



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 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, June 4, 2025. Member Ollie Garrett and Member Pete Holmes were also present. One written comment was received and will be attached to the meeting minutes.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the July 3, 11, 18 & 25, 2023 Caucus; July 5 & 19, 2023 Board Meeting; and July 12, 2023 EMT minutes. Also the August 1, 8, 15 & 29, 2023 Caucus; August 2, 16 & 30, 2023 Board Meeting; and August 9, 2023 EMT minutes. Chair Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved.

3. CONDITIONAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Jim Vollendroff, Board Chair

Chair Vollendroff presented a proposal to consider giving the Director the conditional delegation of authority to allow the Rules team to open a CR 101 limited to two specific circumstances without a formal Board vote: when the Board has previously voted on and accepted a new rule petition, and when there is legislation that has been passed by the legislature and signed by the governor.

Member Holmes made a motion to grant the conditional delegation of authority to the Director of the LCB under two specific circumstances for CR 101s. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. SOCIAL EQUITY REGISTRATION WINDOW

Sarah Worley, Cannabis Social Equity Case Manager

Sarah noted that the registration window is open for social equity cannabis licenses and provided the next steps for interested parties to follow (PRESENTATION 1).

5. RULEMAKING TIMELINES – ALL INDUSTRIES

Kevin Walder, Policy and Rules Manager

Kevin briefed on current and upcoming timelines, including five active rulemaking projects, requests to file two CR 101s and a CR 102 proposal today, and numerous CR 101s and 102s throughout July and August.

6. GENERAL RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 6A – Board Approval of CR 102 for Acceptable Forms of Identification Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff provided a brief overview on a CR 102 proposing to amend existing rules regarding acceptable forms of identification that liquor licensees may use to verify a person's age for eligibility to purchase alcohol as found at WAC 314-11-025. The companion rule for purchase of cannabis is at WAC 314-55-150. In April 2023, the Board accepted a petition requesting to add global entry cards to the list of acceptable forms of identification in WAC 314-11-025. In July 2023, the Board accepted the parts of a petition for rulemaking requesting to remove references to RCW 66.16.040 from WAC 314-01-005, WAC 314-17-025 and WAC 314-17-110.

The proposed amendments to the existing rules include removing obsolete references and adding two forms of identification to verify a person's age for alcohol in WAC 314-11-025 and for cannabis in WAC 314-55-150. These two forms are the Global Entry Card and the Permanent Resident Card (commonly known as a "Green Card").

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the CR 102 for Acceptable Forms of Identification. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 7A – Board Approval of CR 101 for Batch Tracking of Cannabis Plants Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff previewed a request for a CR 101 regarding batch tracking of cannabis plants. The Board accepted a petition for rulemaking requesting amendments to WAC 314-55-083(4)(f) to allow cannabis larger than eight inches of the same strain and growth stage to be tracked in a batch instead of tracked individually as the current rule requires.

Member Holmes made a motion to approve the CR 101 for Batch Tracking of Cannabis Plants. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEM 7B – Board Approval of CR 101 for Cannabis License Distance Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Denise briefed on a request for a CR 101 to consider amending WAC 314-55-050(2) to redefine how distance is measured from licensed cannabis premises to restricted entities such as schools, to comply with the 1000 feet requirement under RCW 69.50.331.

Cannabis applicants and licensees have indicated that finding a location for a cannabis business is difficult due in part to minimum distance requirements between a licensed premises and restricted entities such as schools, playgrounds, public parks, and child-care centers. Re-defining how the 1,000-foot buffer is measured could provide licensees more options for locating a cannabis business by potentially identifying more properties that would comply with existing buffer requirements. Further, modifying the approach of how distance is measured will better align with other measurement regulations for licensed businesses selling age restricted products.

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the filing of the CR 101 for Cannabis License Distance. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Vollendroff adjourned the meeting at 10:28 am.

Minutes approved this 11th day of June 2025



Jim Vollendroff
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Peter Holmes
Board Member

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

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

From: [M. Bailey Hirschburg](#)
To: [Vollendroff, Jim \(LCB\)](#); [Holmes, Pete](#); [Garrett, Ollie A \(LCB\)](#)
Cc: [Frost, Gretchen D \(LCB\)](#)
Subject: Request legislation and product packaging/waste
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:10:21 PM

External Email

Board Chair & Members,

I'm scheduled to speak with Board Member Garrett on Thursday afternoon, but I wanted to send some written remarks as you'd advised this is the best way for the board to discuss specific matters outside of public meetings.

As you consider request legislation for 2026 I'd like to encourage a bill to modify the [anti-cannabis-club statute](#) to allow WSLCB to develop rules and processes for special event licensing and permitting with cannabis consumption, akin to those already established for alcohol. I see this as a modest reform that stops short of asking lawmakers to approve permanent consumption areas like lounges, but nonetheless gives staff a foot-in-the-door to address potential economic and safety benefits from WSLCB oversight of consumption events.

I also feel there are benefits of allowing cannabis concentrates to be packaged for sale in units greater than 1 gram as part of wider reforms addressing cannabis waste. Larger 2, 3, or 4 gram packaging might have more material, but until there's data to the contrary, I'm skeptical this would equate to 2, 3, or 4 times as much packaging waste. Additionally, expanding the unit weight of concentrates might provide an opportune time to restrict single-use vaporizer batteries to those larger units.

Reforms related to concentrate packaging could go hand-in-hand with LCB expanding educational offerings on safe disposal of vapor cartridges and batteries in collaboration with the Department of Ecology. They have a comprehensive [electronics waste program](#), however cannabis is a blindspot not included in their disposal sites. If cannabis retailers got a subsidy or fee reduction to act as a collection point for vapor product waste, this could help motivate consumers to learn about, and utilize, the established recycling system instead of throwing vapor product waste in any trash can.

Thank you all for your time and consideration. If you have questions, or if there's anything I can do to help your work in these areas, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warmest regards,
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