



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

October 10, 2019

In accordance with Sections 18-25 of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Cannabis Control Commission. The meeting will take place as noted below.

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

October 10, 2019 10:00AM

Western New England University School of Law
1215 Wilbraham Road
Springfield, MA 01119

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

- Call to Order
 - Chairman called to order and recognized quorum and
 - Gave notice that meeting is being recorded.

- Chairman's Comments & Updates
 - Thanked Western New England School of Law, Dean Setty and, Professor Steiner for hosting and gave an overview of the day.
 - Gave overview of the agenda and plan for the day.

- Approval of Minutes
 - Chairman noted that there were two sets of minutes for discussion and vote
 - September 12-13, 2019. Chairman noted that there was no adjournment on the 12th, so this is one set of minutes.
 - September 24, 2019
 - Chairman asked if had a chance to review.
 - Commissioner Doyle
 - On 9.12, when Commissioner Doyle reviewed section on expedited policy, bottom of page 9, didn't think the minutes properly reflected her comments. Commissioner Doyle felt that the minutes made it sound like the Commission was adding things to the Priority program, which we cannot do under the statute. Therefore, Commissioner Doyle watched the video of the meeting and put together a rough transcript. Commissioner Doyle recommends taking out first four sentences of paragraph replacing with the following:
 - Commissioner Doyle said the Commission received feedback throughout the



regulatory process requesting that groups not designated priority in the statute be given priority status. Commission Doyle said that the Commission could not do that but, within the remaining general pool of applicants, she requested that the Commission vote to adopt a policy of expediting review of applications for groups that the Legislature has directed us to promote: farmers, small businesses and communities affected by the War on Drugs. Specifically, she requested that the Commission expedite the pending applications of social equity program participants, outdoor cultivators, craft cooperatives, microbusinesses, as well as independent testing laboratories, in the interest of public health. She proposed that the policy sunset on December 31, 2020 and during its effectiveness, that the Commission staff collect data regarding its impact on the licensing process and present a recommendation to the Commission in December 2020 as to whether the expedition policy should be extended.

- Commissioner McBride
 - September 12, page 4 (page 111 in meeting presentation).
 - Starts out with “500.105 General Operating Procedures for Marijuana Establishment, commissioner McBride brought up 500.105(4) about marketing and advertising requirements.”
 - Commissioner Flanagan made that comment rather than Commissioner McBride.
- Chairman asked for any other comments to the September 12-13, 2019 meeting and then asked for a motion with those changes
- Commissioner Doyle moved approve the minutes subject to the changes requested.
- Commission Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the September 12-13, 2019 meeting, subject to the changes discussed.

- 9.24.19

- Commissioner McBride
 - Page 2, second paragraph “turning to 500.145” commissioner Flanagan brought up the cash handling procedures.”
 - Commissioner McBride made the comment rather than Commissioner Flanagan.
- Chairman asked for additional comments and then asked for motion to approve the minutes subject to that change.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes subject to the change requested.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the September 24, 2019 public meeting, subject to the changes discussed.

- Executive Director’s Report

- Licensing slides:
 - Went over the information in the portal, noting that this covers only Adult Use, but due to the regulatory changes, will include medical in the future.
 - 377 applications currently pending
 - Applicants have submitted all 4 packets.
 - This represents the current workload before the Commission.



- 374 applications have been withdrawn.
 - There are 3,379 applications that have not submitted all 4 packets, and therefore are not complete applications.
 - There were 196 applications that have been approved by the Commission
- There were 4 applications that were denied by Commission.
 - Total of 4,330 applications.
- Highlighted breakdown of 196 approved license by type
- Covered breakdown of 196 approved applications based on where they are in the process.
 - Provisionally Approved
 - 106 Provisional Licenses
 - 23 Final Licenses
 - 66 entities have commenced operations
- Explained the difference between provisionally approved and a provisional license
 - Provisionally approved means approved by the Commission, but applicant has not paid all of the fees.
 - Provisional License means applicant paid the fee.
- Went over the priority status applicants
 - 221 have indicated they received RMD Priority Status.
 - 14 indicated they received Economic Empowerment Priority Status.
 - 342 general applicants
 - These 577 applicants represent 304 separate entities.
- Went over Disadvantaged Business Enterprise information
 - Majority of 479 have not identified as a DBE Business.
- Went over queue and status
 - 184 Applications awaiting review
 - 127 More information requested
 - 55 Awaiting 3rd Party Responses
 - 11 Awaiting Staff Recommendation
 - 200 applications considered by the Commission.
- Covered regional/county dispersion of licenses – majority from Worcester county
 - 7 new applications
 - Majority of 46 of applications from Worcester county
- Went over retail applications
 - 3 new applications since last meeting
 - 12 coming from Worcester County.
- Went over license types by where they are in the process.
 - 377 Pending Application.
 - 4 initial License Denied.
 - 1 Provisionally Approved.
 - 106 Provisional Licenses Approved.
 - 23 Final License.
 - 66 Commenced operations.



- Went over agent registrations including active and pending.
 - Total of 8,893 applications received.
 - 6,211 are active.
 - 259 Pending.
 - 154 need to be reviewed. 0 awaiting approval.
 - 100 reopened for additional information
 - 5 pending third-party response.
 - Applications are considered by staff on a rolling basis.
 - There are zero waiting for approval.
- Agent demographics
 - Gender
 - 66.3% identified as male;
 - 33.3% female.
 - Race: 73.2% identified as white.
- Next covered Medical marijuana program statistics
 - Total of 162 entity applications
 - 7,509 agent applications 4,632 are active
 - 67,480 Certified Patients
 - 318 Registered Certifying Clinicians
- Introduction of new staff
- a. Fall River Correspondence
 - Commission staff has been corresponding with the City of Fall River and representatives of Fall River
 - Commission received a letter from legislative delegation requesting the Commission to consider a moratorium on applications in Fall River
 - Commission asked the City of Fall River to recertify existing certifications for entities within Fall River. To date, no response on those requests.
 - There are 12 applications and licenses in Fall river in both medical and adult-use marijuana establishments licensed in Fall River.
- b. Update on Financial Due Diligence
 - Gave overview of the financial due diligence procurement process and purpose.
 - Seeking to bring expertise to review applications and building out internal resources.
 - 8 responses received.
 - 3 vendors were invited to present.
 - Procurement Management Team (PMT) indicated that there was a great deal of professionalism and expertise in each of the presentations.
 - PMT recommended Citrin Cooperman.
 - Next phase would be contract negotiation and then bringing the contract to the Commission to approve engagement of Citrin Cooperman for financial investigations.
 - Not asking for a vote today but giving full update.
 - Chairman commented that we try to share all materials that will be used in the meeting. Thanked Chief of Staff for doing so. One exception is that we did not circulate information with respect to which bidder the PMT chose so that bidders did not hear the decision through public meeting notice.



- Wanted to thank the PMT – Commissioner Britte McBride, Michael Yee, Patrick Beyea, and Eddie Guardiola.
- Chairman asked for any questions with respect to the financial investigation procurement.
- Executive Director followed up with an update
 - Re: Commissioner Doyle’s minutes comment:
 - Digging into the most appropriate, expeditious process for priority review.
 - Policy was to prioritize the review of certain priority applications.
 - Those applicants self-identify in the portal, then they will be put in a first-come-first-serve basis in an expedited line
 - If the individual is applying for a different license, the expediting process will not expedite all applications, but only the ones qualifying for expedition.
 - This includes applicants that are women, minority and vet owned business.
 - Executive director thanked the Supplier Diversity Office.
 - Reviewed that the data produced in the current process is a matter of self-identification for collection purposes only. Commission staff will use this information to reach out to folks who identify this way and help them get into the expedited process.
 - Microbusiness/craft cooperative/outdoor cooperative, CNB will automatically include for expedition
 - Chairman asked when that would be done.
 - Executive Director said aspirational goal of next week.

5) Staff Recommendations on Renewals –

- Chairman said we will normally consider them as rosters, unless there is a request to consider otherwise, but given the number of individual considerations requested, we will go one by one. Chairman then turned to Director of Licensing Kyle Potvin.
- a. Late Spring, Inc d/b/a Gage Cannabis (#MRR205540), Retail Renewal
- Commissioner Title – In this case licensee noted in their diversity plan that they would do an annual review of certain data that would be conducted through staff interviews and HR records. That report was not included in the or mentioned in the progress update on its diversity plan.
 - Proposed condition: Within 60 days, submit more information about diversity training and submit annual data review as described in submitted diversity plan (*Gage will conduct annual reviews of data that will inform a reevaluation of the diversity strategy. This data will be collected through staff surveys and HR records. Major points will include demographic of applicant pools, current employees, past employees, changes in employment status (promotions, conversions to full time, raises, etc.), and any feedback from personnel, especially underrepresented groups.*)
 - Chairman asked for other questions or comments and then asked for a motion to approve the renewal subject to Commissioner Title’s suggested condition.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously Approved the renewal, subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- b. Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MCR139830), Cultivation Renewal



- Commissioner Title proposed the same condition as previous licensee: Within 60 days, submit more information about diversity training and submit annual data review described in submitted diversity plan (*Central Ave will conduct annual reviews of data that will inform a reevaluation of the diversity strategy. This data will be collected through staff surveys and HR records. Major points will include demographic of applicant pools, current employees, past employees, changes in employment status (promotions, conversions to full time, raises, etc.), and any feedback from personnel, especially underrepresented groups.*)
 - Chairman asked for other issues and then asked for a motion to approve the renewal subject to Commissioner Title’s suggested condition.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- c. Central Ave Compassionate Care, Inc. (#MPR243488), Product Manufacturer Renewal
- Commissioner Title’s proposed condition: Within 60 days, submit more information about diversity training and submit annual data review as described in submitted diversity plan (*Gage will conduct annual reviews of data that will inform a reevaluation of the diversity strategy. This data will be collected through staff surveys and HR records. Major points will include demographic of applicant pools, current employees, past employees, changes in employment status (promotions, conversions to full time, raises, etc.), and any feedback from personnel, especially underrepresented groups.*)
 - Chairman asked for other issues and then asked for a motion to approve the renewal subject to commissioner Title’s suggested condition.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- d. Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (#MRR205534), Retail Renewal
- Executive Director suggested and recommends applying the same condition previously included relative to an investigation and determination as to licensees continued suitability given their location.
 - Chairman asked for other issues and then asked for a motion to approve the renewal subject to Executive Director’s suggested condition.
 - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the renewal subject to condition suggested by the Executive Director.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved subject to condition suggested by Executive Director.
- e. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MRR205537), Retail Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions or comments. None were given.
 - Chairman asked for a motion to approve the renewal.
 - Commission Doyle moved to approve the renewal.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the motion to renew.
- f. Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#MRR205542), Retail Renewal



- Commissioner Title –section for progress made to the diversity plan did not have any progress noted but was all written in future tense.
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers. Everything submitted was in future tense.
 - Chairman asked for other comments and a motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the renewal subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- g. Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#MCR139839), Cultivation Renewal
- Commissioner Title –section for progress made to the diversity plan did not have any progress noted but was all written in future tense.
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers. Everything submitted was in future tense.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments and asked for a motion to approve the renewal subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- h. Curaleaf Massachusetts, Inc. (#MPR243492), Product Manufacturer Renewal
- Commissioner Title –section for progress made to the diversity plan did not have any progress noted but was all written in future tense.
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers. Everything submitted was in future tense.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments and a motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by commissioner title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- i. 253 Organic, LLC (#MCR139831), Cultivation Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.



- j. Caroline’s Cannabis, LLC (#MRR205536), Retail Renewal
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- k. 253 Organic, LLC (#MPR343487), Product Manufacturer Renewal
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- l. 253 Organic, LLC (#MRR205539), Retail Renewal
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- m. Commonwealth Cultivation, Inc. (#MCR139832), Cultivation Renewal
 - Commissioner Title – In this case there was no update submitted with regard to the diversity plan or positive impact plan, but there was a statement that said there was no progress made this time. And because there are a number of similar proposals in the same condition, and asks the staff that we consider for future renewals that some progress be required
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers and progress made relative to positive impact plan. There was no update submitted.
 - Chairman asked for other comments and then asked for a motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion
 - The Commission unanimously approved subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- n. East Coast Organics, LLC (#MCR139833), Cultivation Renewal
 - Commissioner Title – Same condition as Commonwealth Cultivation Inc.
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers and progress made relative to positive impact plan. There was no update submitted.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- o. East Coast Organics, LLC (#MPR243489), Product Manufacturer Renewal
 - Commissioner Title – Same Condition as previous two renewal applications.



- Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers and progress made relative to positive impact plan. There was no update submitted.
 - Chari asked for additional comments and a motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- p. Ashlis Farm, Inc. (#MCR139841), Cultivation Renewal
- Commissioner Title – same condition as previous several renewal applications.
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers and progress made relative to positive impact plan. There was no update submitted.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- q. Ashli's Extract, Inc. (#MPR243495), Product Manufacturer Renewal
- Commissioner Title – Same condition as previous several renewal applications.
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers and progress made relative to positive impact plan. There was no update submitted.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- r. Ashli's, Inc. (#MRR205541), Retail Renewal
- Commissioner Title – Same condition (update)
 - Proposed condition: Provide an update on progress made relative to diversity plan, for example regarding staff training, consultants, vendors, contractors, or suppliers and progress made relative to positive impact plan. There was no update submitted.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.



- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- s. Sanctuary Medicinals, LLC (#MCR139835), Cultivation Renewal
- Commissioner Title – In this case the licensee noted in its diversity plan said it would be auditing the plan and would submit data, including employment and contract/subcontractor. This info was not included in update.
 - Proposed condition: Within 60 days, submit more information about diversity training and submit annual data review as described in submitted diversity plan (The CEO at Sanctuary will be responsible for auditing the Diversity Plan. The audit report setting forth the Company’s performance in fulfilling the goals of the Plan will contain:
 - Employment data, including information on minority, women, disabled, and veteran representation in the workforce in all job classifications; average salary ranges; recruitment and training information (all job categories); and retention and outreach efforts;
 - The total number and value of all contracts and/or subcontractors awarded for goods and services;
 - An identification of each subcontract actually awarded to a member of a diverse group and the actual value of such subcontract;
 - A comprehensive description of all efforts made by Sanctuary to monitor and enforce the Diversity Plan;
 - Information on diverse group investment, equity ownership, and other ownership or employment opportunities initiated or promoted by Sanctuary;
 - Other information deemed necessary or desirable by the Commission to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations governing marijuana establishments in Massachusetts; and
 - When available, a workforce utilization report including the following information for each job category at Sanctuary:
 - The total number of persons employed
 - The total number of men employed
 - The total number of women employed
 - The total number of veterans
 - The total number of service-disabled veterans
 - The total number of members of each racial minority employed)
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- t. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MCR139842), Cultivation Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.



- Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- u. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#MPR243493), Product Manufacturer Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- v. Sanctuary Medicinals, LLC (#MPR243490), Product Manufacturer Renewal
- Commissioner Title – same as previous Sanctuary Medicinals.
 - Proposed condition: Within 60 days, submit more information about diversity training and submit annual data review as described in submitted diversity plan (The CEO at Sanctuary will be responsible for auditing the Diversity Plan. The audit report setting forth the Company’s performance in fulfilling the goals of the Plan will contain:
 - Employment data, including information on minority, women, disabled, and veteran representation in the workforce in all job classifications; average salary ranges; recruitment and training information (all job categories); and retention and outreach efforts;
 - The total number and value of all contracts and/or subcontractors awarded for goods and services;
 - An identification of each subcontract actually awarded to a member of a diverse group and the actual value of such subcontract;
 - A comprehensive description of all efforts made by Sanctuary to monitor and enforce the Diversity Plan;
 - Information on diverse group investment, equity ownership, and other ownership or employment opportunities initiated or promoted by Sanctuary;
 - Other information deemed necessary or desirable by the Commission to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations governing marijuana establishments in Massachusetts; and
 - When available, a workforce utilization report including the following information for each job category at Sanctuary:
 - The total number of persons employed
 - The total number of men employed
 - The total number of women employed
 - The total number of veterans
 - The total number of service-disabled veterans
 - The total number of members of each racial minority employed)
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- w. Health Circle, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Commissioner Doyle – she sees that this is an RMD. See some progress to getting



operational, but they have not updated their own timeline.

o Proposed condition – update proposed timeline within sixty days.

- Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
- Commissioner McBride moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
- Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.

x. M3 Ventures, Inc. (#RMD-806), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal

- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.

y. M3 Ventures, Inc. (#RMD-465), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal

- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.

z. Mission MA, Inc. (RMD-1125), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal

- Commissioner Title recused herself from this consideration.
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
- Commission approved the renewal license by voice vote with for votes in favor (Doyle, Flanagan, Hoffman, McBride) and one recusal (Title).

aa. Apothca, Inc. (#RMD-345), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal

- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
- Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.

bb. Mass Wellspring, LLC (#RMD-665), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal

- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
- Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.

cc. The Heirloom Collective, Inc. (#RMD-825), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal

- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
- Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
- Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.

dd. HVV Massachusetts, Inc., Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal



- Doyle asked for clarification with respect to the two HVV Massachusetts, Inc. applications
 - Director Potvin said that there is currently not a license for the one under current consideration, but has dispensary in Amherst
 - Subject to ministerial correction – Doyle – This is another applicant that is progressing toward commencing operations, but their timeline is about three years off in terms of our materials.
 - Proposed condition – update proposed timeline within sixty days.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
- ee. HVV Massachusetts, Inc. (#RMD-1185), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Commissioner Doyle - Same Condition
 - Proposed condition – update proposed timeline within sixty days.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
- ff. Theory Wellness, Inc. (#RMD-525), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- gg. Bask, Inc. (#RMD-445), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- hh. MassMedicum Corp. (#RMD-945), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Commissioner Doyle – request that the same condition with respect an update of a timeline and she asked that it be a “robust” update.
 - Proposed condition – update proposed timeline within sixty days.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.



- The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
- ii. Patriot Care Corp. (#RMD-265), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- jj. Patriot Care Corp. (#RMD-727), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.
- kk. The Botanist, Inc. (#RMD-1145), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Commissioner Doyle – Same condition as MassMedicum.
 - Proposed condition – update proposed timeline within sixty days.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments then motion to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the renewal license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the renewal license subject to condition suggested by Commissioner Doyle.
- ll. Altitude Organic Corporation of Massachusetts, Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center Renewal
- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the renewal license.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the renewal license.

6. Staff Recommendations on Changes of Location

- Chairman asked Director of Licensing, Kyle Potvin to bring the Commission through the Change of Location applications.
- a. ARL Healthcare, Inc., MTC Provisional License, Cultivation and Processing
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the change of location.
- b. Bask, Inc., MTC Provisional License, Cultivation and Processing
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.



- Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the change of location.
- d. Mayflower Medicinals, Inc., MTC Provisional License, Dispensing
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the change of location.
- e. Nature’s Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc., MTC Provisional License, Dispensing
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the change of location.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the change of location.

7. Staff Recommendations on Final Licenses

- a. CommCan, Inc. (#MR282205), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the final license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the final license.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission approved the final license by a vote of four (Doyle, Flanagan, Hoffman, McBride) with one abstention (Title).
- b. CommCan, Inc. (#RMD-565), Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation – noting that this is the medical operation of the same entity just approved for final license.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the final license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the final license.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the final license.
- c. I.N.S.A., Inc (#MR281892), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the final license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the final license.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission approved the final license by a vote of four (Doyle, Flanagan, Hoffman, McBride) with one abstention (Title).



Took a break to reconvene at 11:25

- Chairman called meeting back to order

8. Staff Recommendations on Provisional Licenses

- a. Haverhill Stem, LLC (#MRN281327), Retail
 - Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Title moved to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the Provisional license.

- b. JustinCredible Cultivation, LLC (#MCN281313), Cultivation – Tier 1 / Indoor
 - d. Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Commissioner Flanagan – Have a lot of concerns with the Positive Impact Plan. There are lofty goals, it is going to be difficult to implement given lack of advertising involved.
 - Proposed Condition – Applicant will rework their Positive Impact Plan as a condition of licensure.
 - Commissioner McBride – has concerns about security plan and prevention of diversion plan.
 - Plan reads “will ensure our product does reach underage individuals. Probably typo.
 - In the prevention of diversion plan refers to 500.300 as section relevant to storage of cannabis. Not proper citation. 500.110 are the better provision to reference.
 - In security procedure plan – wrong section for transportation. May be a typo but concerned about detail and level of proficiency with CCC regulations reflected in the plan.
 - In security plan – program policy and procedures # 10 states “emergency personal may enter the cultivation facility when necessary to perform their duties upon cleared background check.” This is not accurate.
 - Overall concern with respect to proficiency of the regulations.
 - Proposed Condition - Plans need to be rewritten and ensuring that it restricts access to consumers 21 years or older.
 - Commissioner Title – minor condition on diversity plan – first metric is a minimum 45% employment, job creation, and expansion from target demographics
 - What does expansion mean?
 - Proposed Condition – applicant will revise the plan to (i) clarify what Expansion means and (ii) 45% is not an adequate number to include women and other groups.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Flanagan, McBride, and Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the provisional license, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Flanagan, McBride, and Title.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - Commission approved the provisional license subject to the conditions suggested by



Commissioners Flanagan, McBride, and Title by a vote of three in favor (Doyle, Hoffman, McBride) and to against (Flanagan, Title)

- c. Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#MCN282054), Cultivation – Tier 2 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation for each Cultivator and Product Manufacturer.
 - Commissioner Title
 - Proposed Condition – Add quantifiable, measurable goals to the diversity plan.
 - Chairman asked for additional questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the Provisional license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- d. Alternative Compassion Services, Inc. (#MPN281628), Product Manufacturer
- Commissioner Title would like same condition as other ACS, Inc.
 - Proposed Condition – Add quantifiable, measurable goals to the diversity plan.
 - Chairman asked for additional questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the provisional license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the Provisional license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- e. Liberty Market, LLC (#MRN281804), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the Provisional license.
- f. Good Chemistry of Massachusetts, Inc. (MRN282554), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the provisional license.
 - Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the Provisional license.
- g. Native Sun Wellness, Inc. (#MCN281599), Cultivation – Tier 5 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Commissioner Title would like same condition as other ACS, Inc.
 - Proposed Condition – Add quantifiable, measurable goals to the diversity plan.
 - Commissioner Doyle – applicant that received MTC priority?
 - Director Potvin – They are an MTC but did not avail themselves of priority status.



- Chairman asked for additional questions and comments then asked for motion to approve the provisional license, subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - Commission unanimously approved the Provisional license subject to the condition suggested by Commissioner Title.
- h. ACK Natural, Inc, Vertically Integrated Medical Treatment Center
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Commissioner McBride –
 - Proposed condition – provide more information about chocolates, more specifically the types and forms of baked goods they will make and sell.
 - Commissioner Title – adding on to Commissioner McBride’s comment
 - Proposed condition – specify what they mean by “terpene juice”
 - Commissioner Title – Confirming whether applicants are demonstrating that if they use body cameras in home deliveries that they will be giving notice to consumers of such.
 - Director Potvin confirmed that.
 - Commissioner McBride confirmed that because this is an MTC applicant, any home deliver use of body cameras.
 - Chairman clarified that use of body cameras is voluntary on the part of MTCs.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments and asked for a motion to approve the provisional license subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners McBride and Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the provisional license subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners McBride and Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners McBride and Title.
- i. TDMA Orange, LLC. (#MCN281982), Cultivation – Tier 2 / Indoor
- Chairman says Co-located with next – one discussion, two votes.
 - Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation for both cultivation and product manufacturer applications.
 - Commissioner Doyle –
 - Proposed Condition – not the application seeking here, rather they availed themselves of the priority MTC status, have not seen discernable movement on MTC licenses, so update the MTC timeline within 60 days.
 - Commissioner Title – supporting Commissioner Doyle’s condition –
 - Proposed Condition and quantifiable, measurable goals for both diversity and positive impact plans.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments and a motion to approve the provisional license for the Cultivation application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved the provisional license for the Cultivation application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.
 - Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license for the provisional application



(Cultivation), subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.

- j. TDMA Orange, LLC. (#MPN281616), Product Manufacturer
- Commissioner Doyle – Same as other
 - Proposed Condition – not the application seeking here, rather they availed themselves of the priority MTC status, have not seen discernable movement on MTC licenses, so update the MTC timeline within 60 days.
 - Commissioner Title – supporting Commissioner Doyle’s condition –
 - Proposed Condition and quantifiable, measurable goals for both diversity and positive impact plans.
 - Commissioners McBride – same as others.
 - Proposed Condition – provide more information about gummies, specifically flavors and form.
 - Chairman asked for additional questions or comments and then asked for a motion to approve the provisional application subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Doyle, Title, and McBride.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the provisional application subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Doyle, Title, and McBride.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional application (Product Manufacturer) subject to the condition requested by Commissioners Doyle, Title, and McBride.
- k. TDMA Orange, LLC. (#MCN282031), Cultivation – Tier 5 / Indoor
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Commissioner Doyle –
 - Proposed Condition – not the application seeking here, rather they availed themselves of the priority MTC status, have not seen discernable movement on MTC licenses, so update the MTC timeline within 60 days.
 - Commissioner Title –
 - Proposed Condition and quantifiable, measurable goals for both diversity and positive impact plans.
 - Chairman asked for additional comments and a motion to approve the provisional license for the Cultivation application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved the provisional license for the Cultivation application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion
 - The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license for the provisional application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.
- l. TDMA Orange, LLC. (#MRN282376), Retail
- Director Potvin presented the application and staff recommendation.
 - Commissioner Doyle – Same as others.
 - Proposed Condition – not the application seeking here, rather they availed themselves of the priority MTC status, have not seen discernable movement on MTC licenses, so update the MTC timeline within 60 days.
 - Commissioner Title – Same as others.



- Proposed Condition and quantifiable, measurable goals for both diversity and positive impact plans.
- Chairman asked for additional comments and a motion to approve the provisional license for the Cultivation application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.
- Commissioner Doyle moved the provisional license for the Cultivation application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion
- The Commission unanimously approved the provisional license for the provisional application, subject to the conditions suggested by Commissioners Doyle and Title.

Chairman gave a break – reconvene at 1p after lunch.

Chairman reconvened the meeting.

9. Responsible Vendor Accreditation

- Executive Director gave an overview of the Responsible Vendor Accreditation.
- Thanked Dr. Julie Johnson, Matt Giancola, and Patrick Beyea
- To date we've received 12 applications.
 - 4 applications before commission today for consideration.
 - Those not before the commission today are still in a back and forth with staff and will be before the commission in the future.
- Chairman asked for a timeline with respect to implementation once an application is approved.
 - Executive Director said that it's hard to say given the work of making sure they have facilities and the curricula are in order.
- These licensees will be able to provide services upon licensure to other entities
- These may not be related to the any other licensee.
- Executive Director went over the information provided to Commission and was reviewed, including types of programs and the structure and examination.
- Chairman suggested going through applications one by one.

a. Quality Control Analytics

- Executive Director gave an overview of the application and staff recommendation.
- Chairman asked for comments and questions then a motion to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
- Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
- Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously approved the application to provide responsible vendor training.

b. Cannabis Trainers

- m. Executive Director gave an overview of the application and staff recommendation.
- Commissioner Flanagan asked whether there are a lot of out of state applicants.
 - Dr. Johnson said she believed that 2 of the 12 were out of state providers but she would



confirm.

- Chairman asked for comments and questions then a motion to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
 - Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the application to provide responsible vendor training.
- c. Stoker Consulting, LLC
- Executive Director gave an overview of the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for comments and questions then a motion to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the application to provide responsible vendor training.
- d. Anthony Bartucca
- Executive Director gave an overview of the application and staff recommendation.
 - Chairman asked for comments and questions then a motion to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the application to provide responsible vendor training.
 - Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously approved the application to provide responsible vendor training.
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- Chairman confirmed that there were 8 more applicants in the process and what the timeline will be for putting those before the Commission.
 - Dr. Johnson said that they emailed all other applicants with requests for additional information, so they will be considered in next round of reviews.
 - Chairman asked how many trainers will be needed to support the entire industry.
 - Dr. Johnson said she was unsure.
 - Commissioner McBride asked by what date Marijuana Establishments will need to have these trainings completed
 - Executive Director and Chairman each said January 1, 2020.
 - Executive Director suggested that the application process is still open, so others should still apply.
 - Chairman asked to follow up on numbers needed to support the entire industry.
 - Commissioner McBride asked how we make sure materials are up to date as the Commission revises its regulations.
 - Executive Director said once we get new updates to the regs, trainers will get a circulated change, and the regs require updated materials to be submitted to the Commission.
 - Commissioner McBride confirmed that when we review changes to materials, we'll ensure conformity to the regulations
 - Dr. Johnson confirmed this and talked about a "secret shopper" type arrangement in which Commission staff would attend vendor training to ensure the curriculum is accurate.
 - Commissioner Title – Thanked all involved and stated that she received a lot of emails from disappointed applicants. Wanted to raise for consideration at another time, allowing for expedited



review from groups such as minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses, or businesses owned by Social Equity Program participants, similar to other license types.

- Executive Director said in this case it is difficult to do that, given these applications, and the small numbers of applicants, are considered as a group, rather than individually, and therefore there is no way to expedite any in relation to another.
- Executive Director said he would like to staff this effort with an individual given those doing it now have other job responsibilities and work toward the goal of including the types of businesses that the Commission encourages. Having a variety of folks involved throughout the commission is important, but also important to have a single person who's accountable for its implementation.

10. Commission Discussion and Votes

a. Next Regulatory Cycle: Scope of Foreseeable Topics (Subject to Change)

- Chairman - Thanks to General Counsel. We just finished a regulatory review. Agreed that issues that couldn't be addressed in the recent review will be addressed in the next. We've set a tentative start of the next round for January 2020. We need some time in between to implement recent changes and prepare for the next one. The point of this discussion is not to finalize the items to work on in next round but give some guidance to staff so that we can start doing the necessary background work. General Counsel met with each Commissioner and worked with Executive Director to come up with a list of initiatives for the next round of regulatory review.
- Chairman asked each Commissioner if anything is missing or mis stated on the list.
- Commissioner Flanagan wants to talk about edibles – wants to look at entire section – doesn't want to run into the situation where the public hasn't been told we'll be looking into something, so wants to give notice that we may make changes and will work with staff to do that.
- Commissioner McBride – would like to consider changes with respect to research licenses – no specifics.
- Commissioner Doyle – Wants to make sure that sampling discussion will pertain to both medical and adult, on list under just adult, so wanted to clarify.
- Commissioner Title – clarifications
 - What is meant by “impairment” under operational requirements?
 - General Counsel said it goes to concerns raised about the ability of certain retail locations, in most cases social consumption, to evaluate the impairment of individuals.
 - Vaping – early September meeting, discussed both short and long-term plan with respect to coordinating with other regulators. Can we move forward with those plans despite the ban?
 - Executive Director – yes, we can.
 - Labeling – i.e. edibles – there is new research in the past few years about how customers read edibles labels. Prefer it to be a conversation generally about labeling and not just about edibles.
 - General Counsel said generally this will be a discussion of labeling and packaging generally.
- Chairman said this should be a “living list” and General Counsel will be repository for additional items on the list.

b. Priority RMD Status

- Chairman defers to Commissioner Doyle
- Commissioner Doyle – Want to have a discussion about priority RMD status, in particular how RMDs have been progressing since provisional license toward commencing operations, especially



those enjoying priority RMD status. In discussion with staff members, Commissioner Doyle has discovered that there is not necessarily the same view of priority RMDs within the Commission. This discussion is to clarify policy. The idea was to help RMD applicants get through the adult process faster if they held RMD license.

- Commissioner Doyle's view that RMD priority would be given to applicants who have already gone through DPH application and/or inspection process. And legislature made it so that RMDs would have been automatically authorized to commence adult operations if the Commission didn't pass its regulations July 1, 2017, which it did. Believed that RMD status that were already well on their way to commencing operations could easily add adult operations to those operations already in process or operating.
- To carry this logic through, Commissioner Doyle thought priority RMD status should be limited to locations that have a provisional or approved medical licenses and should get a priority as they move into the adult space for that specific medical license type. But if they have priority for a license type for which they are seeking an adult equivalent, priority should only apply to license types for which the applicant already holds a medical equivalent and not all of the licensee's applications.
- Commissioner Doyle wants to make sure that is the correct interpretation.
- Chairman asks for other comments/thoughts.
- Commissioner Title – confirms Commissioner Doyle's interpretation and thanks her for raising it.
- Chairman and Commissioner Doyle to ask Executive Director for information that may inform the discussion.
 - Executive Director shared statistics with respect to applications
 - Information may not be the most recent, but of 214 applications surveyed in the portal all 214 have received initial review, 151 (70%) are proposed co-located. 58 (27%) are not proposed to be co-located. 5 license types that do not have a parallel license type in across both programs. 34 have been reviewed based on the their RMD priority certification that are not co-located but have not yet been considered by the Commission for licensure. These 34 are the universe effected.
- Chairman asked about precedent and fairness.
 - Commissioner Doyle says the downside to her proposal is that some applicants are well prepared to open new locations that they do not currently have medical locations associated but have experience that other applicants may not have. Struggle is whether or not they should get priority or be general applicants.
 - Chairman is concerned about treating people differently than in the past.
 - Commissioner Doyle said the Commission can change policy proactively.
- Chairman asks for additional comments then a motion.
- Commissioner Doyle moved that the Commission request the Executive Director to implement the changes necessary to ensure that priority RMD status is limited to those who qualified in April 2018, limited to the location and activities for which the applicants have RMD licensure and require that RMD licensure must be maintained to be eligible for priority treatment for adult licenses of the same type for that location.
- Commissioner Title seconded the motion.
- The Commission passed the motion with a vote of 4 in favor (Doyle, Flanagan, McBride and Title) and one opposed (Hoffman)



- Executive Director: believes notice would be required for applicants that will be affected
 - Also applying to all of this is license limitations – 3 per license per entity
 - Staff will get working on this in earnest – 34 have received initial review.
 - Some potential RMD priority and have been reopened with the intention to maintain that status and this will apply prospectively.
 - Commissioner Doyle trying to figure out how many applicants in the known universe that may have an RMD PCR/FCR that are potentially given RMD priority status.
 - Commissioner Doyle says we might need to revisit this because if everyone entitled to priority have been reviewed, and others can be in the future, and none come in, then this policy would be moot.
 - Executive Director says there will still be folks who can avail themselves of priority status and there are others that may have had priority status but will not now.
 - Chairman asks Executive Director if he has what he needs.
 - Executive Director says he'll work with staff and if we need clarification, he will bring to the Commission at that time
- Commissioner McBride – Once asks that once we determine the applicants that this policy will affect, that Executive Director share that information

c. Considerations for Social Equity Applicants

- Chairman defers to Commissioner Title
 - This Commission has made significant consistent progress with recent decisions and regulations toward social equity mandates. Therefore, it seems like a prudent time to give some consideration to those folks as they are being approached by unscrupulous investors trying to manipulate the program.
 - Talked with other states and issues they're seeing in their jurisdictions' social equity programs.
 - Purpose of this document – without substituting commission judgement or any over a Social Equity applicant's or affecting their autonomy, Title wants to give red flags and warning signs to keep an eye out for these tactics.
 - Chairman asked how this information would be disseminated.
 - Commissioner Title – Would leave it to staff to determine.
 - Commissioner Flanagan – People who are the target of scams don't see it when it is right in front of them, so it's very important. And what are other states doing in this area would think this is something for the Attorney General's office.
 - Commissioner Title says she's being cautious, so that she's not stepping on other states' toes, but we are the right body to issue this guidance because we see it so close up, but also there are links in the document to other resources, including the AG for criminal behavior.
 - Commissioner Doyle – Would like to see some disclaimers for “this is not legal advice, etc.” Another issue – maintaining status – there was a 2018 discussion about maintaining Economic Empowerment status – may be helpful to explain how to maintain that status in case the deal points would void their Social Equity status.
 - Commissioner Title says excellent point about maintaining status and will include greater disclosures with respect to legal advice.
 - Commissioner McBride – in some instances, applicants rely on advice from folks giving bad advice – maybe this is good vehicle to include language about doing your own research and



knowing who you're contracting with because the applicant/licensee is ultimately responsible.

- Chairman says we should have a motion which should include the comments from each commissioner and delegation to staff.
 - Commissioner Flanagan asked about dissemination and format/medium. Will it be a pamphlet? Will the Social Equity team give them out? Can we put this in something that looks attractive and shared at various events?
 - Commissioner Title – Weighing in without be prescriptive, wanted to leave it up to the staff – agrees the dissemination and outreach is crucial as well. Language is written such that it is plain English, so having an appealing look its important too.
 - Executive Director says for agility sake – we may want to leave wiggle room for changes as we work through, so perhaps a Commission vote should not be taken as to not “lock” the document.
 - Chairman says will follow Executive Director’s suggestion
 - Executive Director reviews comments and says that this could be a versatile document to be used in many ways – a living document.
 - Commissioner Flanagan asked that the document is dated so that as it is a “living and breathing” but people know they have the most up to date version.
- d. Annual Activities Report to the Legislature
- Chairman says it’s an annual activities report – doesn’t know who to thank.
 - Executive Director says culmination of a lot of staff work – primarily David Lakeman
 - Each Department head contributed their portions.
 - Chairman asks for suggestions or comments or changes to document then asks for a motion to approve the Annual Activities Report.
 - Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the Annual Activities Report.
 - Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.
 - The commission unanimously approved Annual Activities Report.
- e. Research Presentation: Positive Impact Plan Special Report
- Executive Director introduced Jessica – special report.
 - Jessica joined commission as Rapaport Fellow.
 - Jessica is a Master of Divinity candidate at BU.
 - Jessica presented her baseline review of positive impact plans.
 - Commissioner Flanagan thanked Jessica expressed her belief that this report fits within the Section 17 mandate and that she agrees with the concept that some Areas of Disproportionate Impact are missing and are not properly designated as such.
 - Commissioner Title asked what the Commission could do to help continue this work and encourage better positive impact plans?
 - Jessica said discussions at meetings and guidance from the Commission.
 - Commissioner Title asked for recommendations with respect to the type of measurements applicants should use in their Positive Impact Plan
 - Jessica said giving detailed metrics that applicants know they want to complete.
 - Jessica liked plans that had phased and specific and focused plans (e.g. in year one, we will accomplish [X], in year two...).



- Commissioner Title asked whether companies with multiple licenses should have multiple plans.
 - Jessica said no, as long as the substance of the plan is strong and is concrete, specific, and measurable.
- Commissioner Title – Did you have suggestions for a new name for the positive impact plan?
 - Jessica - Equity Plan or Social Justice (based on the idea of repairing harm).
- Commissioners Title and Flanagan have volunteered to take on the recommendations of Jessica’s report.
- Jessica says she’s so grateful to have been a part of the team. Thinks Commission does thoughtful and engaging work.

11) New Business that the Chairman did not anticipate at time of posting

- No additional issues

12) Next Meeting Date

November 7, 2019 at 10a - location TBD

Chairman asked for a motion

- Commissioner Flanagan moved to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

