eating or drinking cannabis products may have delayed effects. As a rule of thumb, start low, go slow, and make sure you wait until you feel the full effects of the product before you have more.

Since marijuana-infused edibles look like regular food, it is especially important to keep them stored securely, locked and away from children and pets.

Understanding Labels



In Massachusetts, all marijuana and marijuana products sold at licensed Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs) must have labels.

Before you make a purchase, check for the information highlighted below to differentiate a state-regulated marijuana product from an unregulated one, or from a hemp-derived product that is not under the purview of the Cannabis Control Commission.

Universal Symbols



All legal marijuana product packaging must have two symbols: A red triangle with a cannabis leaf indicating that the product contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the mind-altering ingredient in cannabis, and a red octagon indicating the product is harmful to children.

General Requirements

Marijuana and marijuana product labels must include:

- A** The license number and contact information for the licensee that produced the product;
- B** The batch number, serial number, or bar code, as well as the date and results of testing;
- C** A list of ingredients, including but not limited to, the full cannabinoid profile expressed in absolute terms; and
- D** A warning related to health risks, including those associated with use while pregnant or breastfeeding, as well as a warning not to drive or operate machinery under the influence.



Product-specific Requirements

Flower products must denote the licensee that sold the product, as well as their contact information.

Edibles, concentrates/extracts, tinctures, and topicals must include the ingredient list and extraction method. They also must have serving size information, if applicable, directions for use, as well as whether an item was produced in a facility containing common allergens.

Vaporizer products must list information related to the use of additives and the source of any terpenes. A copy of the Certificate of Analysis identifying the test results for any applicable thickening agent, thinning agent, or terpenes must be available upon request at the time of sale.

Reminder: If someone in your home accidentally ingests marijuana:



Serious reaction?
Call 911



Poison Control Hotline
800-222-1222



Pet Poison Hotline
855-764-7661

Learn more at MoreAboutMJ.org

If you or someone you know needs help with a cannabis or other drug problem, call the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline at 800-327-5060.

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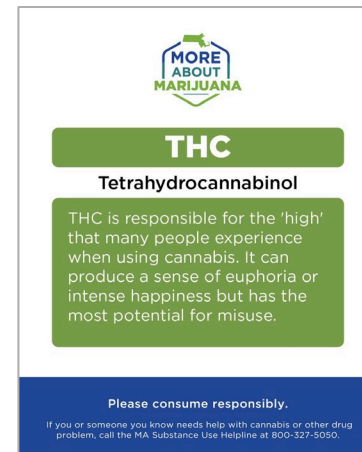
2025 4/20 Public Education Campaign

Understanding Labels Video

- Video delivered the same information as the previous flyer in an adaptation that is more popular and consumable online.

Understanding Cannabinoids Flyer and Social Media

- Aimed to educate the public on the most widely known and studied cannabinoids found listed on product labels by percentage and the basic differences of effects on the consumer.
- Press Release, Email, and Social Series



Understanding Cannabinoids

Your Guide to Cannabis Compounds

Cannabis contains over 100 active chemical compounds called cannabinoids. Phytocannabinoids are the naturally occurring chemical compounds found mainly in cannabis that bind to receptors in the body's endocannabinoid system, influencing a variety of physiological processes like mood, appetite, pain, and memory.

The most widely known and studied cannabinoids are tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, also known as Delta-9-THC) and cannabidiol (CBD), but there are many other cannabinoids you may not know about, such as: THCA, THCV, CBDA, CBG, CBN, Delta-8-THC, and Delta-10-THC.

Cannabis product labels in Massachusetts are required to include the cannabinoid profile (i.e. the THC and CBD make-up) of each product, with specific percentages determined from testing.

THC Tetrahydrocannabinol THC is responsible for the 'high' that many people experience when using cannabis. It can produce a sense of euphoria or intense happiness but has the most potential for misuse.	THCA Tetrahydrocannabinolic Acid THCA is the acidic form of THC, which transforms into THC through a process called decarboxylation, usually through heat application or aging.	THCV Tetrahydrocannabivarin THCV is similar to THC but has unique effects, such as appetite suppression, energizing effects, and potential medical benefits like helping to regulate blood sugar levels and insulin production.
CBD Cannabidiol CBD is non-psychoactive. It can change how the body feels pain and responds to inflammation from an injury or a health problem while also creating a feeling of relaxation.	CBDA Cannabidiolic Acid CBDA is the raw, acidic form of CBD. It doesn't produce the same effects as CBD until it undergoes decarboxylation.	CBG Cannabigerol CBG is often referred to as the "mother cannabinoid" because it is the precursor to several other cannabinoids, including THC, CBD, CBN, and CBN.
CBN Cannabinol CBN is a mildly psychoactive cannabinoid that is created when THC breaks down over time. This process happens as cannabis ages or when THC is exposed to heat or oxygen.	Delta-8-THC Tetrahydrocannabinol Delta-8-THC is less potent and often produces milder effects. Delta-8-THC is typically manufactured through a chemical process to concentrate it from CBD.	Delta-10-THC Tetrahydrocannabinol Delta-10-THC is synthetically derived in most cases. It is typically created by manipulating CBD (cannabidiol) extracted from hemp through a process called isomerization.

Learn more at [MoreAboutMJ.org](https://www.moreaboutm.com)
If you or someone you know needs help with a cannabis or other drug problem, call the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline at 800-327-5050.

Learn More About Us

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- Poison Control Hotline 800-222-1222
- Pet Poison Hotline 855-764-7661

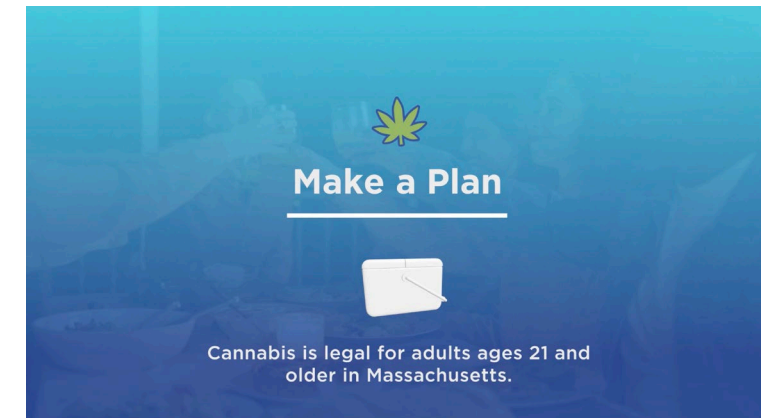
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2026 4/20 Public Education Campaign

“Make a Plan”

- Four new “mini-PSA” videos with accompanying webpage content on [MoreAboutMJ.org](https://www.moreaboutmj.org)
- Encourage safe and responsible out-of-home consumption behaviors leading up to the annual 4/20 consumer holiday
- Advise adult consumers to “make a plan” regarding transportation options, dosages, not mixing substances, and not driving impaired.
- Press Release, Email, and Social Posts





Thank you to the following for their collaboration on this year's 4/20 campaign:

Chief of Staff Andrew Carter, Digital and Creative Services, Traditional Communications, Research, Government Affairs and Policy, and Legal



Licensing Data Updates

Highlights from Licensing Data

- 6 applications awaiting first review
- 13 applications awaiting supplemental review
- 6 applications for Provisional License consideration
- 4 applications for Final License consideration
- 75,188 certified active patients



Licensing Applications | April 16, 2026

The totals below are number of approvals by stage.

Type	#
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	254
Provisionally Approved	129
Provisional License	491
Final License	41
Commence Operations	786
Total	1,701

➔ + 7.5%

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

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



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Type	Pending Application	Pre-Certified Endorsement	Initial License Declined	Provisionally Approved	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Active Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	N/A	0	0	4	0	0	0	6
Marijuana Courier License	20	N/A	0	0	16	1	13	9	50
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	21	127	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	148
Independent Testing Laboratory	1	N/A	0	2	2	0	16	11	21
Marijuana Cultivator	47	N/A	2	41	187	13	152	124	442
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	12	N/A	0	0	21	1	20	18	54
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	16	122	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	138
Marijuana Microbusiness	7	N/A	0	5	20	1	16	12	49
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	36	N/A	1	46	128	20	128	105	359
Marijuana Research Facility	5	N/A	0	1	0	1	0	0	7
Marijuana Retailer	48	N/A	2	32	108	4	432	402	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	0	8
Third Party Transporter	12	N/A	0	0	1	0	5	3	18
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	233	254	5	129	491	41	788	687	1,941



*As of 3/27/26

*Does not include MTCs

Active Cultivators | April 16, 2026

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Microbusiness with Tier 1 Cultivation (up to 5,000 sq. Ft.)	10	0	9	19
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	8	3	22	33
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	13	1	36	50
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	6	1	27	34
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	4	1	7	12
Cultivation Tier 5 (30,001-40,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	9	10
Cultivation Tier 6 (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	2	1	8	11
Cultivation Tier 7 (50,001-60,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	2	3
Cultivation Tier 8 (60,001-70,000 sq. ft.)	0	0	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.)	0	1	6	7
Total	45	8	133	186
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)	660,000	225,000	3,345,000	4,230,000

+70.7%

+9%

* 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 | April 16, 2026

Type*	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor)	43	7	110	160
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	2	1	23	26
Total	45	8	133	186
Total Maximum Canopy	660,000 sq. ft.	225,000 sq. ft.	3,345,000 sq. ft.	4,230,000 sq. ft.
Total Minimum Canopy	365,045 sq. ft.	175,010 sq. ft.	2,350,133 sq. ft.	2,880,186 sq. ft.

* Includes Microbusinesses

Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Expired Only (Indoor)	126	3	18	147
Expired Only (Outdoor)	13	1	2	16
Total	139	4	20	163
Total Maximum Canopy	3,360,000 sq. ft.	85,000 sq. ft.	415,000 sq. ft.	3,860,000 sq. ft.
Total Minimum Canopy	2,330,139 sq. ft.	55,004 sq. ft.	265,020 sq. ft.	2,650,163 sq. ft.
Average Number of Days Expired	790	729	548	759
Expired More than One (1) Year	121	2	11	134

*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



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Overview	Total	SEP & EEA	DBE
The total number of applications received since March 1, 2024, containing an HCA	1,672	289	159
Number of Model HCAs received	420	43	45
Compliant Model HCAs	405	42	42
Number of Model HCA Waivers received	213	50	18
Compliant HCAs	1,478	259	135
Non-Compliant HCAs	114	16	15

172 Towns with Compliant HCAs

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, Millville, Monson, Montague, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, New Bedford, Newton, North Adams, North Attleboro, North Brookfield, Northampton, Norton, Norwood, Orange, Orleans, Oxford, 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, Swampscott, 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.



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HCA Review Status	Total
Number of HCAs reviewed	1,629
Number of HCAs currently under review	43
Number of Host Community Agreement Determination Notices sent out	897

Extensions	Total
Extension requests received	2,798
Extension requests that received conditional pre-approval	54
Extension requests granted	2,601
Average number of days requested	86
Municipalities with extension requests*	180

**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, Millis, 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, Swansea, 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*



Receiverships | April 16, 2026

Business Name	License Number	License Type
Apothca, Inc	MC281276	Marijuana Cultivator
Apothca, Inc	MR281447	Marijuana Retailer
Apothca, Inc	MP281445	Marijuana Product Manufacturer
Apothca, Inc.	MR282730	Marijuana Retailer
Apothca, Inc.	MR284429	Marijuana Retailer
DMA Holdings (MA), LLC	MR283264	Marijuana Retailer
DMA HOLDINGS (MA), LLC	MC282703	Marijuana Cultivator
DMA Holdings (MA), LLC	MP281861	Marijuana Product Manufacturer
Green Biz LLC	MR281490	Marijuana Retailer
Green Biz LLC	MR281793	Marijuana Retailer
Green Era LLC	MR282001	Marijuana Retailer
Green Era LLC	MR282211	Marijuana Retailer
Healthy Pharms, Inc.	MR281754	Marijuana Retailer
Healthy Pharms, Inc.	MP281450	Marijuana Product Manufacturer
Healthy Pharms, Inc.	RMD285	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
Healthy Pharms, Inc.	MC281631	Marijuana Cultivator

Business Name	License Number	License Type
Middlesex Integrative Medicine, Inc.	RMD1025	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
Mission MA, Inc.	MR281259	Marijuana Retailer
Mission MA, Inc.	MP281312	Marijuana Product Manufacturer
Mission MA, Inc.	MR282028	Marijuana Retailer
Mission MA, Inc.	RMD1125	Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
Mission MA, Inc.	MC281288	Marijuana Cultivator
New England Cannabis Corporation, Inc.	MC281251	Marijuana Cultivator
New England Cannabis Corporation, Inc.	MP281466	Marijuana Product Manufacturer
Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc.	MC281507	Marijuana Cultivator
Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc.	MR282412	Marijuana Retailer
Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc.	MP281425	Marijuana Product Manufacturer
Tree Market Lynn LLC	MR282587	Marijuana Retailer
Tree Market Taunton LLC	MR281597	Marijuana Retailer
TSC Operations, LLC	MC281604	Marijuana Cultivator
TSC Operations, LLC	MP282173	Marijuana Product Manufacturer

Total Number of Licenses in Receivership: 31



Closures by Year | April 16, 2026

Year	Expired	Suspended	Revoked	Surrendered	Total
2021	7	0	0	6	13
2022	65	0	1	4	70
2023	109	3	1	6	119
2024	168	0	0	107	275
2025	83	4	0	41	128
2026	33	0	0	4	37
Total	465	7	2	168	642





Staff Recommendations on Change of Ownership

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1. Arrow Cultivate, LLC (#MC283773)
2. New England Regional Dispensary, LLC (#MR284607)
3. Phytopia Inc. (#RMD1692)





Staff Recommendations on Renewal Licenses

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1. Calyx Peak of MA, Inc. (#MRR206880)
2. CastleLeaf, LLC (#MPR244418)
3. CastleLeaf, LLC (#MRR207526)
4. Green Gold Group (#MRR207518)
5. High Five Inc. (#MPR244371)
6. Ignited Culture, Inc. (#MRR207421)
7. Kaycha MA, LLC (#ILR267959)
8. LMCC, LLC (#MRR207478)
9. LMCC, LLC (#MRR207479)
10. OCS Green Leaves, LLC (#MRR207514)
11. Theory Wellness Inc. (#MRR207434)
12. Treeworks of Massachusetts LLC (#MPR244412)
13. FFD Enterprises MA, Inc. (#RMD1306)
14. Four Daughters Compassionate Care, Inc. (#RMD1691)
15. Grass Appeal LLC (#RMDR193820)
16. Green Meadows Farm, LLC (#RMDR193804)
17. OCS Green Leaves, LLC (#RMDR193826)





Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses

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1. Maruti Wellness LLC (#MR285001), Marijuana Retailer
2. SunnyDayz, Inc. (#MC283692), Marijuana Cultivator- Tier 2 Indoor
3. Top Shelf Cannaseurs, LLC (#MP281435), Marijuana Product Manufacturer
4. Green Meadows Farms, LLC (#RMD4325), Medical Marijuana Treatment Center





Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses

Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses

1. Apotho Therapeutics Dartmouth Manufacturing, Inc. (#MPN282262)
2. Bulrush, LLLC (#MBN282537)
3. Debken Corp. (#MRN285396)
4. Hudson Botanicals Processing, LLC. (#MXN281354)
5. J-Bam, Inc. (#MRN285505)
6. Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. (#MRN285402)





Commission Discussion & Votes

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1. Update on Tip Line
2. Discussion of Progress on Change of Ownership Process Motion from March 4, 2026
3. Red Tape Removal Working Group Prioritized Recommendations
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5. Data Use Agreement Form (*Vote*)
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7. Publication of Receivership Reporting Form (*Vote*)
8. Establishing a Permanent Testing Task Force (*Vote*)
9. Non-Enforcement of Property Control for Provisional Licensure (*Vote*)
10. Non-Enforcement of Conflicting Advertising and Purchasing Limits Regulations with H.5350 (*Vote*)

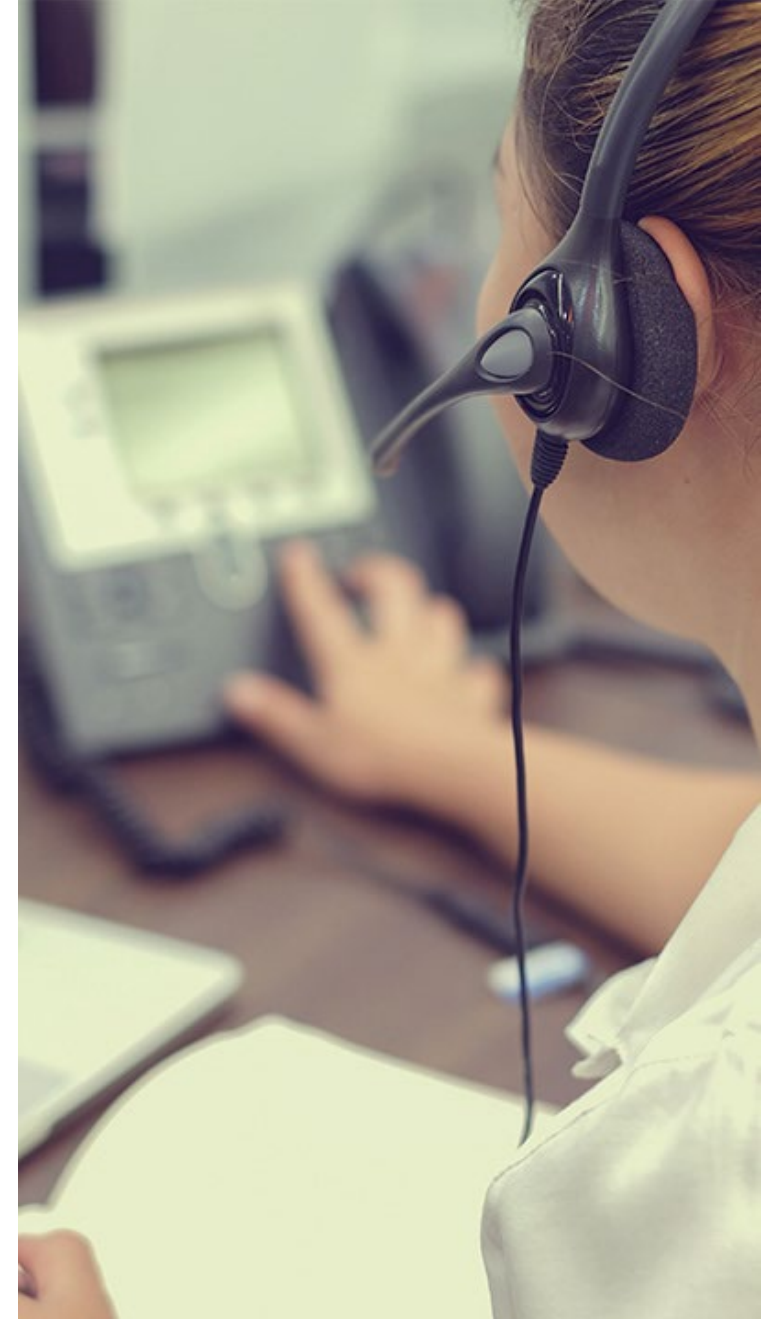




Update on Tip Line

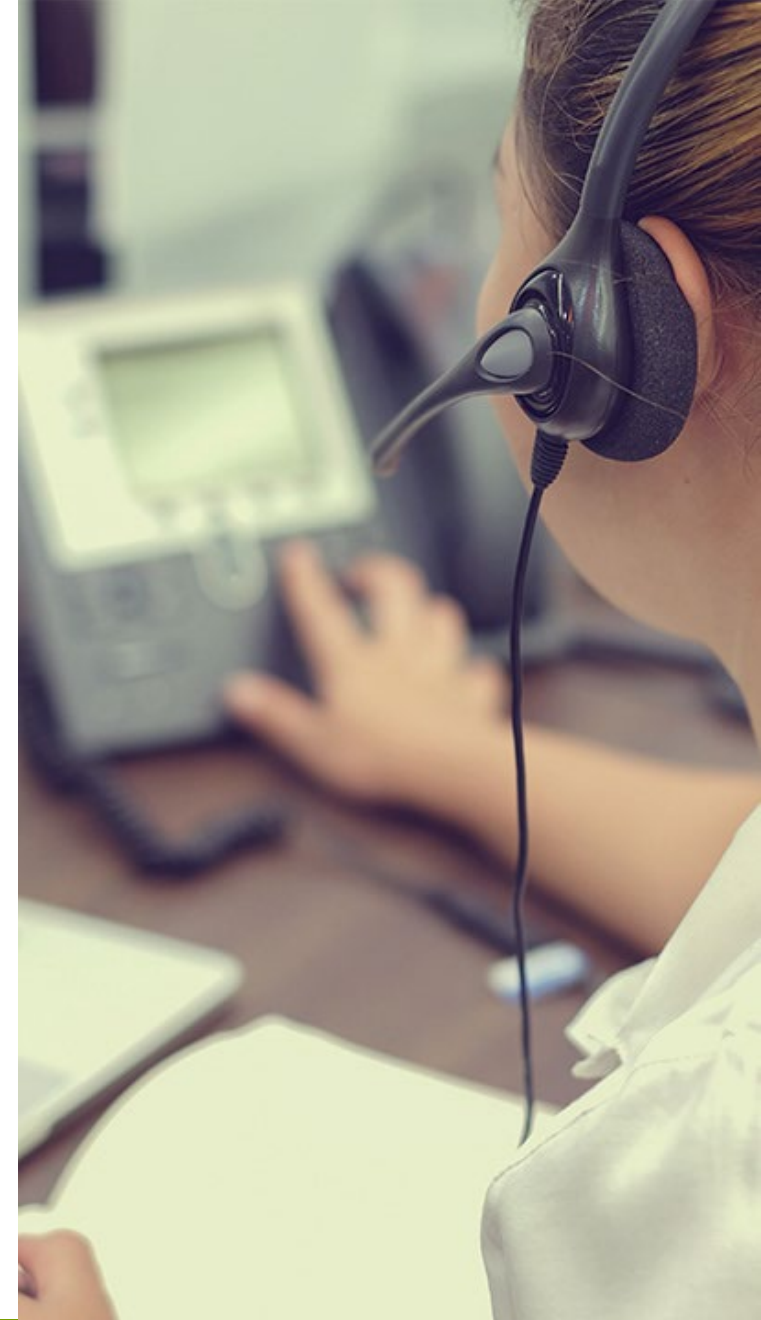
Update on Tip Line

- The Complaint Management Solutions Project Management Team (PMT) kicked off on March 31, 2026.
- The PMT initially was evaluating the best procurement vehicle:
 - Either a Request For Information (RFI) to solicit information before issuing a Request For Quote (RFQ) or Request For Response (RFR), or
 - Proceeding directly to an RFQ or RFR.
- Bill H.5350 includes the following summarized language:
 - *Requires the Commission to establish an anonymous complaint portal for reporting violations, including testing and ownership issues.*
 - *Mandates tracking and reporting of complaint data.*
 - *Exempts complaint submissions from public records disclosure requirements.*



Next Steps for Tip Line

- In anticipation of H.5350 being signed with the requirements for anonymous tips, tracking and public records exemptions, in consultation with the Chief Financial and Accounting Officer, we are moving forward with the PMT as a RFR to provide the Commission with opportunity to receive proposals most aligned with our regulatory and legislative requirements for the Tip Line and not be limited to just vendors on current state procurement contracts via Combuys.
- The PMT is working on drafting the RFR requirements documents which will be issued later this month.
- Once issued we will be in a Blackout Period with all vendors and internal staff during the procurement.
- Draft timeline:
 - RFR Issuance: Early May 2026
 - Vendor Selection: June 2026





Discussion of Progress on Change of Ownership Process Motion from March 4, 2026

Motion from March 4, 2026

The Commission approved the motion to direct staff to conduct a comprehensive review of the Commission's current Change of Ownership (and Change of Control, where applicable) processes and requirements, including but not limited to the associated application forms, supporting documentation, review workflows, approval thresholds, and timelines.

As part of this review, staff shall:

1. Identify operational, legal, and policy bottlenecks that may contribute to unnecessary delay or administrative burden for applicants and the Commission.
2. Evaluate processes and timelines for Change of Ownership in other jurisdictions with mature adult-use cannabis programs, including but not limited to states such as California (notice-based for partial changes), Arizona (notice model), and those with approval models like Colorado, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland; analyze key differences in approval/notice regimes, average processing times (e.g., weeks for notice states vs. months for pre-approval), statutory timelines where established, electronic submission usage, delegation authorities, and fee structures.
3. Assess opportunities to streamline, standardize, or otherwise improve the efficiency, transparency, and predictability of the Change of Ownership process in Massachusetts, including benchmarking against peer states, potential adoption of notice filings for low-risk changes, mandated service level agreements (SLAs), and expanded use of existing electronic systems like MassCIP.
4. Consider any needed regulatory, policy, or procedural changes, and evaluate potential impacts on public health and safety, equity goals, compliance, and industry growth.

Staff is further directed to return to the Commission within sixty (60) days with written recommendations.





Red Tape Removal Working Group Prioritized Recommendations

Overview of RTR Working Group

- The Red Tape Removal (RTR) Working Group began in December 2025 and was sponsored by Chair O'Brien and Commission Roy.
- The purpose of the Working Group was to review regulations for opportunities to streamline processes that impact the Commission, the industry, and other stakeholders.
- The Working Group was tasked with making prioritized recommendations of regulatory and/or policy changes to the Executive Director to bring to Commissioners by June 30, 2026.
- External Working Group members were selected to participate based on their license type and organizations to ensure a variety of perspectives from stakeholders were captured.



External Working Group Members

- Ryan Dominguez, Mass. Cannabis Coalition
- Kevin Gilnack, Mass. Equitable Opportunities Now
- Dave O'Brien, Mass. Cannabis Business Association
- Megan Dobro, Safetiva
- Chris Hudalla, ProVerde Labs
- Caroline Frankel, Caroline's Cannabis
- Nike John, The Heritage Club
- Victor Chiang, Redi
- Meg Sanders, Canna Provisions
- Jeffrey Harold, Garden Remedies
- Armani White, Firehouse Cannabis
- Devin Alexander, Rolling Releaf
- Chris Fevry, Your Green Package
- Alissa Nowak, Lucky Green Ladies
- Ulysses Youngblood, Major Bloom
- John Napoli, VanGarden
- Dominic Shelzi, Wellman Farm
- Matt Allen, Sungrown Cannabis Alliance
- Cheryl Maguire, Stafford Green
- Jon Piasecki, Wiseacre Farm
- Angela Brown, Coast Cannabis
- Kristin Rogers, LEVIA
- Brian Adams, Hudson Botanical Processing
- Matt Gamble, Native Sun Cannabis
- Steve Rielly, I.N.S.A
- Edward Dow, Solar Therapeutics
- David Noble, In Good Health
- Jennifer Kealy, Salisbury Cultivation and Production
- Rob Difazio, CNA Stores



Overview of RTR Working Group Process

- The RTR Working Group conducted a structured, multi-phase process to collect, refine, and prioritize recommendations.
 - Phase 1: Collection of Recommendations
 - Phase 2: Discussion and Refinement of Recommendations
 - Phase 3: Prioritization of Recommendations
 - Phase 4: Synthesization of Recommendations
- Recommendations were grouped into four tiers based on average scores from the external consulting team:
 - High Consensus
 - Strong Support
 - Moderate Support
 - Weak Support Priority



High Consensus Recommendations

The following five recommendations received the highest consensus among respondents.

Topic	External Consulting Team Top Priority Recommendations
Responsible Vendor Training	End unnecessary repetition of identical trainings by going through the RVT process every three years rather than every year.
Advertising	Allow discounts, loyalty programs, and advertising for cannabis as long as the marketing does not target minors.
Responsible Vendor Training	Change Responsible Vendor Training frequency from yearly to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• initial hire,• 1-year badge renewal,• then every three years thereafter.
Inspections	Allow deficiencies to be corrected during inspections.
Metrc	Establish a helpline or direct communication route to quickly resolve METRC issues.



An additional informal poll was taken during the in-person Phase 2 Meeting in which the External Working Group unanimously voted in favor of **biennial license renewals**.



Commission Discussion and Votes

4. Create Definition of “Existing Licensee in Good Standing” to Expedite Transfers of Ownership *(Vote)*
5. Data Use Agreement Form *(Vote)*
6. Cultivation Freeze *(Vote)*
7. Publication of Receivership Reporting Form *(Vote)*
8. Establishing a Permanent Testing Task Force *(Vote)*
9. Non-Enforcement of Property Control for Provisional Licensure *(Vote)*
10. Non-Enforcement of Conflicting Advertising and Purchasing Limits Regulations with H.5350 *(Vote)*





Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

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

Next Meeting Date
<p>April 30, 2026 Public Meeting Hybrid via Teams 10:00 am</p>

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





Additional Licensing Data

Licensing Applications | April 16, 2026

The totals below are all license applications received to date.

Type	#
Pending	233
Withdrawn	1,828
Incomplete	9,826
Denied	5
Approved: Delivery Pre-certifications	249
Approved: Delivery Endorsements	5
Approved: Licenses	1,447
Total	13,593



*As of 3/27/26
*Does not include MTCs

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The totals below are number of licenses approved by category.

Type	#
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	4
Marijuana Courier	30
Marijuana Delivery Operator	42
Independent Testing Laboratory	20
Marijuana Cultivator	393
Marijuana Microbusiness	42
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	322
Marijuana Research Facility	2
Marijuana Retailer	576
Marijuana Third Party Transporter	6
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	10
Total	1,447



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Status	#
Application Submitted: Awaiting Review	6
Application Reviewed: More Information Requested	231
Application Deemed Complete: Awaiting 3rd Party Responses	7
All Information Received: Awaiting Commission Consideration	4
Applications Considered by Commission (includes Delivery Pre-Cert)	1,706
Total	1,954



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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)	20
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification (Part 1)	21
Independent Testing Laboratory	1
Marijuana Cultivator	47
Marijuana Delivery Operator Provisional License (Part 2)	12
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification (Part 1)	16
Marijuana Microbusiness	7
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	36
Marijuana Research Facility	5
Marijuana Retailer	48
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	1
Third Party Transporter	12
Standards Laboratory	0
Total	233



Cultivation Applications | April 16, 2026

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.)	7	0	5	20	1	16	49
Cultivation Tier 1 (Up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	12	0	3	38	3	28	84
Cultivation Tier 2 (5,001-10,000 sq. ft.)	9	0	7	58	2	34	110
Cultivation Tier 3 (10,001-20,000 sq. ft.)	4	2	7	44	1	31	89
Cultivation Tier 4 (20,001-30,000 sq. ft.)	1	0	3	13	2	15	34
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.)	3	0	4	7	1	8	23
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.)	9	0	5	12	1	11	38
Total	54	2	46	207	14	168	491
Total Maximum Canopy (Sq. Ft.)***	1,945,000	40,000	1,630,000	4,520,000	450,000	4,690,000	13,275,000

+64.8%

+11.3%

** 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)	35	N/A	1	36	171	11	125	379
Marijuana Cultivator (Outdoor)	12	N/A	1	5	16	2	27	63
Total	47	N/A	2	41	187	13	152	442



Licensing Applications | April 16, 2026

Of the 1,701 applications approved by the Commission, the following applications have Economic Empowerment Priority Review, Social Equity Program Participant, and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status. Please note, applicants may hold one or more statuses. **Please note that the end total represents the total number of applications/licenses at that step in the licensure process.**

Type	Economic Empowerment	Social Equity Program	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	Total
Pre-Certified/Delivery Endorsed Microbusiness	46	215	33	294
Provisionally Approved	9	22	24	55
Provisional License	27	105	110	242
Final License	1	5	5	11
Commence Operations	34	78	83	195
Total	117	425	255	797

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*Note: This represents the difference since April 2025



Licensing Applications | April 16, 2026

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

The 1,967 applications represent 1,142 separate entities

Type	#
MTC Priority	265
Economic Empowerment Priority	142
Expedited Review	787
General Applicant	773
Total	1,967

Type	#
Expedited: License Type	87
Expedited: Social Equity Participant	448
Expedited: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	192
Expedited: Two or More Categories	60
Total	787



Licensing Applications – EE Only | April 16, 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	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Courier License	5	N/A	0	0	5	0	4	14
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	2	15	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
Marijuana Microbusiness	0	N/A	0	1	0	0	0	1
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	1	N/A	0	3	3	0	3	10
Marijuana Research Facility	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marijuana Retailer	7	N/A	0	2	8	1	24	42
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	24	46	0	9	27	1	34	141



Licensing Applications – SEP Only | April 16, 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	18	N/A	0	0	11	1	9	39
Marijuana Courier Pre-Certification	19	101	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	120
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	9	N/A	0	0	18	1	17	45
Marijuana Delivery Operator Pre-Certification	15	109	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	124
Marijuana Microbusiness	2	N/A	0	0	7	0	2	11
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	10	N/A	0	11	17	3	8	49
Marijuana Research Facility	1	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marijuana Retailer	15	N/A	1	5	27	0	29	77
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	1	N/A	0	1	1	0	2	5
Microbusiness Delivery Endorsement	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	7
Third Party Transporter	4	N/A	0	0	1	0	0	5
Standards Laboratory	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	215	1	22	105	5	78	526



Non-Active Licenses By Stage | April 16, 2026

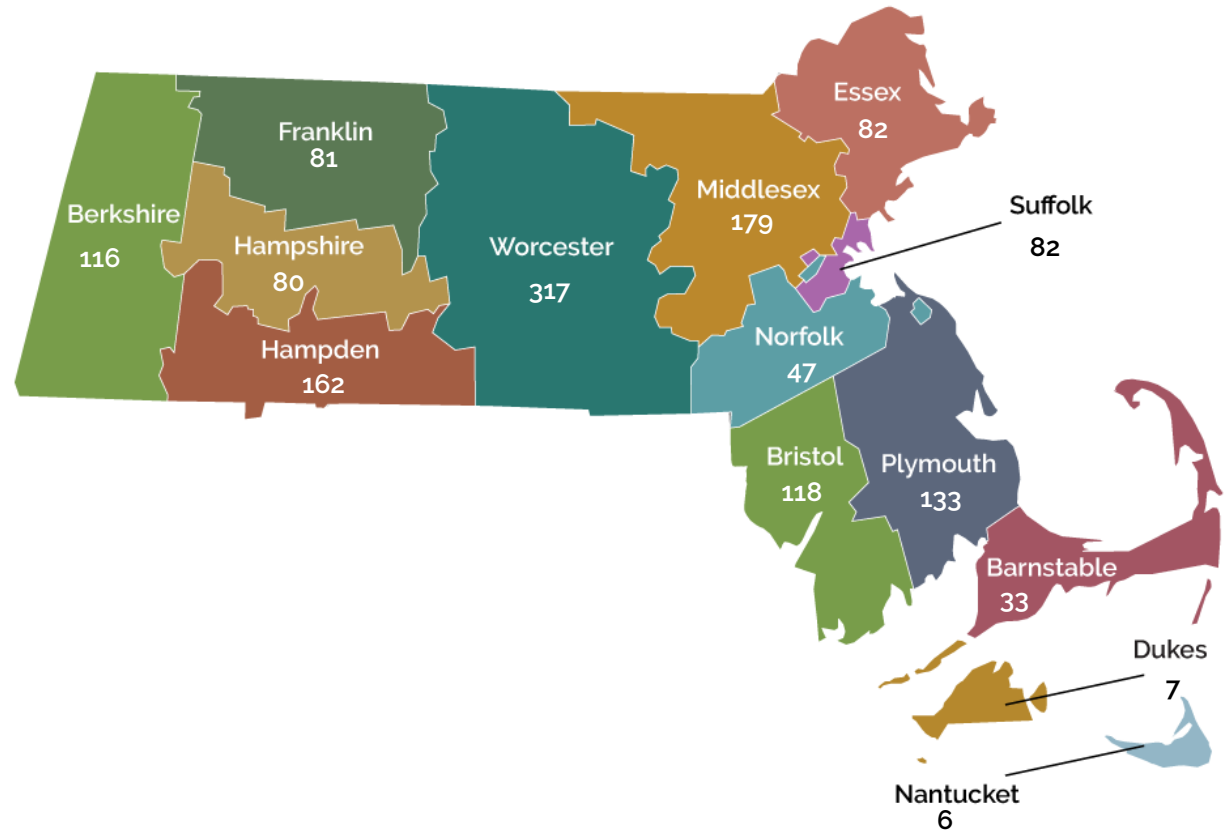
Type	Provisional License	Final License	Commence Operation	Total
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	2	0	0	2
Marijuana Courier License	7	1	4	12
Independent Testing Laboratory	2	0	5	7
Marijuana Cultivator	140	5	28	173
Marijuana Delivery Operator License	13	0	2	15
Marijuana Microbusiness	8	1	4	13
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	92	9	23	124
Marijuana Research Facility	0	0	0	0
Marijuana Retailer	54	1	30	85
Marijuana Transporter with Other Existing ME License	2	0	1	3
Third Party Transporter	0	0	2	2
Standards Laboratory	0	0	0	0
Total	320	17	99	436



Marijuana Establishment Licenses | April 16, 2026

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

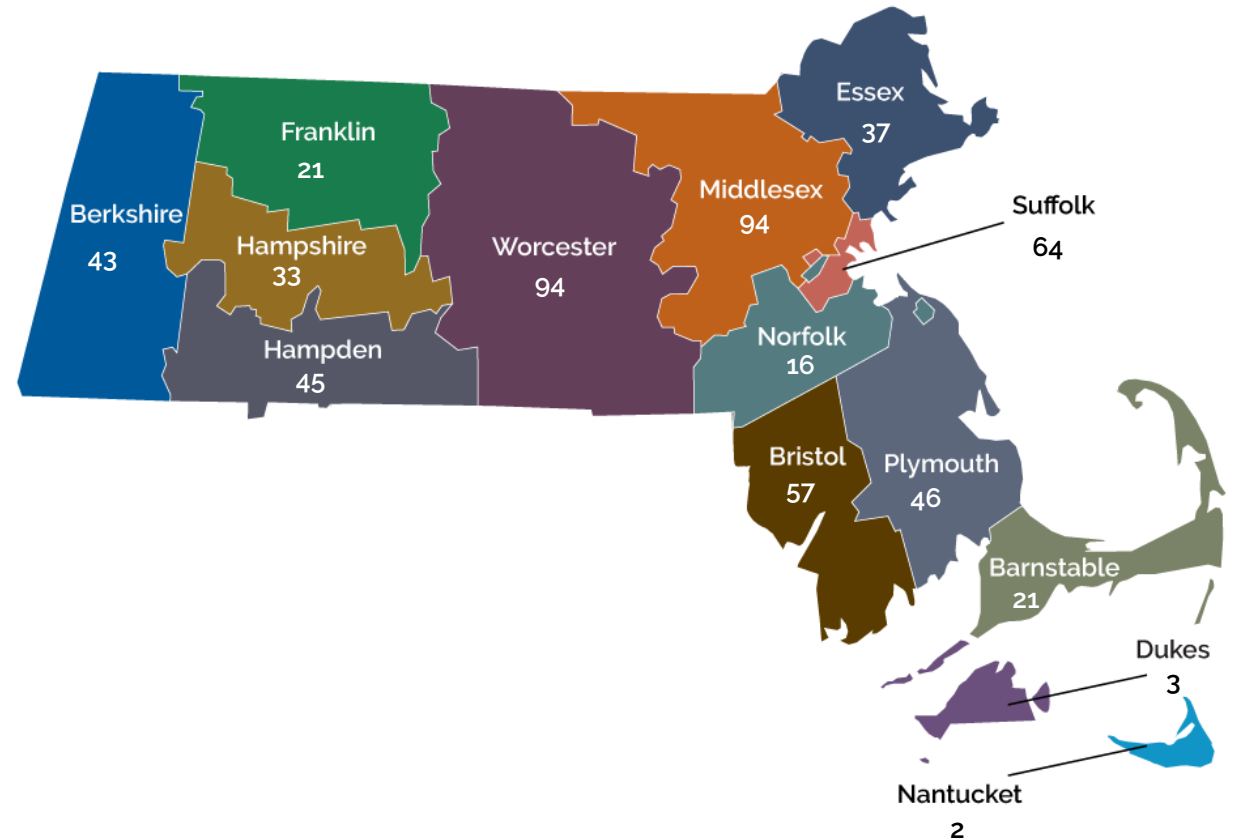
County	#	+/-
Barnstable	33	0
Berkshire	117	1
Bristol	118	0
Dukes	7	0
Essex	82	0
Franklin	81	0
Hampden	163	1
Hampshire	80	0
Middlesex	179	0
Nantucket	6	0
Norfolk	48	1
Plymouth	133	0
Suffolk	82	0
Worcester	318	1
Total	1,447	4



Marijuana Retailer Licenses | April 16, 2026

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

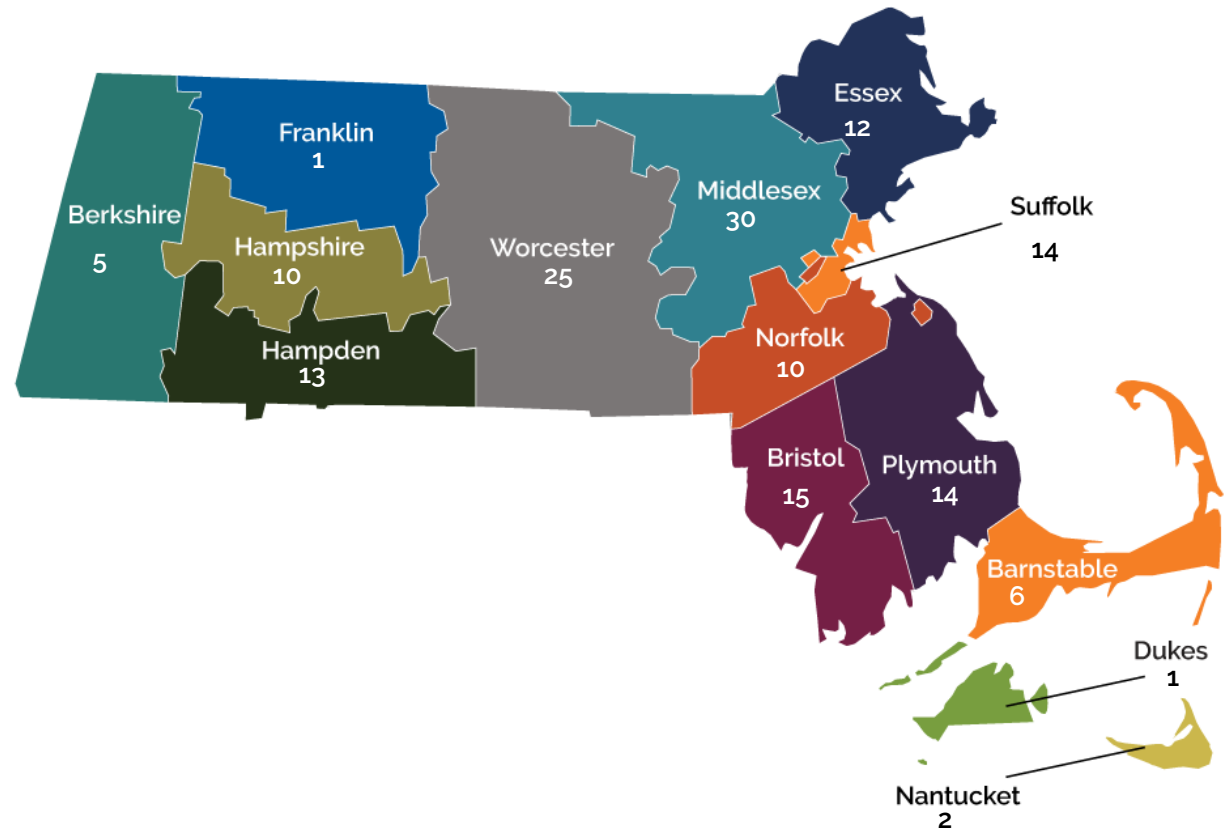
County	#	+/-
Barnstable	21	0
Berkshire	43	1
Bristol	57	0
Dukes	3	0
Essex	37	0
Franklin	21	0
Hampden	45	0
Hampshire	33	0
Middlesex	94	0
Nantucket	2	0
Norfolk	16	1
Plymouth	46	0
Suffolk	64	0
Worcester	94	1
Total	576	3



Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses (Dispensing) April 16, 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	30
Nantucket	2
Norfolk	10
Plymouth	14
Suffolk	14
Worcester	25
Total	158



MMJ Licensing and Registration Data | April 16, 2026

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

MTC Licenses	#
Provisional	2
Final	0
Commence Operations	93
License Expired	96
Surrendered	6
Total	197

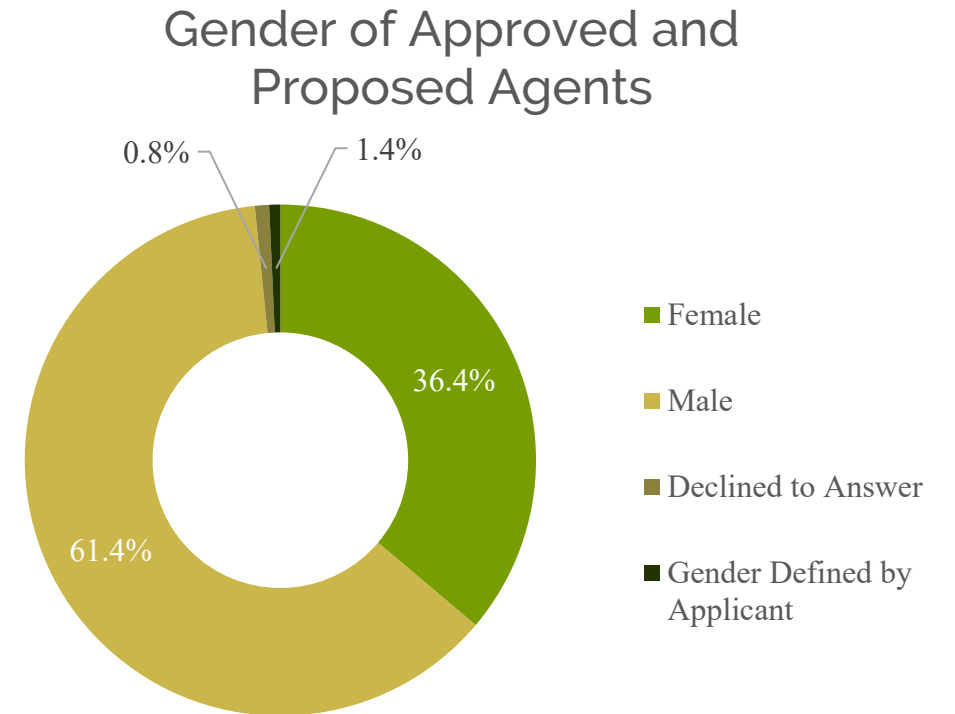
MMJ Program	#
Certified Patients	78,684
Certified Active Patients	75,188
Active Caregivers	5,278
Registered Certifying Physicians	351
Registered Certifying Nurse Practitioners	132
Registered Physician Assistants	7
Ounces Sold	93,577



Agent Applications | April 16, 2026

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	7,424	36.4%
Male	12,523	61.4%
Declined to Answer	277	1.4%
Gender Defined by Applicant	157	0.8%
Total	20,381	100.0%

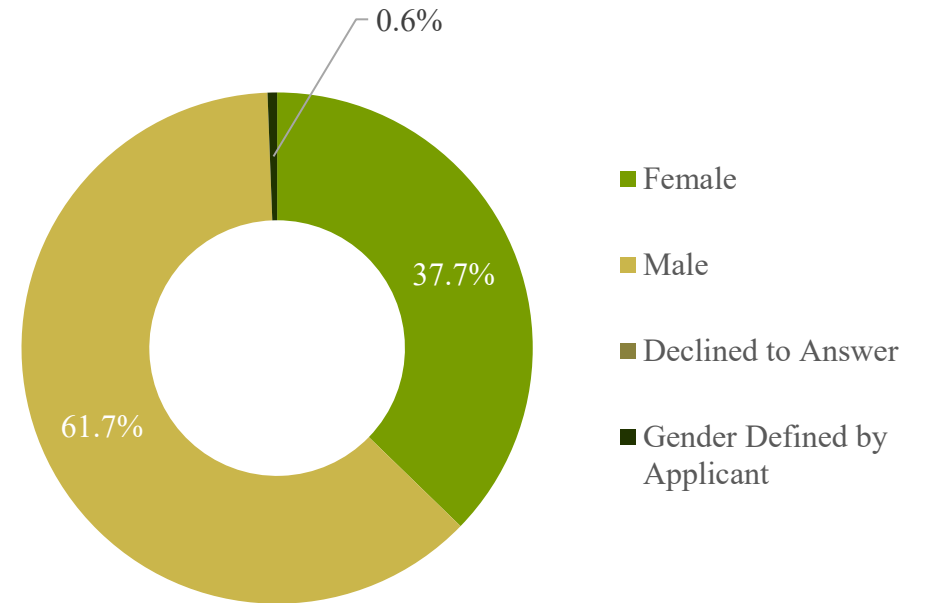


Agent Applications | April 16, 2026

Demographics of Approved and Pending Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

Gender	#	%
Female	1,882	37.7%
Male	3,083	61.7%
Declined to Answer	0	0.0%
Gender Defined by Applicant	29	0.6%
Total	4,994	100.0%

Gender of Approved and Proposed MTC Agents

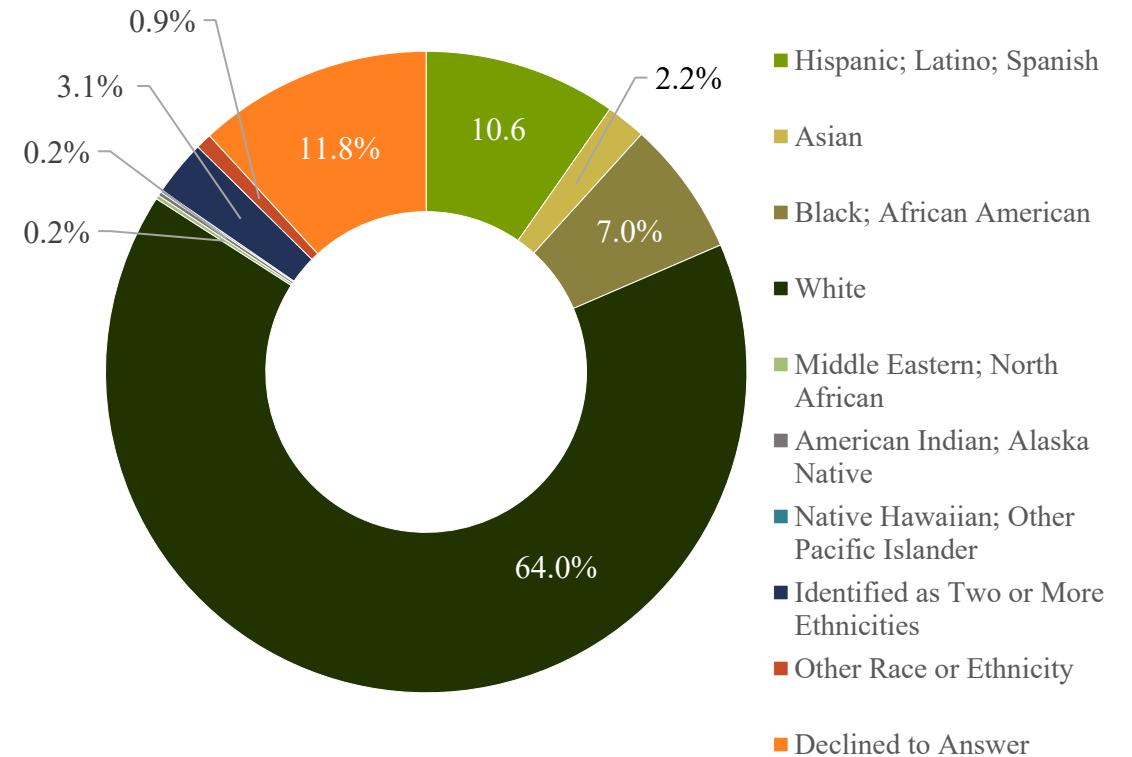


Agent Applications | April 16, 2026

Demographics of Approved and Pending Marijuana Establishment Agents

Race/Ethnicity	#	%
Hispanic; Latino; Spanish	2,155	10.6%
Asian	447	2.2%
Black; African American	1,420	7.0%
White	13,042	64.0%
Middle Eastern; North African	49	0.2%
American Indian; Alaska Native	36	0.2%
Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander	25	0.1%
Identified as Two or More Ethnicities	625	3.1%
Other Race or Ethnicity	182	0.9%
Declined to Answer	2,400	11.8%
Total	20,381	100.0%

Race/Ethnicity of Approved and Proposed ME Agents

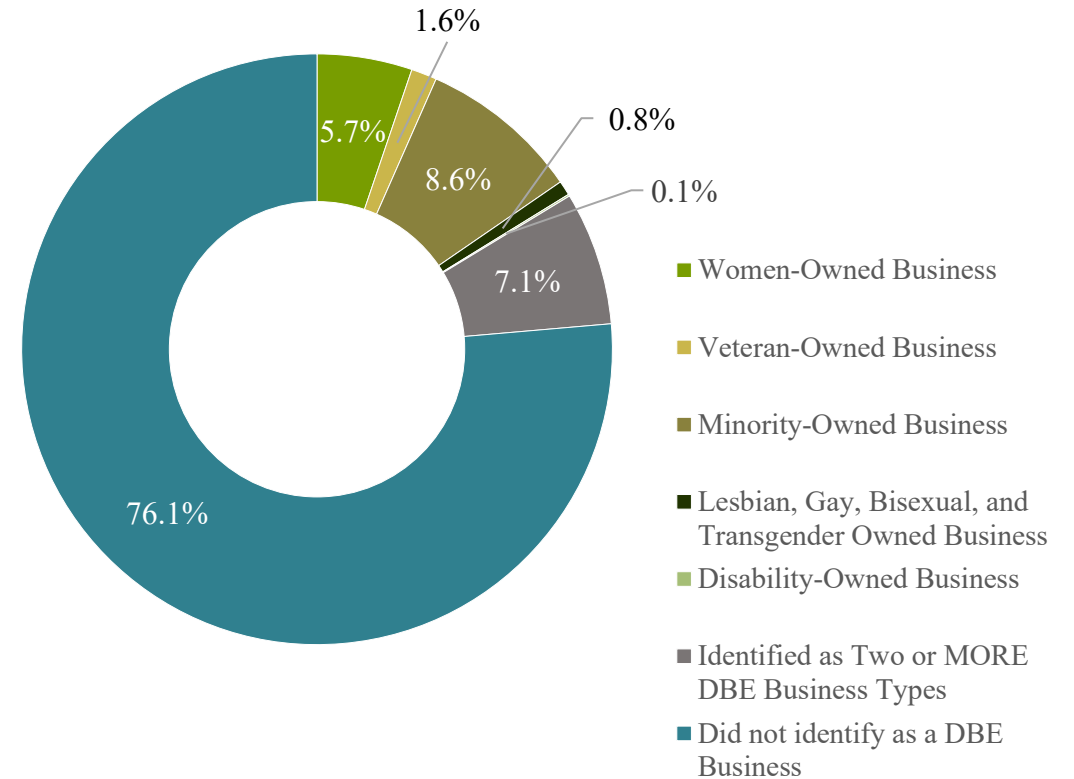


Licensing Applications | April 16, 2026

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statistics for Approved Licensees

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	98	5.7%
Veteran-Owned Business	27	1.6%
Minority-Owned Business	148	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	123	7.1%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,311	76.1%
Total	1,723	100.0%

DBE Statistics Approved Licensees

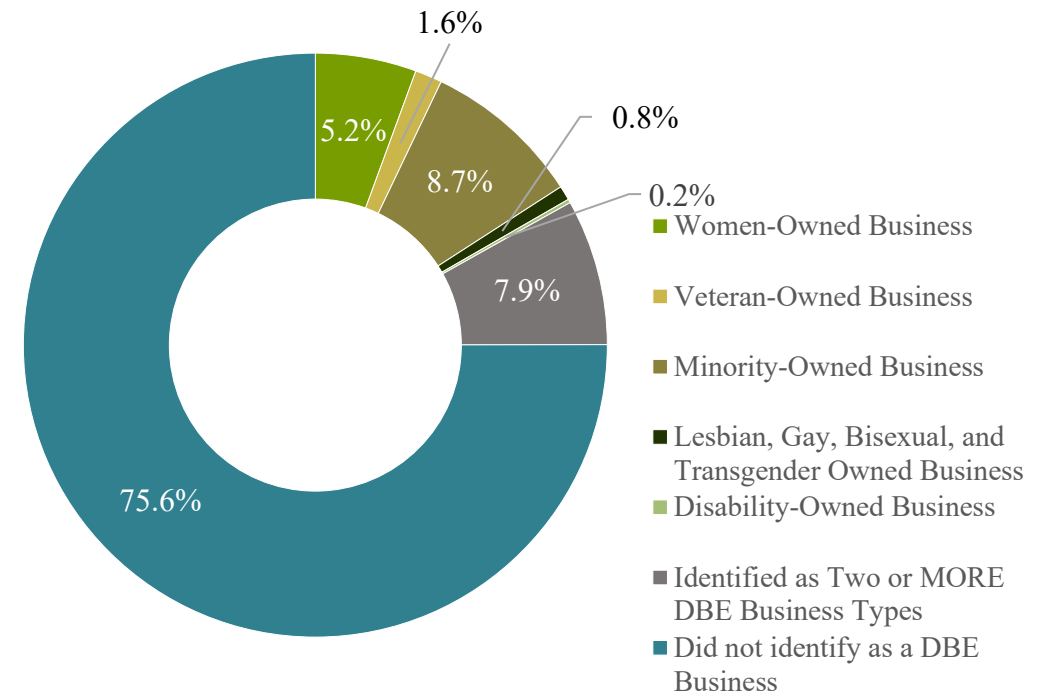


Licensing Applications | April 16, 2026

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

Type	#	% of Group
Women-Owned Business	103	5.2%
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	155	7.9%
Did not identify as a DBE Business	1,484	75.6%
Total	1,964	100.0%

DBE Statistics for Pending & Approved License Applications



Adult Use Agent Applications | April 16, 2026

Total Agent Applications: 95,566

- 199 Total Pending
 - 191 Pending Establishment Agents
 - 8 Pending Laboratory Agents
- 4,564 Withdrawn
- 3,194 Incomplete
- 9,218 Expired
- 59,095 Surrendered
- 6 Denied / 2 Revoked
- 26 Suspended
- **20,182 Active**

Of the 204 Total Pending:

- 35 not yet reviewed
- 159 CCC requested more information
- 5 awaiting third party response
- 0 review complete; awaiting approval



Medical Use Agent Applications | April 16, 2026

The total number of MTC agent applications received by status.

MTC Agent Application	#
Pending MTC Agent Applications	5
Pending Laboratory Agent Applications	0
Incomplete	37
Revoked	13
Denied	31
Surrendered	23,792
Expired	4,087
Active	4,988
Total	32,953





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