



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 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, April 23, 2025 and noted the receipt of a written comment which will be attached to the meeting minutes. Member Ollie Garrett and Member Pete Holmes were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the June 7 & 21, 2023 Board Meeting, June 5, 13, 20 & 27 Caucus, and June 12, 2023 EMT minutes. Chair Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved.

3. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 3A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration of RCW 66.24.395 Alcohol Sales Service on Trains

Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff presented three identical rulemaking petitions received on behalf of the Western Forest Industries Museum, operators of Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad, requesting that the Board amend the law to allow passenger trains offering short excursions or scenic trips inside Washington State to provide alcohol service (HANDOUNT 3A). The three petitions received from Eric Mencis, Bev Wilson, and Mr. R.T.Williams request updates to RCW 66.24.395 to make passenger trains offering short excursions or scenic trips inside the State eligible for the same type of alcohol license that is available by law to federally licensed commercial common passenger carriers.

Although the Board lacks the law-making authority to change RCW 66.24.395 to include passenger railroads that are not operating as federally licensed commercial common carriers over the borders of Washington, the Board's Licensing Division has assisted the Western Forest Industries Museum with other licensing options.

One option identified is for them to obtain the Nonprofit Organization alcohol license created by the legislature in RCW 66.24.495. Additionally, they can utilize a Special Occasion License as identified in RCW 66.24.380 for other types of events that are not held on board the train.

For the reasons described above, Director's Office staff recommends that consistent with RCW 34.05.330, the Board deny the petitions.

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

ACTION ITEM 3B – Board Approval of CR 101 Seasonal Hours Requirements for Alcohol Licensees

Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff previewed a request for a CR 101 for rulemaking to consider amending WAC 314-02-045 to reduce the required number of days that a beer and/or wine restaurant license holder must be open to the public to maintain their license (HANDOUT 3B).

Current rules in WAC 314-02-045(2)(b) require a beer and/or wine licensed restaurant to be open to the public at least five hours a day, three days a week, year around, but many Washington restaurants experience seasonal fluctuations in the number of visitors to their area throughout the year. In December 2024, the Board accepted a rulemaking petition to consider allowing seasonal adjustments to the minimum hours and days of operation for beer and wine restaurants.

The Policy and Rules Coordinator requests approval to file the CR 101 for the rulemaking.

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the filing of the CR 101 for Seasonal Hours Requirements. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved.

4. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 4A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration of WAC 314-55-105 Packaging of Cannabis Edibles

Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Denise presented a petition for rulemaking received from Caitlein Ryan, Executive Director of the Cannabis Alliance that requests changes to the WAC 314-55-105 to remove the requirement that LCB approve cannabis infused edibles packaged loosely on a case-by-case basis (HANDOUT 4A). The petition requests to maintain that edibles packaged loosely may be packaged in resealable child resistant packaging in accordance with the federal Poison Prevention Packaging Act.

Under WAC 314-55-105 LCB reviews all packaging for cannabis edibles in solid form, so removing the "case-by-case" requirement wouldn't change the review process or workload for

the Licensing and Regulation division. LCB is currently considering opening packaging and labeling rules to include possible changes to child-resistant and other packaging requirements and this petition would inform that rulemaking effort, but the target date for starting such a project is unknown and will depend on available resources for rule development.

At this time it makes sense to consider this petition request as part of future packaging and labeling rulemaking efforts when those are scheduled, so the Director's Office recommends that the Board deny the petition to amend WAC 314-55-105 to remove the requirement that LCB must approve cannabis-infused edibles packaged loosely on a case-by-case basis.

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

ACTION ITEM 4B – Rules Petition Review and Consideration of WAC 314-55-095 Units Size and Packaging of Concentrates
Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Denise presented a petition for rulemaking received from Caitlein Ryan, Executive Director of the Cannabis Alliance that requests that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend WAC 314-55-095 to remove the requirement that a single unit of cannabis concentrate cannot exceed one gram (HANDOUT 4B). The one-gram limit for a single unit of cannabis concentrate is not required in statute and removing the limit for single units of concentrates could help reduce packaging waste to some extent. The rule amendment language suggested by the petitioner does not include a requirement for resealable child-resistant packaging, which could be included in rulemaking.

LCB is currently considering opening packaging and labeling rules to include possible changes to child-resistant and other packaging requirements and this petition would inform that rulemaking effort, but the target date for starting such a project is unknown and will depend on available resources for rule development. At this time it makes sense to consider this petition request as part of future packaging and labeling rulemaking efforts when those are scheduled, so the Director's Office recommends that the Board deny the petition to amend WAC 314-55-095 to remove the requirement that a single unit of cannabis concentrate cannot exceed one gram.

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

ACTION ITEM 4C – Board Approval of Supplemental CR 102 Minors on Non-Retail Cannabis Licensed Premises
Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Denise provided a brief overview on the history of the Supplemental CR 102 to amend chapter 314-55 WAC to allow certain minors on the licensed premises of cannabis producers and processors, under limited circumstances (HANDOUT 4C). Following the proposed filing of the CR 102 in January 2025, the public comment period was open until the public hearing held on February 26, 2025. Upon consideration of the public comments, and subsequent direction from the Board, agency staff revised several aspects of the proposed rules, resulting in a supplement CR 102.

The Director's Office requests approval to file a supplemental CR 102 to amend chapter 314-55 WAC as presented.

Member Holmes made a motion to approve filing the supplemental CR 102. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM 4D – Board Adoption of CR 103 to Implement Second Substitute House Bill (SSHB) 2151 (2024) Regarding the Transfer of Cannabis Lab Accreditation
Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator**

Denise presented a CR 103 adopting final rules to amend and repeal sections of chapter 314-55 WAC in order to implement 2SHB 2151 and HB 1859 related to the transfer of cannabis testing laboratory quality standards and accreditation to the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) (HANDOUT 4D).

The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) is responsible for certifying private cannabis testing labs in Washington who meet accreditation criteria. Initially, LCB was responsible for the regulation and oversight of cannabis testing laboratories, and established standards and accreditation processes to ensure the safety and quality of cannabis products. In 2019, the Legislature shifted the responsibility for accreditation from LCB to the Department of Ecology and established a task force to collaborate on the development of appropriate lab quality standards for cannabis product testing laboratories. LCB would continue to certify labs to operate.

Over time the authority over lab accreditation changed from Ecology to WSDA. The agency held stakeholder feedback sessions and received public feedback.

Changes were made to rule language to reflect the transfer of laboratory quality standards and accreditation to WSDA, to consolidate and clarify LCB laboratory certification requirements, and for consistency or to align with other rulemaking.

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the CR 103 to Implement SSHB 2151 regarding the Transfer of Cannabis Lab Accreditation. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Minutes approved this 20th day of May 2025



Jim Vollendroff
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Peter Holmes
Board Member

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

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RE- CR102 ; WAC 314-55-015 REVISION

COMMON SENSE SHOULD PREVAIL. A LEGAL
INDUSTRY SHOULD NOT BE OVER REGULATED.
IF THE OVER TWENTY-ONE SUBSTANCE OTC,
AND ANY AGE FOR PRESCRIPTION USE FOR
SPECIFIC CONDITIONS: SEIZURES, GLAUCOMA,
STOMACH UPSET, CANCERS, ~~PED~~....

IS NOT WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE
PHYSICALLY WITHIN REACH, INCLUDING AFFECTED
AIR AREAS, WHY SHOULDN'T THE CHILDREN
BE BANNED FROM OPERATION LOCATIONS, NOT
THE ENTIRE PROPERTY LOCATION.
EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLDS
APPRENTICING IN PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL
WOULD BE OVERSEEN BY A PROFESSIONAL
WHO COULD DECIDE WHETHER THEY ARE
MATURE ENOUGH TO BEHAVE IN A PROFESSIONAL
MANNER AT A CANNABIS JOB SITE SAME AS
WORK AT A BAR OR PUB OFF OPEN HOURS.

PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD.

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