



CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019 12:00 p.m.
State Transportation Building
Boston, MA

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Steven Hoffman
Commissioner Kay Doyle
Commissioner Jen Flanagan
Commissioner Britte McBride
Commissioner Shaleen Title

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. [Presentation from 01/10/19 Commission Meeting](#)
2. [Final License-Executive Summary-Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc.- MC281550-MP281402](#)
3. [Provisional License-Rise Holdings, Inc.- MCN281674, MPN281453](#)
4. [Provisional License-Pioneer Valley Extracts, LLC- MPN281417](#)
5. [Provisional License-Executive Summary-Mass Alternative Care, Inc.- MCN281685, MPN281468, MRN281371](#)
6. [Provisional License-Executive Summary-LDE Holdings, LLC- MCN281262](#)
7. [Provisional License-Executive Summary-Holyoke Gardens, LLC- MCN281342](#)
8. [Meeting Minutes | 12/13/18 | Cannabis Control Commission](#)
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Chairman Hoffman called the Cannabis Control Commission to order at 12:02pm on January 10, 2019. Chairman Hoffman put the public on notice that the meeting is being recorded. Chairman Hoffman reviewed the meeting agenda.

Chairman Hoffman discussed the December 13, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Flanagan made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Hoffman discussed the December 17, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Flanagan made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the executive director's report. Executive Director Shawn Collins introduced the Commission's four new investigators, Katherine Binkoski, Armond Enos III, Eduardo Guardiola, and Michael McCarthy, and discussed their professional backgrounds.

Mr. Collins discussed licensing applications (slide 4). Next, Mr. Collins discussed applications under review by license type (slide 5). Mr. Collins discussed the disadvantaged business enterprise statistics (slide 6). Mr. Collins discussed the licensing applications status (slide 7). Mr. Collins discussed the map of applications (slide 8). Mr. Collins discussed the map of retail applications (slide 9). Mr. Collins discussed agent applications (slide 10). Mr. Collins discussed demographics of agent applications (slide 11-12). Mr. Collins discussed the Medical Marijuana Program Data (slide 13). Mr. Collins discussed the Social Equity Program Applications (slide 14).

Commissioner Title recused herself at 12:17pm and left the room. Mr. Collins discussed the applications of Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. (#MC281550) and Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MP281402) which staff has recommended for approval of final licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (#MC281550), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission approved the motion 4 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) and 1 recusal (Title).

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MP281402), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan.

The Commission approved the motion 4 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) and 1 recusal (Title).

Commissioner Title returned at 12:22pm. Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin discussed the application of Holyoke Gardens, LLC (#MCN281342), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan had questions regarding the positive impact plan and added a condition of further detail in their plan on the applicant. Commissioner Title noted the plans should have goals, measurements and programs. Commissioner Title asked that the diversity plan be revisited and noted compliance with anti-discrimination laws was something the applicant already needs to do.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, subject to her and Commissioner Title's conditions, seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of LDE Holdings, LLC (# MCN281262), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan placed an additional condition of further detail under the positive impact plan on the applicant.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Potvin discussed the applications of Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (# MCN281685), Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (# MPN281468), Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (# MRN281371), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan had questions regarding the positive impact plan, specifically the equity goals, and placed a condition of further detail on the applicant. Commissioner Title asked for further detail in the positive impact plan, specifically whether the applicant meant to include women in its list of groups that would comprise 60% of employees, and placed an additional condition on the applicant.

Commissioner Title made a motion to approve (# MCN281685), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Commissioner Title made a motion to approve (# MPN281468), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Commissioner Title made a motion to approve (# MRN281371), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Pioneer Valley Extracts, LLC (# MPN281417), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan placed a condition on the applicant to further

detail the education seminars. Commissioner Title placed a condition on the applicant to further detail the goals of the diversity plan.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Rise Holdings, Inc. (# MCN281674), and Rise Holdings, Inc. (# MPN281453), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan asked for further detail in the positive impact plan and placed a condition upon the applicant.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (# MCN281674), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (# MPN281453), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Hoffman recessed the meeting at 12:56pm. Chairman Hoffman reconvened the meeting at 1:10pm.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the Report on Host Community Agreements. Commissioner Doyle discussed her report on Host Community Agreements and recommendations. Commissioner Title thanked Commissioner Doyle for her hard work. Chairman Hoffman asked Commissioner Doyle how big of an issue this is. Commissioner Doyle said at the moment, people are allowed to ask for additional donations or gifts. Commissioner Title suggested her edits and suggested separating recommendations from the legal analysis. Commissioner Flanagan asked if the intent is to bring recommendations to the legislature. Commissioner Title discussed her recommendations. Commissioner Doyle discussed the proposed edits. Chairman Hoffman expressed concerns about evaluating municipal costs. Commissioner McBride suggested edits to Commissioner Title's recommendations. Commissioner Flanagan discussed the legislative process. Chairman Hoffman thought the Commission should ask the legislature for the authority to regulate these contracts. Commissioner McBride thought that other issues need to be addressed, and an explicit authorization. Mr. Collins discussed the timeline to draft the recommendations. Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to request from the legislature, authority to regulation HCAs and the necessary clarifications around the legislature to do so effectively.

Chairman Hoffman recessed the meeting at 2:19pm. Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:27pm. Mr. Collins proposed submitting Commissioner Doyle's analysis, and affirming the Commission's desire to seek statutory authority to review the HCAs.

Commissioner Flanagan inquired why further clarification was necessary. Commissioner Title said the purpose of the report is to provide an update on the real-world conditions under which the Commission is operating. Commissioner McBride suggested adopting the report subject to Commissioner Title's edits, and submit it to the legislature. Commissioner Title made a motion to seek statutory authorization to review and regulate regarding the review of HCAs, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The Commission voted 4 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, McBride and Title) and 1 opposed (Flanagan).

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to submit Commissioner Doyle's report, as amended, to the legislature, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan.

The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the 2019 Regulatory Timeline. Mr. Collins discussed the regulatory review and engaging stakeholders.

With unknown business before the Commission, Chairman Hoffman turned to Commissioner Title. Commissioner Title discussed the social consumption working group. Commissioner Title made a motion to develop a brief memo discussing the c. 94G, § 3(b), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. Commissioner McBride suggested entering executive session in the next meeting to discuss cash handling procedures.

Chairman Hoffman noted the next public meeting is January 24, 2019 at 1pm. Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Flanagan made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission. The Commission is adjourned as of 2:48pm.