



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 10:00 am
This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vollendroff called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Member Pete Holmes and Member Ollie Garrett were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the September 10, 17 & 24, 2024 Caucus, September 11 & 25, 2024 Board Meeting and September 11, 2024, EMT minutes. Chair Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved.

3. RULEMAKING TIMELINES – ALL INDUSTRIES

Kevin Walder, Policy and Rules Manager

Kevin provided an overview of the current Rules team activities and timeline items. There are currently 13 rule projects open with several of the projects initiated this summer moving past the initial informal comment phase and active stakeholder engagement is slated to begin. The cannabis advertising rulemaking, which has been on pause for over a year in order to align existing rules with Engrossed Senate Bill 5206, is resuming with the informal comment period running until the end of the month.

4. GENERAL RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 4A – Board Approval of CR 103 for Acceptable Forms of Identification

Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff requested Board approval to file a CR 103 to update outdated statutory references in rule, and to add two types of federal identification to WAC 314-11-025 and WAC 314-55-150 in response to rulemaking petitions accepted by the Board from members of the public (HANDOUT 4A). The amendments to the existing rules include removing obsolete references to

RCW 66.16.040 from WAC 314-01-005, WAC 314-17-025 and WAC 314-17-110. And adding two forms of identification to verify a person's age to WAC 314-11-025 for alcohol and WAC 314-55-150 for cannabis. These two forms are the Global Entry Card and the Permanent Resident Card (commonly known as a "Green Card").

Member Holmes made a motion to approve the CR 103 for Acceptable Forms of Identification. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved.

5. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 5A – Rules Petition Review and Consideration of Unfair Cannabis Business Practices

Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Denise previewed a petition received from David Sanders asking that action be taken related to what is described as unfair and illegal business practices by certain chains of cannabis retailers in violation of WAC 314-55-018 (HANDOUT 5A). The petitioner requests that the LCB examine the practice of some larger cannabis retailers pressuring producers and processors to discontinue or avoid selling their products to competing retailers as a condition of being able to sell their products to the larger retailers.

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5403 passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in 2025 amends RCW 69.50.325 to limit the use of coordinated purchasing among more than five retailers, thereby addressing the primary concerns raised by the petitioner. The CR 101 to initiate rulemaking to implement ESSB 5403 was filed on July 23, 2025, under WSR 25-15-153. This rulemaking is expected to address the concerns brought by the petitioner, including coordinated and discounted pricing and other actions that confer a financial interest across more than five retail stores.

For the reasons listed above, the Director's Office recommends that the Board deny the petition to consider amending WAC 314-55-018 related to unfair and illegal business practices in the cannabis industry.

Member Garrett made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to deny the petition regarding unfair cannabis business practices. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Vollendroff adjourned the meeting at 10:19 am.

Minutes approved this 4th day of November 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.
