



Board Caucus Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 10:00am
This meeting was held via conference call

Meeting Minutes

CAUCUS ATTENDEES

Chair Jane Rushford
Member Ollie Garrett
Member Russ Hauge
Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Kathy Hoffman, Policy and Rules Manager
Audrey Vasek, Policy and Rules Coordinator
Casey Schaufler, Policy and Rules Coordinator
Becky Smith, Director of Licensing
Nicola Reid, Compliance and Adjudications Manager
Claris Nnanabu, Director of Human Relations

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jane welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of the February 9, 2021 Caucus meeting minutes.

MOTION: Member Hauge moved to approve the February 9, 2021, Caucus meeting minutes.

SECOND: Member Garrett seconded.

ACTION: Chair Rushford approved the motion.

BOARD MEETING PREP AND RULES UPDATE

Kathy provided a brief update on rulemaking projects, including:

- Delta-8
 - Draft policy statement shared with cannabis associations last week
 - Gathering feedback, deadline for response is January 22 (sic)[February 22]
- Policy Agenda
 - Draft sent to alcohol and cannabis associations
 - Gathering feedback, deadline for response is February 28 (sic)[March 2]
- Deliberative Dialogue – Lab Panel
 - 70 attendees
 - Will schedule another session to complete the list of questions

Kathy asked for questions. There were none.

Audrey gave an update on alcohol related rulemaking, including:

- Distillery Monthly Reporting and Payment Rules

- CR 101 at tomorrow's Board meeting
- Consistent with the *Blue Spirits* court decision
- 2020 Legislation Regarding Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5549 – Distilleries
 - Public hearing held February 3, 2021
 - Considering substantive changes to rule proposal in light of the *Blue Spirits* court decision
 - Supplemental CR 102 tentatively expected in March

Audrey asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Casey provided a cannabis related rulemaking update, including:

- Tier I Expansion
 - Internal discussions continue regarding survey results analysis
 - Updated rule plan anticipated in the upcoming weeks
- HB 2826 – Cannabis Vapor Products
 - Two written comments following CR 102 filing
 - Public hearing held February 3
 - No one testified
 - CR 103 will be considered at tomorrow's Board meeting
- Criminal History Background Checks
 - CR 101 will be considered at tomorrow's Board meeting

Casey asked if there were any questions. There were none. Russ suggested meeting with Casey to review the criminal history background check rulemaking. Casey agreed. Jane thanked everyone for their contributions, noting how much the Board appreciated the due diligence and engagement created by the rules team.

LICENSING – PROPOSAL AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION FOR NHL ARENA EXCEPTIONS

Nicola reviewed the licensing proposal (HANDOUT 1) regarding the NHL Arena and asked if there were any questions. Russ asked for confirmation that the request was for a one-year pilot program. Nicola confirmed, noting that there would be an evaluation by LCB with the arena at that time. Ollie thanked Nicola and her team for the work they had put in to reach the proposed agreement. Nicola thanked the Board and appreciated the collaboration with the arena team to arrive at the proposal. Jane asked for clarification that all arena employees would be MAST (Mandatory Alcohol Server Training) certified, noting that it would be an important and impressive point to consider. Nicola confirmed they would, underscoring that this would occur regardless to position type and would further provide advanced training to marketplace employees. Jane offered her appreciation for the work done by both the LCB and Climate Pledge Arena and asked for a motion to approve the one-year pilot.

MOTION: Member Hauge moved to adopt the recommendation regarding the NHL arena (Climate Pledge Arena) and their proposed guidelines for alcohol service.

SECOND: Member Garrett seconded.

ACTION: Chair Rushford approved the motion.

BOARD MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT REPORTS

Ollie and Russ indicated their topics had been covered and looked forward to the Executive Session.

Dustin agreed to send the agenda and supporting documents for tomorrow's Board meeting after the conclusion of caucus.

Dustin shared that testing and evaluation continued regarding the new virtual platform and hoped to conduct internal trial meetings in the upcoming weeks. Jane thanked Dustin for his contributions and for representing the Board at the New Employee Orientation meeting this morning.

At 10:24am Chair Rushford indicated the meeting would be at ease until the Executive Session begins at 10:45am.

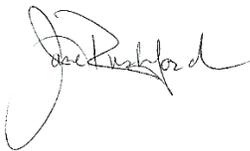
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:45am Chair Rushford announced the Board would be going into Executive Session.

At 11:36am Chair Rushford announced the Executive Session had concluded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36am.

Minutes approved this 9th day of March, 2021.



Jane Rushford
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Russ Hauge
Board Member

Minutes Prepared by: Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant to the Board