



Executive Management Team Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2023, 2:30 pm

This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

EMT ATTENDEES

Chair David Postman
Member Ollie Garrett
Member Jim Vollendroff
Will Lukela, Director
Marc Webster, Director of Legislative Relations
Chandra Wax, Director of Enforcement and Education
Brian Smith, Communications Director
Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy and External Affairs
Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant to the Board
Gloria Hong, Special Assistant to the Director

GUESTS

ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION UPDATE – CHANDRA

Chandra provided a presentation on Enforcement and Education data for November 2023.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – MARC

Marc reported on a work session that he and Director Lukela had in the House covering several topics including social equity and cannabis testing and pesticides. The report from Enforcement and Education on tobacco and youth contacts with law enforcement is being reviewed and should be sent to the Legislature very soon.

LICENSING UPDATE – BRIAN

Brian shared some Licensing notes provided by Becky Smith, including a staffing report for the liquor unit which has necessitated 99 file reassignments among 16 licensing specialists in one week. Sarah Davis, the case manager for social equity, has been reaching out to applicants, and although several applicants will be ready in the near future, Sarah has shared that some of their continued frustrations are around financing and finding a viable location.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA UPDATE – BRIAN

Brian reported on media requests received by the Communications team, his participation at the Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA) meeting, the progress on the annual report, the website and Sharepoint Online.

POLICY UPDATE – JUSTIN

Justin reported on his attendance at CANNRA and provided many updates from his division. The Department of Health and The Cannabis Alliance held a joint town hall meeting in Seattle surrounding medical cannabis where one of the strongest needs identified for medical cannabis patients is accessibility.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – WILL

Will mentioned a number of meetings that he has attended with liquor and cannabis associations and licensees, including a tour of a licensee with some of the agency's partners, such as Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture and Department of Health.

ADDITIONAL TEAM UPDATES AND FINAL BOARD INQUIRIES

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Minutes approved this 13th day of August 2025



Jim Vollendroff
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Peter Holmes
Board Member

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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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