

Cannabis Control Commission Public Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2019
1 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

- [1. Presentation from 03/07/19 Commission Meeting](#)
- [2. Meeting Minutes | 2/21/19 | Cannabis Control Commission](#)
- [3. Final License – Executive Summary – Garden Remedies – MC281504-MP281381](#)
- [4. Final License – Executive Summary – New England Treatment Access – MR281287](#)
- [5. Final License – Executive Summary – Silver Therapeutics, LLC – MR281271](#)
- [6. Final License – Executive Summary – The Green Lady Dispensary, Inc. – MC281443](#)
- [7. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Cape Cod Grow Lab, LLC – MPN281446-MCN281275](#)
- [8. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Green Biz, LLC – MRN281793](#)
- [9. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Healthy Pharms, Inc. – MRN281754-MPN281450-MCN281631](#)
- [10. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Rise Holdings, Inc. – MRN281254](#)
- [11. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Slang, LLC – MRN281402](#)

Chairman Hoffman called the Cannabis Control Commission to order. 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 February 21, 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. Executive Director Shawn Collins discussed the job description for Chief Operating Officer. Commissioner Title suggested an edit of experience managing senior managers. Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve the job description subject to Commissioner Title's edit, seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Collins discussed the job description for Laboratory Testing Analyst. Commissioner Title suggested an edit of writing for mass audiences. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. 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 medical program data (slide 13). Mr. Collins discussed the social equity program (slide 14-19).

Commissioner Title recused herself and left the room. Mr. Collins discussed the applications of Garden Remedies, Inc. (# MC281504), Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor, Garden Remedies, Inc. (# MP281381), Product Manufacturer, 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 (# MC281504), seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The Commission approved the motion 4 (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) in favor and 1 (Title) recusal.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MP281381), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. The Commission approved the motion 4 (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) in favor and 1 (Title) recusal.

Mr. Collins discussed the application of The Green Lady Dispensary, Inc. (# MC281443), which staff has recommended for approval of final licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Doyle highlighted this was the first ME on the islands and noted the licensee must remain in compliance with 935 CMR 500.200 and demonstrate their testing abilities.



Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 4 (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) in favor and 1 (Title) abstain.

Mr. Collins discussed the applications of New England Treatment Access. (# MR281287), which staff has recommended for approval of final licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Title raised for discussion whether the Commission's review of the application should take place after the applicant's submitted change of ownership request was reviewed by Commission staff. Chairman Hoffman stated he was not aware when or if the deal would close. Commissioner Flanagan said any deal in the works is hypothetical.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 4 (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) in favor and 1 (Title) abstain.

Mr. Collins discussed the applications of Silver Therapeutics, LLC. (# MR281271), which staff has recommended for approval of final licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 4 (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) in favor and 1 (Title) abstain.

Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin discussed the applications of Cape Cod Grow Lab, LLC (# MCN281275), Cultivation – Tier 2/Indoor, Cape Cod Grow Lab, LLC (# MPN281446), Product Manufacturer, which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Chairman Hoffman inquired whether the Attorney General's Office has reviewed the change in by laws. General Counsel Christine Baily noted she confirmed with the AGO and they have no approved yet.

Commissioner Title made a motion to approve (# MCN281275), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MPN281446), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan.

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Green Biz, LLC (# MRN281793), 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 the applicant to resubmit the plan for positive impact.



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

The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Hoffman adjourned the meeting. Chairman Hoffman called the meeting back to order.

Commissioner Title recused herself and left the room. Mr. Potvin discussed the applications of Healthy Pharms, Inc. (# MRN281754), Retail, Healthy Pharms, Inc. (# MPN281450), Product Manufacturer, Healthy Pharms, Inc. (# MCN281631), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary.

Commissioner McBride placed a condition that final licensure for product manufacturer is subject to submission by the applicant of additional information about the products anticipated to be produced, including the types, flavors and forms of the following products: beverages; sauces; baked goods; confections; and candies.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MRN281754), seconded by Commissioner McBride.

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

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (# MPN281450), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

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

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve (# MCN281631), seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

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

Commissioner Title returned. Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Rise Holdings, Inc. (# MRN281254), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary.

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

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Slang, LLC. (# MRN281402), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the



executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan added a condition for the positive impact plan to include a letter of consent. Commissioner Title plan thanked the staff and Commissioner Flanagan on their work to improve diversity and positive impact plans.

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

Chairman Hoffman deferred the discussion the application of 1Connection Corp, until the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the discussion on social equity. Commissioner Title discussed the idea to consider requiring retailers to source a certain amount or percentage of product from equity program participants, microbusiness, or craft co-ops. Commissioner Title discussed the idea to facilitate conversations with other regulators on topics including consistent data collection, best practices for developing curricula and selecting technical assistance providers, and preventing predatory practices aimed at equity program participants. Commissioner Title discussed the idea to issue recommendations to the legislature regarding community trusts or other models of affordable commercial space for small businesses sharing space and costs. Commissioner McBride discussed the idea to re-evaluate the income limit for social equity applicants. Commissioner Flanagan discussed looking at a tiered approach taking into account more than one way to be in the industry. Commissioner Flanagan discussed the timeline to allow applicants time to hire and execute their diversity and positive impact plans, and Commissioner McBride discussed the idea to engage with licensees on progress toward their plans before renewal, perhaps quarterly. Commissioner Doyle discussed the idea of making as much information as possible on our website, including compliance data, with the goal to minimize the need to hire consultants to interpret regulations and requirements. Commissioner Doyle also wanted to make sure the Commission hold licensees accountable for their diversity and positive impact plans.

Chairman Hoffman noted his support for requiring retailers to get a certain amount of product from certain applicants. Commissioner Flanagan inquired if we are looking at short- or long-term goals. Chairman Hoffman noted his support for facilitating conversations with other regulators on consistent data collecting. Commissioner Doyle suggested adding to the conversation with other jurisdictions working with states' existing certification and resources for disadvantaged business enterprises. Commissioner Flanagan noted the help of other states in the beginning of this process. Commissioner Title noted the desire to work with municipal officials. Commissioner Title suggested private and public partnerships to look at the shared space model. Commissioner Flanagan suggested working with the committee staff in the Legislature. Commissioner Title agreed and revised the idea to "Issue recommendations to, or collaborate directly with, the legislature regarding community trusts or other models for affordable commercial space for small businesses sharing space and costs." Chairman Hoffman volunteered to lead that effort.

Commissioner Title suggested evaluating diversity plans where they are, as opposed to waiting a year. Commissioner Flanagan asked how long we give licensees to do this on their own.



Commissioner Title noted the Commission should be focusing on employment in this new industry. Chairman Hoffman noted his support for collaborating with licensees. Chairman Hoffman noted his support of putting in place metrics. Commissioner McBride suggested the Commission think about the annual renewal process and reporting requirements. Commissioner Flanagan asked if information is easy to find on the website. Mr. Collins noted the website is an invaluable resource. Mr. Collins suggested reviewing the areas of consideration and developing an action plan.

With no unknown business before the Commission, Chairman Hoffman noted the Commission is beginning its listening sessions. Chairman Hoffman noted the next public meeting will be April 4, 2019. Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Flanagan made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Title. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission. The Commission is adjourned as of 3:04pm.

