



Washington State Liquor Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
LCB Headquarters - Boardroom
3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia WA 98501

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jane Rushford called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Member Russ Hauge joined the meeting by phone, and Member Ruthann Kurose arrived at 10:15.

2. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Service Recognitions – Presenter: Peter Antolin, Deputy Director

Peter recognized Gary Hacker, Management Analyst, for 20 years of service to the Liquor and Cannabis Board. Peter has had the privilege of working with Gary for only a few months so he received some comments from his predecessor, Randy Simmons. Randy commented that Gary is the person responsible for developing the agency enterprise risk management program, the agency COOP and has been instrumental in getting many things completed. Gary is always willing to pitch in wherever there is a need. You can't find a better event planner/coordinator to handle logistics and especially food for any type of event. He is a great assistant, keeping people and meetings organized. He cares deeply for the LCB and for the people. I often considered him as the agency conscience and he always thought about his coworkers when recommending things the agency should consider.

On behalf of the board, Chair Rushford also commented that it is a pleasure working with Gary and thanked him for his years of service.

3. ALCOHOL IMPACT AREA ACTIVITIES PRESENTATION (HANDOUT 3)

Presenter – Scott Hazlegrove, CIVIC Group

Mr. Hazlegrove gave a presentation on the Alcohol Impact Areas and improvements CIVIC Group recommends. They promote a voluntary single serve products sales ban and encourage LCB to reevaluate the AIA efforts.

4. Washington Craft Beer Industry Snapshot (HANDOUT 4)

Presenters: Anne McGrath and Heather McClung, Washington Brewers Guild and Pam Brulotte, Iccicle Brewing Company

- Ms. McGrath provided an update on the craft beer industry in Washington.
- Ms. Brulotte gave an overview of what it is like to own and operate a craft brewery in Washington.
- Ms. McClung thanked the board for taking the time to hear an update. She also drew attention to the recent Senate Antitrust Hearing on the merger of Anheuser-Busch and SABMiller and how the small craft industry has to compete in a market with the large breweries.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING 5A – Public Hearing for Beer/Wine Gift Delivery Internet Sales

Karen McCall, Agency Rules Coordinator, began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT(S) 5A 1-2). She provided a brief summary noting that this request would create a new rule clarifying the requirements for a beer and/or wine gift delivery licensee to sell over the internet and delivery beer and wine to their customers. It aligns with other approved internet sale opportunities.

Chair Rushford opened the public hearing and invited the first citizen to the podium to provide testimony. No one came forward for comment.

Chair Rushford closed the public hearing and thanked everyone for their input.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Member Kurose moved to approve the December 2, 2015, meeting minutes.

SECOND: Member Hauge seconded.

ACTION: Minutes Approved.

MOTION: Member Kurose moved to approve the December 16, 2015, meeting minutes.

SECOND: Member Hauge seconded.

ACTION: Minutes Approved.

MOTION: Member Kurose moved to approve the January 6, 2016, meeting minutes.

SECOND: Chair Rushford seconded.

ACTION: Minutes Approved.

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Rushford then invited citizens to address the Board regarding any issues related to LCB business.

Jeffrey McPhee – Medical Cannabis Solutions of Central Washington, LLC (MCS)

Mr. McPhee would like the board to reconsider the merits for the retail license applicants. MCS and other dispensaries have been in business before the January 1, 2013 requirement in proposed WAC 314-55-020(3)(ii). MCS works with the patients to ensure that the products they sell are safe and targeted to their patient's symptoms. MCS warns that the black market will grow if dispensaries with expertise in medical cannabis are not allowed a license. Mr. McPhee thanked the board for their time and provided a packet of information on their business. (CITIZEN HANDOUT #1)

Patrick Bauguess – Cannabis Business Development

Mr. Bauguess echoed what Mr. McPhee had to say and added that licensing needs to work more with the applicants to see if they meet requirements by looking at their articles of incorporation and application with the Dept. of Revenue.

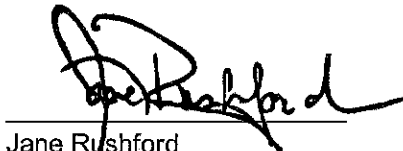
Mark Henning – MCS

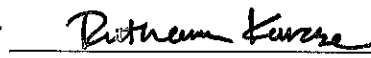
Mr. Henning was here to also echo the comments made by Mr. McPhee and thanked the board for their consideration.

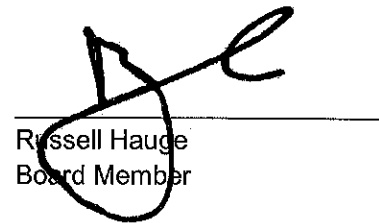
ADJOURN

Chair Rushford adjourned the meeting at 11:20.

Minutes approved this 27th day of January, 2016



Jane Rushford
Board Chair

Ruthann Kurose
Board Member

Russell Hauge
Board Member

Minutes prepared by: Lisa Faker, Executive Assistant to the Board

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