



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 10:00 am
This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Vollendroff called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Member Ollie Garrett was also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the January 3, 17, 24, & 31, 2023 Caucus minutes; January 4 & 25, 2023 Board Meeting minutes; and January 11, 2023, EMT minutes; Chair Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2023 Caucus minutes; February 15, 2023, Board Meeting minutes; and February 8, 2023, EMT minutes. Chair Vollendroff seconded. the motion was approved unanimously.

3. RULEMAKING TIMELINES – ALL INDUSTRIES Daniel Jacobs, Acting Policy and Rules Manager

Daniel Jacobs briefed on upcoming timeline items.

4. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 4A – Board Adoption of CR 101 Retail Alcohol Product Placement Daniel Jacobs, Acting Policy and Rules Manager

Daniel began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 4A) and introduced a CR 101 on retail alcohol product placement intended to address a variety of issues related to the placement of alcohol products at retail premises for off-premises consumption, including, but not limited to, grocery stores. The Board has had interest in this for some time, and the concerns have heightened with the increasing popularity of cross-over products, which are alcohol products that are co-branded by companies that also produce popular non-alcoholic beverages.

Due to technical difficulties, the Board stood at ease for about seven minutes. The meeting resumed at about 10:20 am.

Daniel resumed by presenting the Director's Office request for approval to file the CR 101 regarding retail alcohol product placement.

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the CR 101 regarding retail alcohol product placement. Chair Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 5A – Board Approval of CR 102 for Senate Bill 5376 Regarding Sale of Cannabis Waste

Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff Kildahl began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 5A) and provided background regarding a CR 102 rule proposal to amend existing rules to implement Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5376. SSB 5376 allows for a licensed cannabis producer or licensed cannabis processor to sell cannabis plant waste that has a THC concentration of 0.3% or less, such as cannabis plant roots and stalks, to a person who is not a cannabis licensee under certain conditions: the cannabis waste is not designated as hazardous waste; the licensee notifies the board and the Washington State Department of Agriculture before the sale; and the licensee makes all sales available to the public on an equal and nondiscriminatory basis.

The Director's Office requests approval to file the CR 102 to amend SSB 5376.

Member Garrett made a motion approve the CR 102. Chair Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEM 5B – Board Approval of CR 102 Minors on Non-retail Cannabis Licensed Premises **Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator**

Denise began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 5B) and reviewed the process leading to the current CR 102 to amend chapter 314-55 WAC to allow certain minors on the licensed premises of cannabis producers and processors, under limited circumstances. In August 2022, the Board accepted two rulemaking petitions to amend WAC 314-55-015 to allow certain minors on the premises of licensed cannabis producers and processors under specific conditions. One petition sought to codify an LCB temporary COVID allowance that permitted minors under 16 years of age on the licensed premises of cannabis producers and processors. The conditions for this allowance included that the minor was a child or grandchild of the licensee, was not engaged in any work or act of employment for the licensee's business and did not possess any products associated with the production, processing, or sales of cannabis. This allowance expired on December 31, 2022. The second petition requested that employees of contractors engaged in construction, electrical, plumbing, HVAC work, etc., who are under 21, be permitted on licensed premises of cannabis producers and processors, provided they are over the age of sixteen and not engaging in any work related to production, processing or sales of cannabis.

The Director's Office requests approval to file the CR 102 to amend WAC 314-55-015 related to allowing persons under 21 on non-retail licensed cannabis premises.

Member Garrett made a motion approve the CR 102. Chair Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Vollendroff invited citizens to address the Board regarding any issues related to LCB business. The Board heard from the following people:

1. Caitlein Ryan
2. Doug Henderson
3. Micah Sherman
4. Jeremy Moberg
5. Christopher King
6. Peter Manning
7. Mike Asai

For full detail of public comment, the meeting recording is available on the LCB website.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Vollendroff adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Minutes approved this 29 day of January, 2025



Jim Vollendroff
Board Member



Ollie Garrett
Board Member

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Pete Holmes
Board Member

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