



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Marijuana Licensing Authority

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Friday, July 13, 2018

1:30 PM

Room 2108

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#### 1. Call To Order

*A regular meeting of the Commerce City Marijuana Licensing was called to order by Hearing Officer Ablao on July 13, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.*

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

**Min 18-59** Minutes of May 18, 2018

*Hearing Officer Ablao approved the minutes of May 18, 2018*

#### 3. Public Hearings

**Pres 18-292** Application for a new medical marijuana infused products license and a new medical marijuana optional premise cultivation license at QCI Labs at 5303 Vasquez Blvd Unit 102

*Hearing Officer Ablao reopened the hearing of May 18, 2018.*

*Entering Appearances:*

*Senior Assistant City Attorney Rachel Allen*

*Jessica Scardina, Registration #41260, appeared on behalf of the applicant*

*Jericho Perez, Registration #48910, appeared on behalf of the applicant*

*Senior Assistant City Attorney asked that the testifying parties be sequestered.*

*Attorney Jessica Scardina made opening remarks expressing concern with the public hearing procedures followed by the city in this license application.*

*Hearing Officer Ablao stated that today's hearing is a continuance of the May 18, 2018.*

*Giuseppe Centola was sworn in and testified that he is an owner of QCI and has been since 2017. Mr. Centola stated he's known Sam Carroll since college. His role in the business will be head of extractions and he holds an Associated Key Badge through the Colorado Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division.*

*Affidavit of Giuseppe Marco Centola entered as Applicant Exhibit A.*

*Mr. Centola testified to his education and work history. While in New York, he and Mr. Carroll discussed getting into the marijuana business in Colorado and Mr. Centola moved to Colorado to establish residency and experience in the industry.*

*Certificate of Completion from Cloverleaf not allowed to be entered as an exhibit (this would have been Applicant's Exhibit B).*

*Mr. Centola testified that his income, while in Colorado, was derived from selling personal items in New York.*

*Mr. Centola's bank statements were entered as Applicant Exhibit C.*

*Letter from Mr. Centola's wife entered as Applicant Exhibit D.*

*Email from relative entered as Applicant Exhibit E.*

*Mr. Carroll's bank statement entered as Applicant Exhibit L*

*Mr. Centola testified that Mr. Carroll loaned him approximately \$14,000 and QCI advanced him \$27,000.*

*Mr. Centola's Venmo statement's entered as Applicant Exhibit F.*

*Mr. Centola testified to his PayPal and Venmo deposits.*

*Pictures of Mr. Centola's artwork entered as Applicant's Exhibit I.*

*In response to questions from the city, Mr. Centola testified that he has not listened to the recording of the May 18, 2018, but did confer with the other applicants. The money received from Mr. Carroll is a loan with no promissory note and no interest. He has not paid taxes on the \$27,000 advanced salary nor any income tax in the last two years. He also responded that he has not worked in the marijuana industry since coming to Colorado.*

*Mr. Kirvan was sworn in. In response to questions from the city, Mr. Kirvan testified that he is a paid coach and not a volunteer.*

*Mr. Carroll was sworn in. In response to questions from the city, Mr. Carroll testified that does not know how much money he has provided to Mr. Centola and all the records of his transactions are within his bank statements. The money provided to Mr. Centola and Mr. Botkin are retainers. He has not familiarized himself with the local codes, nor does he know how QCI is reporting transactions.*

*Senior Assistant City Attorney Allen stated that the city has concerns that this applicant is not fit to hold a marijuana license given their lack of experience and and financial management*

*Hearing Office Ablao closed the public hearing and stated she will issue written findings.*

#### **4. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.*