

Cannabis Control Commission Public Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019 12 p.m.
101 Federal St 12th Floor
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

1. [Presentation from 02/21/19 Commission Meeting](#)
2. [Final License – Executive Summary – Good Chemistry- MC281557-MP281410](#)
3. [Final License – Executive Summary – Good Chemistry – MR281702](#)
4. [Provisional License- Executive Summary – Beacon Compassion – MCN281378-MPN281517](#)
5. [Provisional License- Executive Summary – Canna Provisions – MRN281778](#)
6. [Provisional License- Executive Summary – Canna Provisions – MRN281796](#)
7. [Provisional License- Executive Summary – In Good Health – MCN281273-MPN281307](#)
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Chairman Hoffman called the Cannabis Control Commission to order at 12:02 pm. Chairman Hoffman put the public on notice that the meeting is being recorded. Chairman Hoffman reviewed the meeting agenda.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the minutes from January 24, 2019. Commissioner Flanagan made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.



Chairman Hoffman turned to the minutes from February 7, 2019. Commissioner Flanagan made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the executive director's report. Mr. Collins discussed the job description for project manager. Commissioner Title suggested an edit. Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve the job description subject to Commissioner Title, seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

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 social equity program (slide 13-14). Commissioner McBride asked about the number of packet completed. Mr. Collins discussed the transfer of the Medical Marijuana program. Commissioner McBride asked about the geography of providers. Chairman Hoffman asked about the staff morale.

Mr. Collins discussed the applications of Good Chemistry of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MC281557), Cultivation – Tier 4/Indoor; Good Chemistry of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MP281410), Product Manufacturer; Good Chemistry of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MR281702), Retailer, which staff has recommended for approval of final licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner McBride wanted to include a condition that updates to plans be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (# MC281557), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

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

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (# MP281410), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

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

Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve (# MR281702), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

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



Commissioner Title recused herself at 12:42pm. Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin discussed the applications of Beacon Compassion, Inc. (# MCN281378), Cultivation – Tier 4/Indoor; Beacon Compassion, Inc. (# MPN281517), Product Manufacturer which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan placed a condition for further detail on the positive impact plan.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (#MCN281378), seconded by Commissioner McBride.

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

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MPN281517), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan.

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

Commissioner Title returned at 12:48pm. Mr. Potvin discussed the applications of Canna Provisions, Inc. (# MRN281778), Retail; Canna Provisions, Inc. (# MRN281796), Retail which the staff has recommended for provisional licensure, subject to the conditions in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan placed a condition for additional detail in the positive impact plan. Commissioner McBride asked about suitability. Commissioner Doyle asked about the municipal notice.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MRN281778), seconded by Commissioner Title.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MRN281796), seconded by Commissioner Title.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Potvin discussed the applications of In Good Health, Inc. (# MCN281273), Cultivation – Tier 4/Indoor; In Good Health, Inc. (# MPN281307), Product Manufacturer which the staff has recommended for provisional licensure, subject to the conditions in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan placed a condition for additional details for the positive impact plan. Commissioner Title placed a condition the positive impact plan and diversity plan be rewritten. Commissioner McBride asked about capital contributors.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MCN281273), seconded by Commissioner Title.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.



Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MPN281307), seconded by Commissioner Title.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Hoffman recessed the meeting at 1:06. Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 1:16pm.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the internal control plan. Mr. Collins discussed the contract with EY for internal controls. Mr. Collins sought authorization to potentially enter into this contract, not to exceed \$150,000. Chairman Hoffman asked about budgeting. Commissioner Title asked if this only relating to financial matters. Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to authorize the executive director to enter into a contract with EY, subject to the price limitations.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the social equity discussion. Commissioner Title discussed a course correction (slide 18). Commissioner Title discussed the suggested order of operations (slide 19). Commissioner Title discussed her starting points for ideation (slide 20).

Commissioner Flanagan shared her concerns that social equity is not being seen throughout the entire state. Chairman Hoffman shared his concerns on the social equity program and noted we are very early in the process. Commissioner McBride stated she felt we did not have the necessary data to evaluate the issue. Commissioner McBride asked to develop the data through a research institute. Commissioner Title agreed we need a study on the barriers to entry and suggested it be added as an additional idea. Commissioner Flanagan suggested looking at our current outreach efforts. Commissioner Title agreed.

Commissioner Title suggested:

1. Based on Commissioner McBride's suggestion, contract with a research institution on a robust study of barriers to entry and meaningful participation, including an examination of why economic empowerment applicants haven't applied.
2. Based on Commissioner Flanagan's suggestion, review the geographic diversity of Social Equity Program applicants throughout the commonwealth and adjust outreach accordingly.
3. Create regulations allowing shared-use cultivation and shared-use manufacturing space for certain groups of applicants or licensees, to address the barriers to entry poised by securing real estate, facility design, and local approval processes.
4. Revisit existing priority status and create new priority status(es) based on the Commission's mission statement and current data examining participation in the legal marijuana industry in Massachusetts.



5. Create a single-packet or abbreviated application process for economic empowerment applicants and equity program participants that takes place before the local approval process, specifically before the negotiation of a host community agreement.
6. Issue formal recommendations to the legislature addressing the creation of grant programs or interest-free loan programs for equity program participants.

Commissioner McBride spoke in favor of cost sharing. Commissioner Doyle noted some issues with shared use facilities, particularly kitchens.

Commissioner Doyle asked if revisiting priority was an issue we would have to go back to the legislature for. Commissioner McBride wanted to make sure we have the legal authority. Commissioner Title suggested changing the fourth idea to begin with “Consider whether the Commission has the authority to revisit existing priority” and to ask the staff to evaluate that question before deciding whether to create new priority status.

Chairman Hoffman asked for further specification on which groups got priority status. Commissioner Flanagan discussed full participation under the statute, including ancillary businesses. Based on Commissioner Flanagan’s suggestion, Commissioner Title suggested adding a seventh idea, “Collect data on ancillary businesses, including vendors used by Commission licensees, and include it in all reports on participation in the industry.”

Commissioner Doyle discussed the medical program licensing process as an example of a licensing process with multiple stages. Mr. Collins discussed the process of implementing these ideas.

Chairman Hoffman reviewed the seven ideas. Commissioner Flanagan asked what the end goal is. Chairman Hoffman proposed giving the Commission time to think of other ideas. Commissioner Title clarified that the next step was to ask the staff to review the seven ideas for feasibility and any legal precedent preventing the ideas from being implemented, with an additional agenda item at the next meeting solely to allow for new ideas to be raised. Commissioner Hoffman agreed. Commissioner Doyle noted there are ongoing conversations with the legislature regarding recommendations to encourage the inclusion of small businesses and farmers.

Chairman Hoffman placed this topic on the next meeting’s agenda for further discussion.

With no unknown business before the Commission, Chairman Hoffman noted the next meeting will be March 7, 2019. Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Flanagan made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission. The Commission is adjourned as of 2:41pm.

