



Board Caucus Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

CAUCUS ATTENDEES

Chair Jim Vollendroff
Member Pete Holmes
Deborah Soper, Administrative
Assistant

GUESTS

Marc Webster, Director of Legislative Relations
Justin Nordhorn, Policy and External Affairs Director
Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator
Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator
Denise Laflamme, Policy and Rules Coordinator

At 10 a.m., Deborah Soper announced that the meeting lobbies were open, and the recording had begun.

At 10 a.m., Chair Vollendroff convened the meeting and noted that Member Garrett was away on vacation and Justin Nordhorn would be filling in for Kevin Walder.

2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

Marc Webster, Director of Legislative Relations

Marc briefed on the Legislative session, reporting that many of the big bills he has been tracking this session have not moved forward. Neither the big overhaul of the Cannabis Excise Tax, the Cannabis Home Grow bill, nor bills to regulate Kratom moved. However, Ryan's Law on the use of cannabis in hospices and hospitals is moving, as are some bills surrounding tobacco taxes and tax policy, and the bill that implements and clarifies the Governor's Executive Order 25-03 concerning permitting and licensing timeliness. A bill that would increase cannabis license fees is moving, but without the provision for automatic increases with inflation.

POLICY AND RULES TEAM UPDATES AND BOARD MEETING PREP

General Updates and Timelines All Industries – Justin Nordhorn, Policy and External Affairs Director

Justin provided an overview of the current Rules team activities and timeline items. The team has 11 open rules projects including a newly added CR 105 for Trade Practice Repeal which will be presented for Board consideration.

Board Approval of CR 102 for 2025 Legislative Implementation Package Contract Kitchens for Spirits, Beer, and Wine Restaurants (EHB 1602) – Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff briefed on a CR 102 to implement Engrossed House Bill (EHB) 1602 that allows for domestic breweries or microbreweries to subcontract with one or more individuals or entities, including mobile food trucks, to satisfy the food service options necessary to obtain and maintain a beer and/or wine restaurant license or a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license.

Board Approval of CR 105 for Trade Practice Repeal – Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Daniel previewed a CR 105 proposing to repeal WAC 314-23-065, -080, and -085. In 2019, the Washington State Court of Appeals ruled those WACs were invalid because they exceeded the Board’s rulemaking authority and conflicted with RCW 66.28.170, and the Board chose not to appeal that decision.

Rules Petition Review and Consideration of Retailer Verification of Patient Recognition Cards Prior to Applying Medical Cannabis Excise Tax Exemption – Justin Nordhorn, Policy and External Affairs Director

Justin provided information on a petition requesting the Board initiate rulemaking to establish a requirement that retail stores verify patient recognition cards and retain a record of this verification in order to grant and claim medical cannabis excise tax exemptions for registered patients who qualify for and request these exemptions.

Board Approval of CR 102 for Cannabis Retailer Advertising (ESB 5206) – Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Jeff presented a CR 102 proposal to amend existing rules to update and expand advertising opportunities for cannabis retail licensees and to implement Engrossed Senate Bill (ESB) 5206.

BOARD MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT REPORTS

Member Holmes commended the recent collaboration of Enforcement and Education with a local law enforcement agency to shut down an unlicensed cannabis retail operation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes approved this 22nd day of April, 2026



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.