



## CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2018 10:30 a.m.  
Health Policy Commission  
50 Milk St 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Steven Hoffman  
Commissioner Kay Doyle (remote participation)  
Commissioner Jen Flanagan  
Commissioner Britte McBride  
Commissioner Shaleen Title  
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

#### LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. [Presentation](#)
2. [Social Equity Program](#)

Chairman Hoffman called the Cannabis Control Commission to order at 10:30am on June 26, 2018. Chairman Hoffman noted that Commissioner Doyle is participating remotely, and the Commission will vote by roll call vote. Chairman Hoffman put the public on notice that the meeting is being recorded.

Chairman Hoffman reviewed the meeting agenda. Chairman Hoffman noted minutes will be approved at the meeting next week. Executive Director Shawn Collins gave his report. Mr. Collins introduced the newest staff member, Annemarie Hall, the new executive assistance and discussed her professional background.

Mr. Collins discussed the licensing applications (slide 4). Commissioner McBride asked if the independent testing lab that is pending was a priority application? Mr. Collins noted that independent testing labs were not part of the RMD or EEA priority application process. Commissioner McBride asked if an independent lab applied today, where in the queue would they be. Mr. Collins noted 61 applications have been submitted with all four packets, so hypothetically this would be 62.

Commissioner McBride noted that the Commission has a legislative mandate that requires testing of product, and the Commission cannot waive that. Mr. Collins discussed the 61 applications that have submitted all four packets (slide 5). Commissioner McBride said that she was concerned with the supply chain, since the Commission cannot waive the requirement of independent testing labs. Commissioner McBride proposed giving the staff discretion to prioritize independent testing labs that have been submitted applications by August 1, 2018 at midnight eastern daylight time. This will establish a supply chain consistent with the legislative mandate. All other standards of review would remain in place. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, 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.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the legislative mandate of the social equity program. Mr. Collins introduced Shekia Scott, the Director of Community Outreach, and discussed the building of the social equity program. Ms. Scott presented the Social Equity Program. Ms. Scott noted the Citizen Accountability board will meet on July 10, 2018 at 10am at a space to be determined. Ms. Scott discussed the program development of the Social Equity Program and expanding the vision. Ms. Scott discussed eligibility, the track system overview, goals, benefits, application overview, measuring outcomes.

Chairman Hoffman thanked Ms. Scott for her hard work. Commissioner Title thanked Ms. Scott for her presentation and noted how ambitious it was. Commissioner Title asked for a clarification as to the website address. Commissioner Title asked about outreach to raise awareness. Ms. Scott discussed her priority in assisting applicants and making connections to resources. Commissioner Title asked about funding for the program. Ms. Scott noted the program has \$300,000 in funding, but future appropriations are in the hands of the Legislature. Commissioner Flanagan asked whether data presented on racial disparities in Massachusetts in the criminal justice system was for all drugs or just marijuana. Ms. Scott stated the slide reflected all drug arrests. Commissioner Flanagan asked what the goal of the social equity program is. Ms. Scott said it is about meeting people where they live, and to get people interested in the program and industry. Commissioner McBride asked if it is one-on-one assistance or is it program training and what can people expect. Ms. Scott discussed vendors providing training that is reflective of their expertise. Commissioner McBride said she has encouraged attorneys to become involved in the industry and to make connections, including through affinity groups such as the Boston Bar Association. Commissioner Flanagan noted it is important to manage expectations. In the education material, the Commission must explicitly explain who can participate. The Commission has a duty to the people of the Commonwealth.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Mr. Collins thanked Ms. Scott for her presentation. Mr. Collins discussed the RFQ, which is intended to create a depository for qualified vendors. Mr. Collins hoped to have an approved vendor list by mid-August.

Commissioner Title asked when the Commission anticipates people can submitted vendor information. Mr. Collins said that it would likely be July 25, 2018 but noted there was a holiday coming up. Time is also needed for vendors to ask questions and have staff answer them. Commissioner Title asked if a vendor creates a YouTube video training, would the Commission own it, or would the creator own the content. Mr. Collins said if the Commission is paying for content, then the Commission would own it. Commissioner Title asked if the Commission could use the videos for other purposes. Mr. Collins said yes. Commissioner Title asked if you could apply for both the responsible vendor program and social equity. Mr. Collins said yes, but the programs are different, with different criteria. Commissioner Title asked if the Commission could have a summary or a video of what it is like to work with the state. Mr. Collins said that the Commission can try, and the Commission should pursue making the process digestible to people.

Commissioner McBride noted the RFQ asked vendors to provide public sector reference, which some vendors might not have. General Counsel Christine Baily noted the possibility of changing the language to private sector or public sector references. Commissioner McBride made the motion to approve the RFQ subject to language change, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan.

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 announced the next meeting is July 2, 2018 at 10:30am at the Health Policy Commission. With no further business before the Commission, Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan, 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 11:32am on June 26, 2018.