



Cannabis Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 10 a.m.

This meeting was held in a virtual environment

Summary Notes

CANNABIS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ollie Garrett, WSLCB Board Member
Will Lukela, WSLCB Director
Caitlein Ryan, The Cannabis Alliance
Bethany Rondeaux, WA Cannabis Licensee Association
Shea Hynes, WA Cannabis Licensee Association
Amber Vaughn, Washington CannaBusiness Association
Brie Dyson, Washington CannaBusiness Association
Micah Sherman, WA Sun & Craft Growers Association
Jesten Meyer, Natural Care
Paul Brice, Happy Tree
Steven Field, Patient Representative

GUESTS

Becky Smith, Licensing and Regulation Director
Justin Nordhorn, Policy and External Affairs Director
Lawrence Grant, PhD., Director of Enforcement and Education
Marc Webster, Director of Legislative Relations

Welcome

Board Member Garrett convened the CAC meeting to order at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. She welcomed everyone and began with introductions.

2026 Legislative Session

Marc Webster provided a brief legislative update then asked for input as to what members think is going well and what is going poorly.

Caitlein Ryan remains hopeful about home grow and thinks it may pass the House if it gets through the Senate. She stated that everyone agrees that cannabis tax reform is needed, but this particular proposal isn't the right approach.

Shea Hynes thinks the most important but controversial bill this session is the tax reform bill that would move cannabis to a flat tax.

Amber Vaughn addressed concerns voiced about signing in to testify both pro and con to cannabis bills.

Jesten Meyer said retailers are concerned about preserving their businesses with the proposed tax bills.

Micah Sherman spoke about the bill to raise licensing fees and does not support tying the fees to the Consumer Price Index.

Other Council Member Priorities or Updates

Justin Nordhorn requested feedback on if the state should look at a different methodology for production levels versus the current square footage of plant canopy.

- The per plant count as done in Colorado would significantly change the growing style. A larger issue that needs to be addressed is why there is over supply which strengthens portions of the illicit market and may be aided by the current tax structure.
- Another concern is that of unused licenses.
- Exploring other ways to measure is worth investigating and perhaps a survey asking farmers what the most accurate way might be to measure would be the best first step.
- It is important to address the oversupply.

Marc asked if attendees feel that the oversupply issue is getting better, worse, or staying the same.

- There was general agreement that it's staying the same.
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Closing, Next Meeting and Adjourn

Member Garrett thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.

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