



## Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2026, 10 a.m.

This meeting was held in person and online

### Meeting Minutes

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vollendroff called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to order at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Member Garrett and Member Holmes were also present.

#### 2. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

##### **ACTION ITEM 2A – Review and Consideration of Rules Petition**

**Topic:** Verifying Patient Recognition Cards

**Presenter:** Kevin Walder, Policy and Rules Manager

Kevin reviewed a petition from John Kingsbury. The petition asks the Board to make amendments to WAC 314-55-090 to clarify patient verification requirements that must be met before a retail cannabis licensee can process the medical cannabis licensee excise tax exemption (HANDOUT 2A).

WAC 314-55-090 states that a medical tax exemption can only be offered to “a qualified medical cannabis patient or designated provider who has a valid recognition card...and is in the database.” This is a requirement for licensees to verify a patient’s eligibility in the Department of Health database, making any additional requirement unnecessary.

Retailers are also required to verify patient eligibility in the Department of Health database and to keep a record of each tax-exempt transaction.

Since the rule was adopted there have been a handful of complaints that allege misuse of the exemption by licensees. Some licensees know the rules but choose not to follow them. They seem to think that nobody is checking, but that isn’t true. If an exemption is not supported by documentation, the licensee becomes liable and must pay the tax.

Enforcement staff have not found misapplication of the exemption to be widespread or a significant problem among retailers.

The Director's Office recommends that the Board deny the petition.

**Member Holmes made a motion to accept the Director's Office recommendation and deny the petition. Member Garrett seconded. Chair Vollendroff did not concur. The motion was approved.**

### 3. ADJOURN

Chair Vollendroff adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2026



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Jim Vollendroff  
Board Chair



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Ollie Garrett  
Board Member



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Peter Holmes  
Board Member

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