

WESTERN FRONT, LLC
MRN283179

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Western Front, LLC
567-569 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened one (1) time for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Provisional License	Chelsea

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Marvin Gilmore	Manager
Dennis Benzan	Manager
Omowale Moses	Manager
Timothy Flaherty	Executive / Officer
Felix Luna	Capital Contributor

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Entity	Role
THC Trust	Entity with Direct or Indirect Authority



6. Applicant’s priority status:
 General Applicant
7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on April 23, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 3, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on June 22, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Provide mentoring, professional, and technical services by providing one (1) training for Chelsea residents each year.
2	Provide \$5,000 each year to the Chelsea Collaborative to support its endeavors in the City of Chelsea.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:
 Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
15. The applicant submitted all applicable and 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.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:



#	Goal
1	Recruit 51% of its workforce that are minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTQ+.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Western Front, LLC will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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

