



Executive Management Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 2:30 pm

This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

EMT ATTENDEES

Member Ollie Garrett
Member Jim Vollendroff
Rick Garza, Director
Toni Hood, Deputy Director
Brian Smith, Communications Director
Becky Smith, Licensing and Regulation Director
Dan Rehfield, Interim Deputy Chief, Enforcement and Education
Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy and External Affairs
Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant to the Board
Gloria Hong, Special Assistant to the Director

GUESTS

LICENSING UPDATE – BECKY

Becky informed that Ponder Diversity Group has the list of social equity applicants and the applicants have been notified of the next steps. Licensing has provided relocation information to cannabis producers/processors in Okanogan County impacted by DDE and will be expediting those applications.

ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION UPDATE – DAN

Dan shared a presentation on Enforcement and Education data for April 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA UPDATE – BRIAN

Brian noted that today is Public Service Recognition Day at the Capitol, and the Agency was represented by an interdivisional team there to share information on the LCB.

POLICY UPDATE – JUSTIN

Justin briefed on a meeting with the Department of Health and The Cannabis Alliance to discuss impacts on medical patients, and provided hiring updates.

GENERAL AGENCY UPDATE – TONI

Toni updated on the Systems Modernization Project, and informed the Board of a new Legislative Implementation Tracking Tool where information about the bills that are being implemented will all be in one place to view, which will include information about the budget provisos, deliverables and tasks.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS – RICK

Rick provided his last EMT briefing and thanked everyone involved with making the booth at the Public Service Recognition Day successful. The THC bill and Social Equity bill have both been signed by the Governor.

ADDITIONAL TEAM UPDATES AND FINAL BOARD INQUIRIES

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

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

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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. |
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