



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 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, March 26, 2025. Member Ollie Garrett and Member Pete Holmes were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023 Caucus minutes. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved.

Member Holmes made a motion to approve the April 12 & 26, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved.

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the April 12, 2023 EMT minutes. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved.

3. LICENSING AND REGULATIONS SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION PROJECT (SMP) GO LIVE Becky Smith, Licensing and Regulations Director; Andrew Sites, Licensing and Regulations Specialist SMP Project

Becky provided information on the upcoming Licensing Education, Enforcement and Administrative Data System (LEEADS) which is ready to go live. She briefed on the extensive outreach her team has done in collaboration with the Communications team to inform stakeholders of the new system and processes.

Andrew gave a brief demonstration of the customer-facing portal which will provide applicants and licensees increased accessibility to their licenses and permits.

4. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY PILOT Joe Radermacher, Licensing Program Specialist; Nicola Reid, Licensing Deputy Director of Administration

Joe presented a recommendation seeking allowance to begin a controlled pilot project with Lumen Field, Climate Pledge Arena and T-Mobile Park to implement and evaluate spirits consumption throughout general seating in their facilities (HANDOUT 4).

Nicola thanked Chair Vollendroff, Director Lukela, Deputy Director Hood, and Director Smith for their continued support and participation with the group of industry members involved with the pilot program. She welcomed the partners in the Sports and Entertainment industry that were present and invited them to introduce themselves.

Member Holmes made a motion to approve the Sports and Entertainment Facility Pilot Project. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 5A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration of Permanent Resident Cards as Acceptable Forms of Identification Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff presented a petition for rulemaking that was submitted by Ole Aarup Mikkelsen requesting to amend WAC 314-11-025 for alcohol and 314-55-150 for cannabis to allow Permanent Resident Cards (Green Cards) as acceptable forms of identification for the purchase of cannabis and alcohol (HANDOUT 5A). The Board is currently engaged in rule development and considering amendments to both of those WACs regarding acceptable forms of identification, so it is not necessary to initiate another separate rulemaking project.

The Director's Office staff recommends that consistent with RCW 34.05.330(1), the Board deny the petition.

Member Garrett made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to deny the petition. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 6A – Board Adoption of CR 103 to Implement Cannabis Sampling (WAC 314-55-096) Justin Nordhorn, Policy and External Affairs Director

Justin provided background on the CR 103 to implement cannabis sampling which was a response to a petition for rulemaking submitted by Vicki Christopherson on behalf of the Washington Association of Cannabis Businesses (HANDOUT 6A). The petition requested that the Board consider rulemaking to amend WAC 314-55-096 regarding vendor, educational, and internal quality cannabis samples to streamline the existing framework.

On August 14, 2024, the Board approved filing the CR 102 of proposed rules, then after receiving public comment, agency staff sought additional industry feedback on potential ways to revise the proposed rules to better serve agency and industry goals, while maintaining public health and safety objectives. A Supplemental CR 102 was filed on January 29, 2025.

The public hearing on the Supplemental CR 102 was held on March 12, 2024, and there was no stakeholder testimony or written comment provided during the formal comment period. The

Director’s Office is requesting Board approval of the CR 103 for changes to WAC 314-55-096 related to cannabis sampling.

Member Holmes made a motion to adopt the CR 103 for cannabis sampling. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. 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:

- Peter Manning
- Stephanie Taylor
- Caitlein Ryan
- Christopher King, JD
- Gregory Foster
- Elijah Cain
- Julian Harris
- Don Brown
- John Kingsbury
- Micah Sherman
- Aleczandria Jamersen
- David Busby

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

8. ADJOURN

Chair Vollendroff adjourned the meeting at 11:12 am.

Minutes approved this 9th day of April 2025

Not Present



Jim Vollendroff
Board Chair

Ollie Garrett
Board Member

Peter Holmes
Board Member

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

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