



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 10 a.m.

This meeting was held in person and online

Meeting Minutes

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 Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Member Garrett and Member Holmes were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Garrett made a motion to approve the March 3 and March 31, 2026, Caucus; March 4 and March 10, 2026 Board Meeting; and March 11, 2026, EMT meeting minutes. Member Holmes seconded. The motion was approved.

3. YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION

JONNITA THOMPSON, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Presenter: Toni Hood, LCB Deputy Director

Toni recognized Jonnita for 20 years of Washington State service. Jonnita came to Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) from the Department of Health, and previously worked at the Department of Transportation, Health Care Authority, and Labor and Industries. Jonnita is a dedicated, loyal employee and a great addition to LCB.

DAWN RUSSELL, LABOR RELATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCES OPERATIONS MANAGER

Presenter: Toni Hood, LCB Deputy Director

Toni recognized Dawn for 20 years of Washington State service, the last eight years at LCB and before that at the Department of Ecology. Dawn oversees talent acquisition, onboarding, training, development, reasonable accommodations, and other things in Human Resources. She is valued for her historical knowledge and dedication to the agency.

4. RULEMAKING TIMELINES – ALL INDUSTRIES

Presenter: Kevin Walder, Policy and Rules Manager

Kevin gave an update on the work the Rules team is doing. They are working on 12 rule projects and will be requesting approval to file expedited rulemaking on three more today. They are also preparing five petition responses for the Board to review.

There was a public hearing on April 9 for the contract kitchen rules implementing House Bill (HB) 1602. The CR-103 filing package will be presented at next month's Board meeting. The retail alcohol product placement rulemaking is under economic analysis. The comment period for the expedited trade practice repeal ends on May 5. The CR-103 should be filed after next month's Board meeting.

There will be a public hearing on the cannabis advertising rules implementing Engrossed House Bill 5206 on April 23. The CR-103 should be presented in May. Cannabis retail management agreements implementing Substitute Senate Bill 5403 is receiving heavy focus from the team. There has been a lot of feedback which is being reviewed to determine the next steps.

5. GENERAL RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 5A – Board Approval of CR-105

Topic: 2026 Legislative Implementation Package – HB 1526, ESHB 2476, and EHB 2681

Presenter: Kevin Walder, Policy and Rules Manager

Kevin presented a CR-105 for expedited rulemaking to amend five WAC sections of Title 314 WAC. These changes implement House Bill (HB) 1526, Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2476, and Engrossed House Bill (EHB) 2681 (HANDOUT 5A).

HB 1526 changes existing statute to allow snack bar licensees to serve wine by the glass in addition to beer in open bottles or cans.

ESHB 2476 increases the maximum number of seats a theater can have to qualify for a spirits/beer/wine theater license from 120 to 200.

EHB 2681 increases license fees for cannabis producers, processors, and retailers.

The proposed rule changes are needed to implement the changes that have been dictated by the statutes.

Member Holmes made a motion to adopt the CR-105. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved.

6. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM 6A – Review and Consideration of Rules Petition

Topic: Allow Prepackaged Food to Qualify as a Complete Meal

Presenter: Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Daniel explained a petition from Barbara Jones on behalf of the White Horse Saloon. The petition asks the Board to start rulemaking that would allow “pre-prepared meals” to meet the legal requirement of a “complete meal” as required in law (HANDOUT 6A).

WAC 314-02-010(3)(b) states that precooked frozen meals that are reheated and carry-out items obtained from another business do not qualify as complete meals.

The question is whether the Board should accept the petition and begin rulemaking to change the WAC so that pre-prepared and pre-packaged food are allowed to meet the requirement of a “complete meal”.

Daniel gave some historical context and reasons for the existing rules. He addressed each claim made in the petition. He noted that the Legislature has shown interest in looking at expanding how food service can be provided at liquor licensed locations.

The Director’s Office recommends that the Board deny the petition. The Board agreed that this topic should be explored further, and it can be done whether the petition is accepted or not.

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

7. ADJOURN

Chair Vollendroff adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes approved this 6th day of May 2026

Not Present

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.