



CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2018 2 p.m.
Health Policy Commission
50 Milk St 8th Floor
Boston, MA

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Steven Hoffman
Commissioner Kay Doyle
Commissioner Jen Flanagan (remote participation)
Commissioner Britte McBride
Commissioner Shaleen Title

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. [Presentation](#)
2. [Executive Summary](#)

Chairman Hoffman called the Cannabis Control Commission to order at 2 p.m. on June 21, 2018. Chairman Hoffman noted that Commissioner Flanagan was participating remotely, and all votes will be roll call votes. Chairman Hoffman put the public on notice that the meeting was being recorded.

Chairman Hoffman reviewed the meeting agenda. Chairman Hoffman thanked the staff for getting the Commission to this point. Executive Director Shawn Collins presented his report. First, Mr. Collins introduced the Commission's new Chief of Staff, Erika Scibelli, and described her professional background. Next, Mr. Collins walked through the total 1501 applications, and the breakdown of their status (slide 4).

Chairman Hoffman turned to the license application from Sira Naturals (slide 7), to review the staff's recommendation. Mr. Collins discussed the process in which the application was received and reviewed by the staff. Mr. Collins thanked the staff for their diligent review of the application, especially Kyle Potvin and Yaw Gyebi. Mr. Collins discussed the contents of the Sira Naturals application (Executive Summary). Based upon review of the staff, the recommendation is for a provisional license. Issuance of the final license will be subject to:

fingerprinting, certification of compliance with DPH regulations for medical marijuana, audit and inspection for compliance with Commission regulations, compliance with state and local codes, applicant is responsive to inquiries from Commission staff, and the license fee is paid.

Commissioner McBride thanked the Executive Director and the staff for their hard work. She asked about the investors in two entities, Green Partners Investors LLC and Green Sponsor LLC. Mr. Collins stated they are largely compromised on the individuals on the application, with some others who are below the 10% threshold. Commissioner Title thanked for the staff for their hard work. Commissioner Title asked Mr. Collins to discuss the background check process. Mr. Collins stated the Commission supplies a release, which is required for the named individuals, CSI conducts the review, and information is returned to the Commission. Nothing was raised during the review of this application that required further background check or a suitability committee. Commissioner Title said the winddown fund amount was greater than anticipated and asked if it is for the entire entity across multiple licenses. Mr. Collins said the fund likely spans multiple licenses, because Sira has applied for multiple licenses. Commissioner Title asked if at any point in this process the Commission obtained the community host agreement. Mr. Collins stated that the town of Milford confirmed that Sira was in compliance, but the Commission did not receive a copy of the agreement. Commissioner Doyle noted that there is an upcoming municipal survey, which will ask communities which have executed a host community agreement to share a copy with the Commission.

Commissioner McBride asked for discussion on the fact that final licensee must submit fingerprinting background and when that process will take place. Mr. Collins noted fingerprinting is required by statute. The Commission is hoping to be operational next week, working with partners at the federal and state level, and then create a portal with a third-party vendor.

Commissioner Doyle thanked the staff for all their hard work. Commissioner Doyle asked to add to the following conditions for licensure, language to be determined, that the application is dependent upon the information the Commission received and granting of the provisional license is based upon the materials the Commission have received. The applicant should notify the Commission when information in the application changes.

Commissioner Flanagan thanked the staff for all their hard work. Commissioner McBride noted the Commission has a host of materials, as required by the regulations, but most of the questions will arise between now and final licensure. There is still work to be done before the Commission issues a final license. Chairman Hoffman asked Mr. Collins to discuss the process moving forward if the Commission votes to approve a provisional license. Mr. Collins noted our process was managed digitally via our portal, and the system is very functional. Mr. Collins said the Commission will be investigating whether what is presented in the application will be met at the facility. Commissioner McBride asked if it will be one or multiple inspections. Mr. Collins said it will likely be more than one, however the Commission are a new team with a lot of materials to review. The Commission will be there as often is required.

Commissioner Title asked about the procedures for cultivating, was not clear on the lighting power density and if there are plans to comply with regulations by March 2019? Mr. Collins noted that, as an existing RMD, Sira Naturals does have till March of 2019, and if they are not compliant today, they must present a way to be compliant by that time. Commissioner Title reviewed the diversity plan submitted by Sira Naturals, and noted it was specific enough. Commissioner Title reviewed the Community Impact plan submitted by Sira Naturals. Commissioner Title did not believe the plan was sufficiently detailed. However, Sira Natural has announced the Accelerator program, which would fit under the Community Impact Plan. Commissioner Title suggested adding to the condition that the plan be updated to reflect the Accelerator program. Commissioner McBride said she agreed that the plan was not substantive enough, however the regulations only ask for a summary. Commissioner McBride said that for final licensure the Commission would need more. Commissioner Title said that this submitted plan is not at the level of detail needed. Chairman Hoffman stated that perhaps it would be helpful to provide guidance to applicants for what type of detail the Commission are seeking. Chairman Hoffman asked the General Counsel for the proper procedure. General Counsel Christine Baily stated the Commission should have the underlying motion, followed by amendments.

Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the staff recommendation for a provisional license, with the following conditions: finger printing, compliance with DPH regulations, audit and inspection for compliance with Commission regulations, compliance with state and local codes, applicant is responsive to inquiries from Commission staff, and the license fee is paid. Commissioner Title made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. Chairman Hoffman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Doyle moved to amend the vote, subject to language and adjustments made by General Counsel, adding conditions upon the provisional license based on materials presented in the application, and adding a condition that the applicant should alert the Commission to any changes pursuant to 935 CMR 500.104. Further, the Community Impact plan described in the application be updated to provide further detail. Chairman Hoffman noted the Commission will provide guidance. Commissioner McBride seconded Commissioner Doyle's motion to amend.

Commissioner Doyle: Aye

Commissioner Flanagan: Aye

Chairman Hoffman: Aye

Commissioner McBride: Aye

Commissioner Title: Aye

The amendment as approved.

Chairman Hoffman moved to the underlying motion.

Commissioner Doyle: Aye

Commissioner Flanagan: Aye

Chairman Hoffman: Aye

Commissioner McBride: Aye

Commissioner Title: Aye

The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Doyle reported that the Energy and Environment working group met for the first time on June 20, 2018 and announced the members of the group:

Cannabis Control Commission: Kay Doyle (designee of Executive Director)

Dept. of Agricultural Resources: Taryn LaScola

Dept. of Environmental Protection: John Fischer

Dept. of Energy Resources: Alex Pollard

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve the members, and delegate the authority to Shawn Collins to appoint future members. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.

Commissioner Doyle: Aye

Commissioner Flanagan: Aye

Chairman Hoffman: Aye

Commissioner McBride: Aye

Commissioner Title: Aye

The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.

With no unexpected business before the Commission, Chairman Hoffman noted the next meeting will be June 26, 2018 at the Health Policy Commission. With no further business before the Commission, Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Doyle made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Title.

Commissioner Doyle: Aye

Commissioner Flanagan: Aye

Chairman Hoffman: Aye

Commissioner McBride: Aye

Commissioner Title: Aye

The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission. The Commission is adjourned as of 2:55 p.m on June 21, 2018.