



Board Caucus Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 10:00am

This meeting was held via web conference

Meeting Minutes

CAUCUS ATTENDEES

Chair David Postman
Member Ollie Garrett
Member Russ Hauge
Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Anita Bingham, Director of Human Resources
Bruce Turcott, Senior Counsel
Penny Allen, Senior Counsel
Jeremy Gelms, Assistant Attorney General
Eric Palosaari, Assistant Attorney General
Chandra Brady, Director of Enforcement and Education
Ron Rupke, Deputy Chief
Kathy Hoffman, Policy and Rules Manager
Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator
Robert DeSpain, Policy and Rules Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SESSION – QUARTERLY HUMAN RESOURCES REVIEW

At 10:00am, Chair Postman announced the Board would go into Executive Session for the quarterly Human Resources review. He anticipated the Executive Session would conclude at 10:40am.

At 10:40am, Chair Postman announced the Executive Session had concluded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION REVIEW

At 10:40am, Chair Postman announced the Board would go into Executive Session for litigation review. He anticipated the Executive Session would conclude at 11:10am.

At 11:08am, Dustin Dickson, the Executive Assistant to the Board announced on the Board's behalf that the Executive Session would be extended by 10 minutes, anticipating 11:20 as the new ending time.

At 11:20am, Chair Postman announced the Executive Session had concluded.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Member Garrett moved to approve the October 19, 2021, Board caucus minutes

SECOND: Member Hauge seconded.

ACTION: Chair Postman approved the motion.

BOARD MEETING PREP AND RULES UPDATE

Kathy indicated the team would transition to monthly updates rather than biweekly, going forward. She reassured that a work continues to be done behind the scenes and that stakeholders are regularly communicated with.

Kathy moved the conversation to cannabis related rulemaking and provided a brief update, including:

- THC Compound Evaluation
 - Public hearing scheduled for December 8, 2021
 - No comments received in writing to date
 - One citizen called to share their support
- Social Equity in Cannabis
 - CR 101 scheduled for tomorrow, October 27, 2021
 - Will also consider WAC 314-55 in its entirety
 - Some work already done in considering background checks
 - Timelines are extremely tentative
 - Significant amount of stakeholder work to be done
 - CR 102 tentatively scheduled for June, 2022

David reiterated that the agency would be getting recommendations from the Social Equity in Cannabis Task Force, and suggested that in theory the agency would only need one rule project to consider social equity for this time period. He felt the agency was making an effort to be inclusive of all interested parties, including the agency, the Task Force and legislature. Kathy confirmed, adding that she wanted the agency to be well positioned to respond to the recommendations of the Task Force as soon as they are issued.

Kathy went on to say that the agency may need to amend this CR 101, but wanted to get the work started in anticipation of the recommendation and to meet the needs of the community. Kathy thanked the Board for their time and asked Jeff to give an update.

Jeff gave an additional update on cannabis rules, including:

- Quality Control
 - Three-hour “listen and learn” session held on October 20, 2021
 - 55 attendees
 - Organizing and analyzing comments received
 - CR 102 scheduled for December 8, 2021

Jeff asked if there were any questions. There were none. David thanked Jeff for his time. Jeff introduced Robert.

Robert gave a brief update on alcohol related rulemaking, including:

- Implementation of 2021 Legislation, HB 1480, Related to COVID-19 Alcohol Allowances
 - CR 102 filed with Code Reviser on October 20, 2021
 - Public comment period will remain open until November 19, 2021
 - Public hearing scheduled for November 10, 2021
 - No comments received to date
 - CR 103 tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2021
 - Effective date would be January 8, 2022

- Axe Throwing at Liquor Licensed Premises
 - CR 101 filed on October 20, 2021
 - Initial comment period will remain open until November 19, 2021
 - One comment received to date
 - Rule drafting subgroup continues to meet
 - Anticipate one or two “listen and learn” sessions to be scheduled
 - CR 102 tentatively scheduled for January, 2022, at the earliest
 - CR 103 tentatively scheduled for late April, 2022, at the earliest
 - Robert underscored this is an aggressive timeline

Robert asked if there were any questions. David asked what the one comment received on axe throwing related to. Robert recalled it was from a private citizen and related to an NPR article; it was not in favor of allowing axe throwing in public.

David thanked Robert for his time and update.

BOARD MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT REPORTS

Dustin thanked the Board for their continued patience in adapting to the virtual meeting platform as he set up the breakout rooms for the Executive Sessions. David said this morning's meetings worked well and thanked Dustin for his efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31am.

Minutes approved this 2nd day of November, 2021.



David Postman
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Russ Hauge
Board Member

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