



## Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 10:00am  
This Meeting was Convened Via Web Conference

### Meeting Minutes

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Postman called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Member Ollie Garrett and Member Russ Hauge were also present.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Member Hauge moved to approve the October 13, 2021, Board meeting minutes.

SECOND: Member Garrett seconded.

ACTION: Chair Postman approved the motion.

#### 3. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING TIMELINES

Presenter – Robert DeSpain, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Mr. DeSpain: Good morning Chair Postman, Board Member Garrett and Board Member Hauge. I have some very brief updates on alcohol related rule project timelines.

The Washington State Registrar published issue #21-20 on October 20, 2021. This issue contains the CR 102 package for the rules project related to implementation of HB 1480 related to COVID-19 allowances, and the CR 101 package for the rule project related to axe throwing in liquor licenses premises. The packages are numbered sequentially as WSR 21-20-066 and 067.

The public comment period for both projects will remain open until November 19, 2021, 30 days after publication. As of today, no public comments have been received for the CR 102 package. One public comment has been received for the CR 101 package.

That concludes my brief rule project update for today. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Chair Postman: I have none, and I'm seeing none. Thank you for that, today. We will now move to the cannabis side and hear from Jeff Kildahl, the Policy and Rules coordinator. Good morning, Jeff.

## **4. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING AND TIMELINES**

### **TIMELINES**

Presenter – Jeff Kildahl, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Mr. Kildahl: Good morning Chair Postman, and Board Member Garrett and Board Member Hauge.

Regarding the THC compound evaluation project, we are still on track for a public hearing on December 8, 2021. To date, no formal comments have been received, although we've received one oral comment in support of the proposal as written.

Regarding the cannabis quality control rules project, we held a three-hour virtual "listen and learn" session on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 10, 2021, from 1:00 – 4:00pm. The session was attended by 55 people via Microsoft Teams. We are working to organize and analyze the comments received in this session, and we plan to reconvene the rule project team later this week. We remain on track to bring a CR 102 package to you on December 8, 2021.

This concludes my update for today, I am happy to answer any questions.

Chair Postman: Great, thank you for the update. I don't see any questions. We look forward to seeing the 102 on that. Thank you.

Mr. Kildahl: Thank you.

Chair Postman: We will move on to our action item for the day. Kathy Hoffman, Policy and Rules Manager will present the CR 101 regarding social equity in cannabis for our approval. Good morning, Kathy.

### **ACTION ITEM (A)**

#### **ACTION ITEM 4A - Board Approval of CR 101 Regarding Social Equity in Cannabis**

Kathy Hoffman, Policy and Rules Manager, began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 4A).

Ms. Hoffman: Good Morning Chair Postman and Board Members Garrett and Hauge. This morning I'd like to ask for your approval to file a CR 101, or, proposal statement of inquiry, regarding social equity in cannabis.

As you know, legislation established in 2020 created the Social Equity in Cannabis Task Force, and they are responsible for, among other things, making recommendations to the LCB about creating a social equity in cannabis program. That same legislation gives LCB the authority to create that program through rule, consistent with Task Force recommendations. The Task Force has met continuously since early 2020, and created subgroups to discuss and develop recommendations concerning disproportionately impacted communities, technical assistance and mentoring, licensing and several other things.

While the Task Force work continued, LCB began to review existing rule to determine where we could make revisions that would lead to socially equitable conditions. The first effort involved revising cannabis

license applicant and renewal background checks in a way that would remove barriers to entry in the licensed system.

The LCB now seeks to explore where additional revisions can be made within our current statutory authority to assure that the agency is positioned to respond as quickly as possible when Task Force recommendations become available, and in partnership with community.

Tentative Timeline

October 27, 2021	Board is asked to approve filing pre-proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101). CR 101 filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. LCB webpage updated and notice circulated by GovDelivery distribution list. Informal comment period begins.
November 17, 2021	Notice is published in the Washington State Register under WSR #21-22.
December 17, 2021	The informal comment period ends.
June 22, 2021	Board is asked to approve filing proposed rules (CR 102). CR 102 is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. LCB webpage is updated and notice is circulated by the rules distribution list. The formal comment period begins.
July 6, 2022	Notice is published in the Washington State Register under WSR #22-13.
August 17, 2022	Public hearing is held and the formal comment period ends.
August 30, 2022	Board is asked to adopt rules, if no substantive changes are made (CR 103). Concise explanatory statement is provided to individuals offering written or oral comment at the public hearing or during the formal comment period under RCW 34.05.325. CR 103 and adopted rules are filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. LCB webpage is updated and notice is circulated by the rules distribution list.
September 30, 2022	The rules are effective 31 days after filing unless otherwise specified. See RCW 34.05.380(2).

Ms. Hoffman: I would offer that it our agency practice to continue to accept [in]formal comment on CR 101 filings beyond the end date of the period as listed to encourage and support stakeholder engagement, and for this project I believe that flexibility is essential.

We are proposing a tentative date of June 22, 2022, to bring a CR 102 rule proposal before you. However, I want to emphasize that this is a tentative date. We do look forward to extensive engagement with community in this work, and as we know, meaningful engagement takes time, care and compassion. I would offer that all three of these elements are critical to this work.

I ask for your approval to file this CR 101 today.

Chair Postman: Thank you. Member Garrett is a member of the Task Force and has worked closely on this. Is there anything you would like to add before we consider this? Member Garrett's connection is frozen, Member Hauge – anything to add while we wait for her to reconnect?

Member Hauge: I'm really happy we are doing this and I hope we can maintain our momentum here going forward, particularly as we face the issues of national decriminalization or legalization. I would hate to see us spending this effort to do all of this good work and then have it all – the rug pulled out – because we didn't prepare.

Chair Postman: Good point. Member Garrett?

Member Garrett: I wanted to thank Kathy for the effort and time – a lot of conversation has gone on around this. To get the CR 101 opened up, I just want to say thank you for the work and the work of the agency that has been a part of this...

Chair Postman: We lost your connection again...

Member Garrett: While you can hear me, do you want me to move approval of the CR 101?

Chair Postman: Yes, that would be great, thank you.

MOTION: Member Garrett moved to approve the CR 101 Regarding Social Equity in Cannabis

SECOND: Member Hauge seconded.

ACTION: Chair Postman approved the motion.

Chair Postman: Thank you Ms. Hoffman, nice work. And thanks to Member Garrett too, for all the work you are doing with both the Task Force, externally, but also working with staff and getting the agency out ahead of this as much as we possibly can. I think that's great.

## **5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Postman: We have no one signed up for public comment today, so that takes us to the end of the meeting. We appreciate everyone's patience, thanks for coming and we will be back next week with the Caucus meeting on Tuesday. Have a nice day, bye everyone.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Postman adjourned the meeting at 10:11am.

Minutes approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.



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David Postman  
Board Chair



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Ollie Garrett  
Board Member



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Russ Hauge  
Board Member

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