

Alchemy League

DOA100144

MDA1272

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Alchemy League
15 Main Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

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

Marijuana Courier
Marijuana Delivery Operator

The application was reopened two (2) times for the Marijuana Courier application and three (3) times for the Marijuana Delivery-Operator application, 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	Provisional License	Holyoke
Marijuana Research Facility	Application Submitted	Boston
MTC	Application Submitted	Swansea-Swansea
MTC	Provisionally Approved	Holyoke-Holyoke

4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Courier and Marijuana Delivery Operator on July 9, 2021. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.

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

Individual	Role
Leah Daniels	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Jacynth Cooke	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

Provisional License Executive Summary 1



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

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

- Applicant's priority status:

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant
Leah Daniels / 100% / EE201940

- The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 24, 2021.
- The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 18, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- The Commission sent a municipal notice to the City/Town of Holyoke with a copy of the application to the municipality on October 22, 2021. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
- The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 1-2 employees per year who have previous drug convictions, parents or spouses have drug convictions, Economic Empowerment priority applicants and Social Equity Program participants that reside in Holyoke.
2	Provide mentoring, professional, and technical services for individuals and businesses in Holyoke and surrounding areas that face systemic barriers to entry and success in the cannabis industry.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

- There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
- There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- The applicant states that it can be operational within two (2) months of receiving the provisional license(s) for its Marijuana Courier License and six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s) for its Marijuana Delivery Operator License.



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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

16. The applicant submitted all 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.

17. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 25% of women, minorities, veterans, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ individuals for its hiring initiatives.
2	Recruit at least two (2) leaders and advisors who are minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+.
3	Provide annual diversity training to all staff.

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, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
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 providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Diversity Plan to include any hiring goals for LGBTQ+ residents (DOA100144).
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Diversity Plan to include any hiring goals for women, minorities, veterans, individuals with disabilities and LGBTQ+ residents (MDA1272).
6. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
7. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
8. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, and Independent Testing Laboratory Agents involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for adult and medical use shall have attended and successfully completed the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program to be designated a "Responsible Vendor" and provide a "certificate of completion" to the Commission upon request. In addition, all newly hired employees involved in the handling or sale of marijuana or marijuana products must also successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor



Training Program within 90 days of hire, in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(2) or 935 CMR 501.105(2).

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.

