



Washington State Liquor Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 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 and Cannabis Board to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Member Ollie Garrett and Member Russ Hauge were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The motion to approve the October 3, 2018, Board Meeting minutes were postponed

3. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Presenters – Chair Rushford and Director Garza

A. Employee Service Recognition – Mary Segawa, Public Health Education Liaison

Chair Rushford, the Board and Director Garza commended Ms. Segawa for her service to the Liquor and Cannabis Board and wished her the best in all future endeavors.

4. ACTION ITEM (A)

ACTION ITEM 4A - Board Adoption of CR 103 for 2018 Liquor Legislation Implementation

Janette Benham, Policy and Rules Coordinator, began the briefing with materials (HANDOUTS 4A 1-4).

Ms. Benham: I'm here this morning to request the Board adopt final rules and approve filing the CR 103 to implement HB 2517 which passed during the 2018 legislative session.

The rules define ancillary activities as activities an alcohol manufacturer participates in involving the public, and refers to the already established schedules of penalties for violations involving ancillary activities and/or violations involving the manufacturing license. The rules implement the requirement that ancillary activity violations will not suspend, cancel or revoke the underlying manufacturing license. Changes to the rules also include a few technical and clarifying updates.

At the October 3, 2018 hearing we received two comments regarding adding a reference to distribution by the alcohol manufacturer. After consideration and discussion, the rules were not changed because the manufacturing license does allow distribution and distribution is not considered an ancillary activity.

Timeline

Ms. Benham: If approved, I'll file the CR 103 today with the Code Reviser's Office and the rules would be effective on November 17, 2018.

Ms. Benham then requested the Board adopt the proposed rules.

MOTION: Member Hauge moved to approve the adoption of CR 103 for 2018 Liquor Legislation Implementation

SECOND: Member Garrett seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Don Skakie - Citizen

I, like many others, was caught completely by surprise at the announcement at the end of the last meeting about the edibles. I have to say everybody, I believe, is concerned about the impact that cannabis has on youth. We have to take that in balance. There have been no deaths from exposure. Although the percentages have increased for exposure, but the actual numbers are actually quite low.

We need to balance our concern for youth with our concern for adult consumption. I'm a retired man, I'm a parent, and I remember when my kids were small that it was important to keep a lot of things from them. Now that I'm older and don't have kids in the house, it's not a concern. I don't have grandchildren yet, so maybe that will be a concern again in the future. There is a great population of people out there that do consume cannabis either socially or for medical purposes. They have a desire, some have a need, to have access to these products that you are considering changing the format of or banning completely.

Everything is attractive to a kid. When you look at babies they are constantly putting everything and anything into their mouth. Dirt, bugs, it is a real challenge as a parent to keep things out of a child's mouth. I would say that is really where the responsibility lies, is with the parents. I don't think that the action the Board is contemplating is going to completely eliminate the exposure to children. I think it will impact not only the industry, but the adults that the industry is aiming to serve.

I want to recall an incident. I'm a beer drinker, and years ago there was a brand that had changed the color on its packaging. I also drank Pepsi at the time. I would have Pepsi in the morning because I don't drink coffee and then have beer later in the day when I got home from work. One morning to my surprise, I opened up a can, took a drink, and it was beer at 6:00 a.m. I had to spit it out. When I looked at the packaging, they were basically a mirror of each other with very small differences. I became concerned because at that time I did have children in the house and occasionally we would allow them to have soda.

As you move forward with this process I think it is very important that you do consider not just the overarching concern for protecting children, but also balance the investment the industry has put in developing these products and their packaging, and the consumers that have looked for them for whatever purpose to enjoy or use. Thank you.

Peggy Button - Citizen

With the edibles, I can see the concern with children, but there are also vitamins. They come in all kinds of little Flintstones, gummy bears, and those are far more dangerous if a child gets a hold of a bottle of that. They can say that they had 10 "medibles", 10 of the little gummy bears. The vitamins are more apt to do more harm and damage to the child than the gummy bears.

The doses that are out there, 10mg, a child is not going to die. A child is not even going to, they might laugh and giggle and take a nap. And then the next time they see them they aren't going to want them. I've seen it happen it where the kids see them and say "oh no" because they accidentally got some before.

The worst that can happen is that they are going to take a nap. But, cookies and milk counteracts it, it slows down, and it's that simple. Rather than having your stomach pumped or anything else because it's not necessary. It's not going to harm their kidneys. It's not going to harm their liver. It's not going to harm anything in them. There are actually children that need it but that's another story.

"Medibles", at the strength they are in the stores at this point in time are not dangerous to children. The person that goes to buy them, they are so expensive that they aren't going to be careless with them. I can't see someone going and buying a bowl of gummy bears and putting them out on the table because they are far too expensive for that. They are just too expensive, that's all I can really say there. Thank you very much.


Chair Rushford: I'd like to acknowledge others who responded following the October 3, 2018 Board meeting. We've appreciated the concerns expressed from the members of the industry. You have asked and we have agreed to pause for 30 days. This gives us an opportunity to consider additional information. We appreciate your participation as we work through edibles that are especially appealing to children. And thank you again Don and Peggy for commenting today.

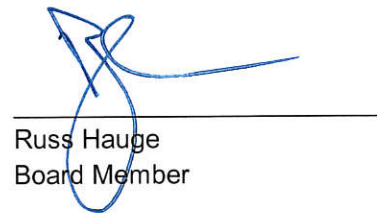
ADJOURN

Chair Rushford adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.

Minutes approved this 31 day of OCTOBER, 2018


Jane Rushford
Board Chair


Ollie Garrett
Board Member


Russ Hauge
Board Member

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