

Cannabis Control Commission Public Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019

1 p.m.

State Transportation Building

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 from 04/04/19 Commission Meeting
2. Guidance on Best Management Practices for Water Use
3. Guidance on Integrated Pest Management
4. Guidance on Cannabis Waste Management Requirements
5. A Baseline Review and Assessment of Cannabis Use and Public Safety
6. Final License – Executive Summary – Garden Remedies – MR281495
7. Final License – Executive Summary – Mass Alternative Care, Inc. – MC281685-MP281468-MR281371
8. Final License – Executive Summary – Rise Holdings, Inc. – MC281674-MP281453
9. Final License – Executive Summary – Theory Wellness, Inc. – MC281524-MP281424
10. Medical Final License – Executive Summary – Mission MA
11. Medical Provisional License – Executive Summary – 1Connection Corp.
12. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. – MRN281657
13. Provisional License – Executive Summary – BCWC, LLC – MCN281841
14. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Greener Leaf, Inc. – MRN281790
15. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Hope Heal Health – MCN281478-MPN281361-MRN281337
16. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Native Sun Wellness, Inc. – MPN281433



17. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Native Sun Wellness, Inc. – MRN281800
18. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Nature’s Remedy of MA, Inc. – MRN281800
19. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Nature’s Remedy of MA, Inc. – MRN282118
20. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Silver Therapeutics – MRN281910
21. Provisional License – Executive Summary – Theory Wellness, Inc. – MCN281928
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Chairman Hoffman called the Cannabis Control Commission to order at 1:02pm. Chairman Hoffman put the public on notice that the meeting is being recorded. Chairman Hoffman noted Commissioner Flanagan will be participating remotely. Chairman Hoffman reviewed the meeting agenda.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the minutes from March 7, 2019. Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the executive director’s report. Executive Director Shawn Collins discussed licensing applications. Next, Mr. Collins discussed applications under review by license type. Mr. Collins discussed the disadvantaged business enterprise statistics. Mr. Collins discussed the licensing applications status. Mr. Collins discussed the map of applications. Mr. Collins discussed the map of retail applications. Mr. Collins discussed agent applications. Mr. Collins discussed demographics of agent applications. Mr. Collins discussed medical program data. Mr. Collins discussed the social equity program.

Mr. Collins discussed the equity working plan update and the plan regarding existing statewide contracts. Commissioner Title inquired how many universities are available under the statewide contract. Mr. Collins noted it was limited. Commissioner Title suggested that universities with professors familiar with the subject area may be best suited to conduct the study and that she agreed with the approach to start with a statewide contract but expand if needed. Commissioner Doyle inquired about ancillary businesses.

Commissioner Title raised concerns regarding the perfunctory nature of the legal analysis of the Commission’s authority to revisit priority status or initiate new priority statuses. Commissioner Title noted she disagreed that the specified dates to apply for priority in the statute and the requirement to “promote and encourage” certain populations preclude the Commission from prioritizing applicants at other times, and noted such an interpretation is in the exact opposite of the spirit and intent of the law and the definition of the word “promote.” She called on the Commission to take a more comprehensive and thoughtful legal approach that takes into account the Commission’s requirement to provide opportunities for meaningful participation to certain communities. Commissioner McBride noted agreement with Commissioner Title in looking for opportunities to adjust the lens and make changes in process and review applicants.



Mr. Collins discussed the open data working plan update. Commissioner Title inquired if the data would include adult and medical use. Mr. Collins said that is the intention. Chairman Hoffman inquired about the timing of the phases.

Mr. Collins discussed the change of ownership working plan update. Commissioner McBride inquired about the financial document inspection of licensees, including management contracts. Mr. Collins discussed the evaluation process. Chairman Hoffman inquired about the review of application workflow. Director of Investigations Patrick Beyea discussed investigation timeline. Commissioner Title asked if management contracts, loans, or leases are routinely reviewed. Mr. Collins said those documents can be reviewed. Commissioner Title noted that regulatory approval of such approval is not intended to be a rubber stamp and that she would rely on the Commission's collective experience in areas such as mergers and healthcare. Commissioner Flanagan noted this process will not be a rubber stamp.

Chairman Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 2:12pm. Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Commissioner Title recused herself and left the room. Mr. Collins discussed the application of Garden Remedies, Inc. (# MR281495), which staff has recommended for approval of final licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner McBride placed a condition for updated plans on all applicants.

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

Mr. Collins discussed the applications of Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (# MC281685), Cultivation – Tier 3 / Indoor, Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (# MP281468), Product Manufacturer, Mass Alternative Care, Inc. (# MR281371), Retail, 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 (# MC281685), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve (# MP281468), seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MR281371), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.



Mr. Collins discussed the applications of Rise Holdings, Inc. (# MC281674), Cultivation – Tier 11 / Indoor, Rise Holdings, Inc. (# MP281453), Product Manufacturer, 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 (# MC281674), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve (# MP281453), seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Mr. Collins discussed the applications of Theory Wellness, Inc. (# MC281524), Cultivation – Tier 1 / Indoor, Theory Wellness, Inc. (# MP281424), Product Manufacturer, 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 (# MC281524), seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. The Commission approved the motion 4 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) and 1 abstain (Title).

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MP281424), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 4 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride) and 1 abstain (Title).

Commissioner Title recused herself. Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin discussed the application of Mission MA, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/RMD, which staff has recommended for approval of final licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner McBride noted this entity is referenced in other applications, have we reviewed a management contract to determine if there is a control issue here? Mr. Potvin noted the adult use applications have not gone before the Commission and the entity has fully disclosed this.

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

Commissioner Title returned. Mr. Potvin discussed the application of 1Connection Corp., Vertically Integrated Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/RMD, which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Title asked for patient education plan moving forward. Commissioner McBride placed a condition for additional information on the manufacturing plan.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner



McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. (# MRN281657), Retail, which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary.

Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of BCWC, LLC. (# MCN281841), Cultivation – Tier 9 / Outdoor which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Flanagan placed a condition charitable donations language be reviewed by legal. Commissioner Doyle noted this is the first outdoor cultivation license. Commissioner McBride flagged Future Farm technologies ties to this entity. Chairman Hoffman asked about the equity stake. Commissioner Title placed a condition for goals and strategies for the diversity plan.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Greener Leaf, Inc. (# MRN281790), Retail, 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 an updated positive impact plan.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Mr. Potvin discussed the applications of Hope Heal Health, Inc. (# MCN281478), Cultivation – Tier 4 / Indoor, Hope Heal Health, Inc. (# MPN281361), Product Manufacturer, Hope Heal Health, Inc. (# MRN281337), Retail, which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner McBride placed a condition for an updated list of products being manufactured. Commissioner Flanagan placed a condition for more information on hiring plans for people from disproportionate impact.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MCN281478), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MPN281361), seconded by Commissioner



Flanagan. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MRN281337), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Mr. Potvin discussed the applications of Native Sun Wellness, Inc. (# MPN281433), Product Manufacturer, Native Sun Wellness, Inc. (# MRN281800), Retail, which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner McBride placed a condition for more specificity on baked goods. Commissioner Flanagan placed a condition for more information on the positive impact plan.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MPN281433), seconded by Commissioner Title. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MRN281800), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Chairman Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 3:27pm. Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

Mr. Potvin discussed the applications of Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MCN281482), Cultivation – Tier 4 / Indoor, Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MPN281524), Product Manufacturer, Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc. (# MRN282118), Retail, 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 more information on the jail diversion. Commissioner McBride placed a condition for more information on products manufactured.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MCN281482), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MPN281524), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve (# MRN282118), seconded by Commissioner McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.



Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Silver Therapeutics, Inc. (# MRN281910), 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 McBride. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Mr. Potvin discussed the application of Theory Wellness, Inc. (# MCN281928), which staff has recommended for approval of provisional licensure subject to the conditions set forth in the executive summary. Commissioner Doyle noted she was excited about the work for the energy and environment working group.

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Title. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Chairman Hoffman turned to the staff presentation of M.G.L. c. 94C Violations and Social Equity: Literature Review and Preliminary Data in Massachusetts. Director of Research Dr. Julie Johnson and Research Analyst Samantha Doonan presented their findings. Commissioner Doyle thanked the research department for their hard work. Commissioner McBride asked what are the biggest gaps in data? Dr. Johnson said systematic data collection. Commissioner Title asked about the trafficking data set. Commissioner Flanagan thanked the research department for their hard work.

Chairman Hoffman turned to procurement of Social Equity Program Networking Tool. Mr. Collins discussed the networking tool and noted an existing statewide contract. Additionally, Mr. Collins requested to seek approval for procurement if necessary. Commissioner Title thanked the staff for their hard work.

Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to grant the procurement authority to the Executive Director. Commissioner Doyle made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Title. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.

Chairman Hoffman turned to guidance documents from the Energy and Environment Working Group. Commissioner Doyle discussed the recommendations of the Energy and Environment working group. Commissioner Flanagan thanked Commissioner Doyle for all of her work. Commissioner McBride also thanked Commissioner Doyle.

Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the guidance documents. Commissioner McBride made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Title. The Commission approved the motion 5 in favor (Hoffman, Doyle, Flanagan, McBride, Title) and 0 against.



With no unknown business before the Commission, Chairman Hoffman noted the next public meeting will be April 25, 2019. Chairman Hoffman asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Doyle made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Title. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission. The Commission is adjourned as of 4:38 pm.

