



Executive Management Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 1:30 pm

This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

EMT ATTENDEES

Chair David Postman
Member Ollie Garrett
Member Jim Vollendroff
Rick Garza, Director
Toni Hood, Deputy Director
Chandra Wax, Director of Enforcement and Education
Brian Smith, Communications Director
Becky Smith, Licensing and Regulation Director
Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy and External Affairs
Marc Webster, Director of Legislative Relations
Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant to the Board
Gloria Hong, Special Assistant to the Director

GUESTS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – MARC

Marc noted that the Social Equity bill passed, and that both THC bills were amended in the House and will go back to the Senate for concurrence. Funding for the lab at the Department of Agriculture was not included in the House budget, so he will be advocating for that.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA UPDATE – BRIAN

Brian briefed on recent communications requests, provided some analytics regarding traffic to the website and noted that they had issued newsletters for the cannabis and alcohol industries in late March.

ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION UPDATE – CHANDRA

Chandra presented Enforcement and Education data for the first quarter including the percentage of licensees the officers have made contact with, the number of complaints received and the number of education and violation contacts by unit.

LICENSING UPDATE – BECKY

Becky presented graphs showing the number of liquor, cannabis and special occasion applications processed in calendar year 2022, She reported on application trends, and processing times, and spoke about changes being made to speed up processing times.

POLICY UPDATE – JUSTIN

Justin has been tracking a number of bills moving through the legislature and anticipating the amount of rulemaking they are going to take, which may slow down some current projects. He has been speaking with the Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA) about our Responsible Vendor Program, taxation across state lines and testing standardization.

GENERAL AGENCY UPDATE – TONI

Toni updated on the SMP project which remains on schedule, thanked Becky and her team for continuing to provide excellent training, and updated on some operational changes at headquarters.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – RICK

Rick said that he has asked Justin, Kathy, Marc and Brian to be more involved with (CANNRA) because it is an incredible resource, and uniform standards around everything in the industry would be important if cannabis were to be legalized by the federal government. He thanked Marc for his activities with the Legislature.

ADDITIONAL TEAM UPDATES AND FINAL BOARD INQUIRIES

Chair Postman reported that the search for a new director is continuing well, with a large number of quality applicants, and they are on track to have a new director before Rick leaves.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes approved this 26th 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.