



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 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, May 7, 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. RULEMAKING TIMELINES – ALL INDUSTRIES

Kevin Walder, Policy and Rules Manager

Kevin briefed on upcoming timeline items, including rulemaking in response to legislative activities and a number of petition responses.

3. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 3A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration of 314-55 WAC Cannabis Testing Terminology

Kevin Walder, Policy and Rules Manager

Kevin presented a petition received from Stephanie Reilly, General Counsel for Confidence Analytics, a third-party laboratory, requesting the Board initiate rulemaking to amend various sections of chapter 314-55 WAC to clearly and succinctly define current terms, create a new definition for “Mandatory State Compliance Testing” to identify all testing that must be entered into the seed-to-sale tracking system, differentiate between “Non-Mandatory” testing and “Mandatory State Compliance Testing”, and clarify that “Non-Mandatory” testing is not subject to seed-to-sale tracking requirements (HANDOUT 3A).

Currently a few different terms are used in different WAC sections to address compliance testing of cannabis which has made complying with testing and reporting requirements confusing for some licensees and laboratories.

Based on ongoing discussions with laboratories and licensees related to cannabis testing requirements, the Director’s Office recommends the Board accept the petition to amend sections of chapter 314-55 WAC to clarify and define cannabis testing terminology and reporting requirements.

Member Garrett made a motion to accept the petition for review and consideration of 314-55 WAC Cannabis Testing Terminology. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 4A – Board Approval of CR 101 for Second Substitute House Bill 1515 Expanded Outdoor Alcohol Service

Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Daniel presented rulemaking for Second Substitute House Bill (SSHB) 1515 regarding the expansion of outdoor alcohol service (HANDOUT 4A). SSHB 1515 creates three expansions of alcohol service that begin the end of July 2025 and are set to expire the end of 2027. The first type is expanded outdoor service, which allows local governments to request approval from the LCB to allow licensees to share outdoor alcohol service areas with other liquor licensees, subject to statutory requirements.

The second type specifically allows cities that have a population of 220,000 or more to request approval of expanded outdoor and indoor alcohol service in a “public civic campus” during twenty-five events per year and allows seven of those events to cover multiple days. This expansion covers the same licensees as the expanded outdoor service and allows caterers and special occasion licensees to participate. It also requires the campus operator to provide LCB with advance notice, and the submission of a joint operating plan that contains a number of specific requirements.

The third type of expansion is a fan-zone authorization. This allows local jurisdictions that are designated as “fan zones” or “host cities” by international sports organizations to request expanded indoor and outdoor alcohol service for a certain part of that local jurisdiction, only during one multi-day event, specifically in June or July 2026. This expansion is targeted at the FIFA World Cup and has much of the same requirements as the civic campus authorization, including a joint operating plan and advance notice. It also has some differences. Each fan zone or host city is only allowed to do this once, and it has to be during June or July 2026.

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

Member Holmes made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to file the CR 101 for SSHB 1515 Expanded Outdoor Alcohol Service. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.

Minutes approved this 20th day of May 2025



Jim Vollendroff
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Peter Holmes
Board Member

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

<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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Subject: Shipment of Cannabis / Washington State

External Email

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing today out of an abundance of shock and concern about the newly enforced laws preventing Washington State residents from receiving shipments of otherwise Federally legal doses of cannabis products (microdosed beverages and gummies). I've just received another email from a small business vendor announcing their discontinuation of product shipment to Washington State.

Cannabis is a safe and effective alternative to alcohol. These microdosed products contain less than 5 mg of THC per serving and were once legal to receive by mail.

I find it shocking that I can get 1.75 liters of vodka, a magnum of wine and a case of beer delivered to my doorstep, but not these low dose safe alternatives that are highly regulated for safety and dosage.

Cannabis has allowed me to completely stop all alcohol consumption. I've lost 75 pounds, have reduced anxiety and am a far more productive member of society than I was when I was a drunk getting behind the wheel risking my life and the lives of others.

There is a huge movement away from alcohol in my generation and I'm concerned that the unnecessary decisions of our lawmakers will turn many people back to alcohol.

Washington was on the cutting edge of Cannabis legalization years ago. What happened? What is the data behind this decision?

I've scoured the LCB website for information & details of the law but I'm unable to find anything. I would appreciate any information you can share to help me understand this devastating change.

What can we do, as consumers, to right this wrong? Small businesses and individuals in your state are suffering from this decision.

I appreciate your time.

Kim Pankow

Burien WA Resident

Age 48, Homeowner, Taxpayer, Philanthropist, Wife, Mother of 2, Health Insurance Professional, Recovering Alcoholic, Microdose Cannabis User