

**UNION TWIST, INC.**  
MRN283168

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Union Twist, Inc.  
1158 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461

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):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Newton

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

Individual	Role
Marie St. Fleur	Executive / Officer
Tahira Rehmatullah	Director
Gregory Thomaier	Manager of Athenacan, LLC

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

Entity	Role
Union Twist Holdings, LLC	Parent Company
Athenacan, LLC	Parent Company
JM10 II LLC	Parent Company
JM10-FFF, LLC	Parent Company



6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 31, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 10, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 14, 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	Union Twist seeks to provide mentoring, professional, and technical services for individuals and businesses facing systemic barriers in the City of Chelsea by hosting four (4) CORI sealing clinics annually that service at least 10 attendees per clinic, or 40 attendees.

### **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 9 months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:  
  
Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 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	Union Twist seeks to build a diverse workforce comprised of at least thirty (30) percent of individuals that are of Black, African American, Hispanic, or Latino descent.
2	Union Twist will offer promotions, career counseling, and training to provide all (100%) employees with opportunity for growth and to decrease turnover.

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

Union Twist plans to purchase marijuana and marijuana products from those entities licensed to cultivate and manufacture marijuana and marijuana products under 935 CMR 500.000 et seq.

**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. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
5. 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.

