



## Washington State Liquor Control Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 26 2014, 10:00 a.m.  
LCB Headquarters Building  
3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia WA 98501

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Chris Marr called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Member Ruthann Kurose was also present. Chair Sharon Foster was absent.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Member Kurose moved to approve the February 19, 2014, meeting minutes.

SECOND: Member Marr seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS (A-B)

##### **PUBLIC HEARING 3A - Public Hearing for 1000 Foot Buffer Measurement**

Karen McCall, Agency Rules Coordinator, began the briefing with a packet of materials (HANDOUTS 1-2). She provided a brief background noting that the Board learned that how the 1000 foot buffer is measured under the rules adopted by the Board on October 16, 2013, differs from the way the federal government measures the 1000 foot buffer. The Board needs to change the way the Board will measure the 1000 foot buffer to be consistent with the federal government.

Amended Section: WAC 314-55-050 (10) - The proposed rule changes how the distance will be measured to determine the 1000 foot buffer. The distance shall be measured as the shortest straight line distance from the property line of the proposed building/business location to the property line of the entities listed in RCW rather than the most direct route over or across established public walks, streets, or other public passageways.

Member Marr asked if the City of Seattle weighed in. Ms. McCall said they had not.

Member Marr also asked what Colorado currently has in statute defining the 1000' buffer measurement. Ms. McCall was not sure and said she would ask Communications to follow up with an answer.

Member Marr opened the public hearing and invited citizens to the podium to provide comments.

No comments were given.

### **PUBLIC HEARING 3B - Public Hearing for Return Wine to Washington**

Karen McCall, Agency Rules Coordinator, began the briefing with a packet of materials (HANDOUTS 1-2). She provided a brief background noting that this rulemaking is a result of a petition for rulemaking submitted by Susan Johnson on behalf of Columbia winery. The current rule requires a Washington winery bringing their bottled wine back into Washington State to bring the wine to the winery only. Washington wineries that export bottled wine out of the state of Washington wine would like to have the option of bringing the bottled wine back into Washington directly to a wine distributor or bonded wine warehouse.

- The requirement that Washington Wine that is being returned to the state first be returned to the winery of origin does not pose a public safety hazard;
- The current requirement does not add value to the regulatory process and is currently being complied with through a process that is often referred to as "bumping the dock".
- While the current process does provide a physical audit trail, this chain of regulatory responsibility can currently be accomplished through alternative electronic invoicing, which will assist in streamlining and removing costs and waste from the process.

Amended Section: WAC 314-24-070 Domestic wineries - Purchase and use of bulk wines, brandy or wine spirits - Import permit required - Records - Wine returned to Washington. Revised the rule to allow bottled wine being brought back into Washington to go directly to a wine distributor, bonded wine warehouse, or the winery.

Member Kurose noted that she does not see a public safety issue.

Member Marr opened the public hearing and invited citizens to the podium to provide comments.

#### Susan Johnson - Columbia Winery

Mr. Johnson thanked the Board, Karen McCall and LCB staff for approving the interim policy and for working with them to formulate the petition. She added that this rule has solved a lot of issues for Washington wineries. They are looking forward to the permanent rule being implemented.

#### Jean Leonard - Washington Wine Institute

Ms. Leonard also thanked the Board and staff for their efforts on this issue. She stated that this will eliminate several steps and she appreciated the rule is being formalized.

#### Karen McCall - On Behalf of Paul Beverage of Family Wineries

Ms. McCall spoke on behalf of Mr. Paul Beverage of Washington Family Wineries and that they are in full support of this rule.

**4. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

No new or old business reported.

Member Marr invited citizens to address the Board regarding any issue(s) related to LCB business. No one came forward.

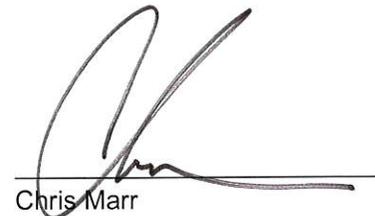
**ADJOURN**

Member Marr adjourned the meeting at 10:15.

Minutes approved this 5th day of March, 2014

Not Present  
Sharon Foster  
Board Chair

  
Ruthann Kurose  
Board Member

  
Chris Marr  
Board Member

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Promote public safety by consistent and fair administration of liquor and cannabis laws through education, voluntary compliance, responsible sales and preventing the misuse of alcohol, cannabis and tobacco.

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