



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 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 29, 2025. Member Ollie Garrett and Member Pete Holmes were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the December 3 & 17, 2024 Caucus minutes and December 4 & 18, 2024 Board Meeting minutes; Chair Vollendroff seconded. Member Holmes abstained. The motion was approved.

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the January 7 & 14, 2025 Caucus minutes; January 15, 2025, Board Meeting minutes; and January 8, 2025, EMT minutes. Chair Vollendroff seconded. Member Holmes abstained. The motion was approved.

3. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 3A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration to Allow Alcohol Manufacturers Public Event Sales Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Denise began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 3A) and provided information on a petition for rulemaking submitted by Forrest Chesvick to allow wineries, breweries, and distilleries to sample, serve and sell bottles of their products at public events. The issue is whether the Board should initiate rulemaking to create a new endorsement, permit, or license type to allow those activities.

None of the existing licenses or permits address alcohol manufacturers providing samples or serving for on-premises consumption, and selling containers for off-premises consumption, at events open to the public. This type of activity is restricted to non-profit organizations at a pre-scheduled event or under special permits for breweries, wineries, and distilleries but only for private events.

Creating a new license type or license endorsement without a legislative mandate has not been an approach or practice of the Board. A legislative bill introduced in 2018 to create a special permit allowing alcohol manufacturers to sample and serve at events open to the general public did not pass.

Based on the information provided, the Director's Office recommends the Board deny the petition.

Member Garrett made a motion to deny the petition. Chair Vollendroff seconded. Member Holmes abstained. The motion was approved.

**ACTION ITEM 3B – Rules Petition Review and Consideration to Allow Alcohol Manufacturers and Retailer Public Event Sales
Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator**

Denise began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 3B) and provided information on a petition for rulemaking submitted by Lina Ciampi to allow wineries, breweries, distilleries, and alcohol retailers to sample, serve and sell bottles of their products at public events. The issue is whether the Board should initiate rulemaking to create a new endorsement, permit, or license type to allow those activities.

Creating a new license type, endorsement, or permit without a legislative mandate has not been an approach or practice of the Board. A legislative bill introduced in 2024 to amend statute to allow retail liquor sales in public settings did not pass.

Based on the information provided, the Director's Office recommends the Board deny the petition.

Member Garrett made a motion to deny the petition. Chair Vollendroff seconded. Member Holmes abstained. The motion was approved.

4. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

**ACTION ITEM 4A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration of Funding for Trauma-Informed Counseling
Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator**

Jeff began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 4A) and provided information on a petition for rulemaking submitted by Ash Sjodin proposing that the Board create a rule to allocate funding from cannabis revenue to support trauma-informed counseling and research. The issue is whether the Board should create a new rule in Title 314 WAC that would allocate funding from cannabis revenue to support trauma-informed counseling for individuals disproportionately affected by past cannabis criminalization, and to also fund research into the long-term effects of the War on Drugs.

Because these cannabis revenues must be deposited in a dedicated cannabis account and may only be spent after appropriation by the legislature, the Board does not have authority to develop

a new rule to allocate cannabis revenue for counseling and research as requested by the petitioner.

For the reasons described above, the Director's Office recommends the Board deny the petition.

Member Holmes made a motion to deny the petition. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved.

ACTION ITEM 4B – Board Approval of Supplemental CR 102 for Cannabis Sampling (WAC 314-55-096)

Daniel Jacobs, Acting Policy and Rules Manager

Daniel began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 4B) and proposed a Supplemental CR 102 for 314-55-096 regarding vendor, educational, and internal quality cannabis samples.

On August 14, 2024, the Board approved filing the CR 102 of proposed rules for cannabis sampling, filed as WSR 24-17-051. Following the filing, feedback was received during the public comment period which led agency staff to seek further industry feedback. Many conversations occurred with licensees and stakeholders between October and December 2024.

Based upon the feedback received, the Supplemental Proposed Rules aim to make additional changes to the Proposed Rules filed at WSR 24-17-051.

Member Holmes made a motion to approve the Supplemental CR 102 for Cannabis Sampling. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved.

5. 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. Elijah Cain
2. Tracey Freeman
3. Paul Brice
4. Christopher King
5. Micah Sherman
6. J. Ferrich Oba
7. Mike Asai
8. Caitlein Ryan

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

6. ADJOURN

Chair Vollendroff adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am.

Minutes approved this 12th day of March 2025



Jim Vollendroff
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Peter Holmes
Board Member

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LCB Mission - Promote public safety, public health, and trust through fair administration, education, and enforcement of liquor, cannabis, tobacco, and vapor laws.