

# **Executive Management Team Meeting**

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 1:30 pm

# This meeting was held in a hybrid environment **Meeting Minutes**

# **EMT ATTENDEES**

Chair Jim Vollendroff
Member Ollie Garrett
Will Lukela, Agency Director
Toni Hood, Deputy Director
Marc Webster, Director of Legislative Relations
Becky Smith, Licensing & Regulation Director
Paul Magerl, Acting Director of Enforcement &
Education
Brian Smith, Communications Director
Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy & External Affairs
Gretchen Frost, Executive Assistant to the Board
Gloria Hong, Special Assistant to the Director

# **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - MARC**

Marc previewed the upcoming Legislative session and reported that he and Director Lukela have been meeting with the new Chairs of our policy committees.

# LICENSING UPDATE - BECKY

Becky noted that a contract has been signed with Alta Point Consulting, LLC, to process the Social Equity applications. She also reported results from a survey of local authorities regarding the Social Equity program.

#### **ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION UPDATE - PAUL**

Paul reported compliance numbers for the fourth quarter and updated on recruiting and hiring.

# **COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA UPDATE - BRIAN**

Brian informed that there will be a story coming soon on KUOW (NPR) regarding high-THC cannabis. He updated on many other activities of his division.

# **POLICY UPDATE - JUSTIN**

Justin highlighted some Research team activities as well as what will be coming up from the Rules team.

#### **GENERAL AGENCY UPDATE - TONI**

Toni provided updates on the System Modernization Project (SMP) and the Traceability project. Interviews are underway for the Enforcement and Education position, but applications are still being accepted.

# **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS - WILL**

Will noted that he has participated in great meetings with legislators, also several executive and small cabinet meetings. He attended the 2024 CANNRA Annual Member Meeting, and recently completed a course in Tribal relations.

Minutes approved this 29 day of January, 2025

Jim Vollendroff
Board Member

Ollie Garrett
Board Member

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