

ASPEN BLUE CULTURES, INC.

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BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Aspen Blue Cultures, Inc.
40 Forest Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Cultivation, Tier 5/Indoor (30,001 – 40,000 sq. ft.)
Product Manufacturing
Retail

The application was reopened one (1) time for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Patrick Casey	Director and Executive / Officer
Nicholas Salvadore	Director
Andrew Wilkes	Director
Jill Moniz	Director
Matthew Wilkes	Director

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Entity	Role
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Aspen Blue, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Authority
Aspen Blue Development Fund, LLC	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant’s priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 13, 2019.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 11, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 21, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.

10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 30% of its staff who reside in Taunton and Fall River.
2	Provide funding and other necessary items to charitable organizations located in Taunton and Fall River through bi-annual donation drives.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.

12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within two (2) years for its cultivation and product manufacturing operations and nine (9) months for its retail operation of receiving the provisional license(s).

14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Cultivation and Product Manufacturing Operations
Monday – Sunday: 24 hours per day

Retail Operations



Monday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 15% women and 15% veterans for its hiring initiatives.
2	Increase career advancement opportunities for women and veterans employed by Aspen Blue, with 20% of its management-level position being held by women and/or veterans.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission’s regulations.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

#	Product
1	Chocolate Chip Cookies
2	Chocolate flavored Brownies
3	Coconut flavored Macaroons
4	Marshmallow and Chocolate flavored Rice Krispy Bars
5	Fruit Chews (Green Sour-Apple, Watermelon and Lemon)
6	Hard Candies (Green Sour-Apple, Watermelon and Lemon)
7	Infused Beverages (Lemonade, Fruit Punch, Pink Lemonade, and Grape)
8	Infused Teas (Green Tea and Night-Time Lemon)

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Aspen Blue Cultures, Inc. plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, Aspen Blue Cultures, Inc. will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Diversity Plan that modifies the percentages to recruit women and veterans to be objectively reasonable;
5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
6. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

