



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 10:00 am
This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Ollie Garrett called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Member Jim Vollendroff was also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Vollendroff made a motion to approve the November 5, 2024 Board Caucus and November 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. RULEMAKING TIMELINES – ALL INDUSTRIES

Daniel Jacobs, Acting Policy and Rules Manager

Daniel Jacobs summarized the action items coming before the Board, and provided a high-level overview of upcoming rulemaking, petitions and timeline items.

4. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 4A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration Requesting a Change of Business Hours

Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 4A) and presented a recommendation on a petition for rulemaking. A petition was submitted by Kendra Lawson requesting that beer and wine restaurants be able to decrease the required number of days of operation from the current three-days a week to accommodate the significant decrease in business during the winter months.

The Director's Office recommended the approval of the petition for consideration.

Member Vollendroff made a motion to approve the consideration of the petition. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING 4B -- Regarding House Bill 2204 for Emergency Liquor Permits
Daniel Jacobs, Acting Policy and Rules Manager**

Daniel began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 4B) and summarized that the Bill would create an emergency liquor permit allowing liquor manufacturers whose premises are inaccessible or are unable to operate due to an emergency or a road closure to temporarily do retail sales and on-premises consumption on the premises of another liquor licensee with retail sales privileges. The permit lasts for 30 days and may be extended for an additional 30 days if the formal emergency continues.

Member Garrett opened the public hearing and invited citizens to address the Board. The Board did not hear from any citizen.

Member Garrett closed the public hearing.

5. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

**PUBLIC HEARING 5A – Regarding Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5080
Expanding and Improving the Social Equity in Cannabis Program
Daniel Jacobs, Acting Policy and Rules Manager**

Daniel began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 5A) and reviewed the process leading to the public hearing. The proposed rule was initially approved by the Board on July 31, 2024, and encompassed community feedback by including detailed definitions and a clear, simplified and transparent process for determining eligible applicants for the Social Equity program. The scoring rubric was refined to reduce barriers to entry and identify individuals most impacted by the enforcement of cannabis prohibition policies, and it added provisions to enhance accessibility and economic opportunity. The public hearing on those proposed rules was held September 25, 2024, and following the public hearing, the LCB decided to file a supplemental CR 102 to address some of the concerns that were raised by the stakeholders. He provided a recap of some of the changes that were made, including changes to the scoring rubric, clarifications made regarding license mobility, and the maintaining of prior Board policy that title certificate holders can apply for reinstatement of their initial title certificate in the same county in which it was initially issued, but they may separately apply to be a 5080 applicant.

Member Garrett opened the public hearing and invited citizens to address the Board. The Board heard from two people:

Peter Manning
Mike Asai

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

Member Garrett closed the public hearing and thanked everyone for their input.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Garrett invited citizens to address the Board regarding any issues related to LCB business. The Board heard from eight people:

Casey Calhoun
David Rose
Christopher King
Peter Manning
Mike Asai
Paula Sardinias
Sami Saad
Forrest Chesvick

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7. ADJOURN

Member Garrett adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am

Minutes approved this 29th day of January 2025



Jim Vollendroff
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member

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Pete Holmes
Board Member

Minutes prepared by: Deborah Soper, Administrative Assistant to the Board

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