

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2022

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1pm. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel.

Administrative Notes: The next application window will open at 10am on Friday, July 1st. This window is for all manufacturing tiers, as well as wholesale licenses. The Board has no plans to close the previously open application windows. Chair Pepper also gives a brief overview of insurance and banking requirements, and reiterates that both are necessary for licensure, and they must specifically be for one's cannabis establishment – a personal checking account or home insurance is not sufficient for licensure.

The Board announces the hire of Cary Giguere from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets as Compliance Director for the CCB. He will join staff mid-July.

Prior to discussing the agenda items, the Chair reviews the discussion from the previous week's executive session discussion of the one location per license rule issue from an applicant. Commissioner Harris also generally discusses plastic packaging waivers.

Chair Pepper entertains a motion to adopt the minutes from June 22nd. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adopt the minutes.

Brynn Hare reviews 5 staff recommendations for pre-qualification, 12 recommendations for full licensure approval, and 5 recommendations for social equity approval. There is one recommendation for social equity status denial.

At 1:24pm, the Chair entertains a motion to accept the staff recommendations for licensure, pre-qualification, and social equity status. Hulburd moves. Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to accept the recommendations

At 1:25pm, the Board moves into public comment. Members of the public comment via Microsoft Teams. The Chair closes the public comment window at 1:38pm. Brief Board comments follow public comment section, and the Chair adjourns the meeting at 1:40pm

Video recording of June 22 Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5iNI0v7reU>

Prequalification and License Register

Date: 6-29-22

Prequalification Applications (as of 6-27-22)

Application Status:	Submitted but Incomplete	Complete and Under Review	Recommended for Board Review	Approved for Prequalification	Total
Cultivators	199	0	2	127	328
Testing labs	4	0	0	2	6
Manufacturers	49	0	0	31	81
Wholesale	12	0	0	8	20
Retail	66	0	2	42	111
TOTAL	330	0	5	210	545

Staff Recommendations for Prequalification

The following applicants have demonstrated compliance with CCB Rules 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 and suitability for prequalification.

1. Submission: #287

License Type: Outdoor Cultivation, Tier 1

2. Submission: #401

License Type: Manufacturing, Tier 3

3. Submission: #590

License Type: Retail

4. Submission: #594

License Type: Indoor Cultivation, Tier 1

5. Submission: #607

License Type: Retail

License Applications (as of 6-27-22)

Application Status:	Submitted	Received	Under Review	Incomplete	Resubmitted	Pending Board Review	Approved	Issued	Total
Outdoor and Mixed: Cultivator Tiers 1 and 2	1	63	1	68	22	10	14	7	186
Indoor: Cultivator Tiers 1 and 2	0	37	1	13	2	1	4	8	66
Outdoor and Mixed: Cultivator Tiers 3 and up	1	8	1	4	3	1	0	1	19
Indoor: Cultivator Tiers 3 and up	0	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	8
Testing Laboratories	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
Manufacturer Tier 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturer Tier 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturer Tier 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Integrated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	2	114	3	88	28	12	19	18	284

Staff Recommendations for a Cannabis Establishment License

The following applicants have demonstrated compliance with all requirements for their license contained in CCB Rules 1.4 and 1.5 and 7 V.S.A. chapter 33.

1. Business Name: [BACKCOUNTRY ORGANICS LLC.](#)

License Type, Tier: Mixed Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Montgomery Center

Priority status: Standard

2. Business Name: [Green Mountain Ganja Guys LLC](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 5

Location: Rutland

Priority status: Economic Empowerment

3. Business Name: [Moon Waters Farm](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: North Hero

Priority status: Standard

4. Business Name: [Peregrine Farm LLC](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Underhill

Priority status: Standard

5. Business Name: [Bizzee Beez Organics L.L.C](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Bristol

Priority status: Standard

6. Business Name: [Kanna LLC](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Bethel

Priority status: Standard

7. Business Name: [Banting Farm](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Groton

Priority status: Standard

8. Business Name: [Roaring Branch Farm LLC](#) **

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Sunderland

Priority status: Standard

9. Business Name: [High Mountain Homegrown LLC](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Townshend

Priority status: Standard

10. Business Name: [Birch Haven Farm LLC](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Danville

Priority status: Economic Empowerment

11. Business Name: [Purple Lark Farm LLC \(legal name\) and Motherflower \(brand name\)](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Richmond

Priority status: Economic Empowerment

12 [Business Name: The Dank Closet](#)

License Type, Tier: Indoor, Tier 1 (Small Cultivator)

Location: Barton

Priority Status: Social Equity

Social Equity License Applications (as of 6-27-22)

Application Status:	Submitted	Received	Under Review	Incomplete	Resubmitted	Pending Board Review	Approved	Issued	Total
Social Equity	0	2	2	38	7	2	9	8	68

Staff Recommendations for Social Equity Status

1. [Submission: S-000000234](#)

License Type, Tier: Mixed Use Cultivator Tier 1

Staff recommend social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity individual applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3(o).

2. [Submission: S-000000701](#)

License Type, Tier: Mixed Use Cultivator Tier 1

Staff recommend social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity individual applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3(o).

3. [Submission: S-000000646](#)

License Type, Tier: Indoor Cultivator Tier 1

Staff recommend social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity business applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3(p).

4. [Submission: S-000000635](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivation Tier 4

Staff recommend social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity individual applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3(o).

5. [Submission: S-000000484](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 2

Staff recommend social equity status for this applicant, as the applicant meets the criteria for social equity individual applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3(o).

Staff Recommendations for Social Equity Status Denial

1. [Submission: S-000000641](#)

License Type, Tier: Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1

Staff recommend social equity status denial for this applicant, as the applicant does not meet the criteria for social equity individual applicant as defined in Board Rule 1.1.3(o).