

MME NEWTON RETAIL, LLC
MRN283123

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

MME Newton Retail, LLC
232 Boylston Street, Newton, MA 02459

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

Retail

The application was reopened once (1) for additional information.

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

Individuals and entities associated with this application are also associated with a retail (MRN282091) application under the name MedMen Boston, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Benjamin Rose	Director
Thomas Lynch	Executive / Officer
Zeeshan Hyder	Director

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

Entity	Role
MM Enterprises USA, LLC	Holding Company

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 28, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 29, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 8, 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	MME will work to hire at least 30% of its workforce from this Plan Population.
2	MME has committed to donating 0.5% of its annual gross revenue to GSO Foundation, with a \$1,000,000.00 cash advance.
3	MME is also providing GSO Foundation 18 hours of online content to train individuals seeking retail career opportunities in the cannabis industry.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
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 six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:
Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 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	MME Newton Retail will strive to employ a diverse group of employees, made up of at least 50% describing themselves as women and 25% describing themselves as minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ individuals.
2	Create a safe, accepting and discrimination-free work environment.
3	Ensure that participants in our supplier and ancillary services chain are committed to the same goals of promoting equity and diversity in the adult-use marijuana industry. MME Newton Retail will have the goal of contracting with at least 20% of suppliers or ancillary services that are comprised of women, minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ individuals.

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

MME Newton Retail, LLC will obtain marijuana and marijuana products from cultivators and product manufacturers selling wholesale and duly licensed by the CCC under 935 CMR 500.000.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

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 ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant submitting a statement, upon inspection, from company leadership responding to a pattern of allegations of misconduct and steps the company will take toward preventing that pattern from continuing in Massachusetts;
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.

