



## Executive Management Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 1:30 pm

This meeting was convened by web conference only

### Meeting Minutes

#### EMT ATTENDEES

Member Ollie Garrett  
Member Jim Vollendroff  
Toni Hood, Deputy Director  
Chandra Brady, Director of Enforcement & Education  
Brian Smith, Communications Director  
Becky Smith, Licensing & Regulation Director  
Chris Thompson, Director of Legislative Relations  
Justin Nordhorn, Director of Policy & External Affairs  
Gretchen Frost, Special Assistant to the Director  
Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant to the Board

#### GUESTS

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#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER JIM VOLLENDROFF

Acting Chair Garrett introduced Member Vollendroff and welcomed him to his first EMT meeting.

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#### ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION UPDATE – CHANDRA

Chandra briefed on the number of licenses that her team enforces, and statistical breakdowns of the actions taken (PRESENTATION 1).

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#### COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE – BRIAN

Brian updated on recent media requests that have been received, mostly surrounding recent armed robberies of cannabis retailers, and some key projects that the team is working on.

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#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – CHRIS

Chris reported that the Senate Labor, Commerce, and Tribal Affairs Committee held a work session and three-quarters of it was focused on solving the issue of trying to clarify and extend the authority of the agency to regulate any and all potentially impairing cannabinoids. Regarding cannabis retail store security, he has been working with the Governor's office and others on the Federal Safe Banking Act to try to get that legislation into law.

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## LICENSING UPDATE – BECKY

Becky noted that the Customer Service team has already, from January through April, received over 1,011 Special Occasion applications, which is a significant increase over 2021. Her team has also been partnering with Enforcement staff to provide presentations to stakeholders on topics such as Alcohol To-Go and Auctions and Raffles. Two Memorandums of Agreement have been approved recently with the Samish and the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribes.

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## POLICY UPDATE – JUSTIN

Justin's team is doing some outreach to the trade associations to try to augment the cannabis and alcohol advisory council-type of groups where they can have some smaller policy discussions with different segments of the industries.

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## GENERAL AGENCY UPDATE – TONI

Toni updated on the Systems Modernization Project (SMP), the Quality Assurance Plan, the Strategic Plan and the work that she, Director Garza and Mary Segawa are doing surrounding the questions for the Healthy Youth Survey.

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## ADDITIONAL TEAM UPDATES

No additional reports.

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## FINAL BOARD INQUIRIES

No additional reports.

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## ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Minutes approved this 5th day of November 2025



Jim Vollendroff  
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett  
Board Member

Not Present

Peter Holmes  
Board Member

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

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