



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:00 am
This meeting was held in a hybrid environment

Meeting Minutes

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 23, 2024. Member Ollie Garrett and Member Jim Vollendroff were also present.

2. ALCOHOL RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM (2A) – Board approval of CR 102 regarding House Bill 2204 for Emergency Liquor Permits

Presenter – Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator

Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator, began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 2A) and a reminder that House Bill 2204 created an Emergency Liquor Permit, allowing liquor manufacturers whose premises are “inaccessible or unable to operate due to an emergency or road closure to temporarily do retail sales and on-premises consumption on the premises of another liquor licensee with retail privileges.”

The statute, which is found at RCW 66.20.010 Section 19 goes on to say that the permit fee must be waived if there's a formal state or local emergency declared, and that the permit lasts for 30 days. It can be extended for an additional 30 days if the formal emergency continues. Employees of the hosting licensee can serve the permit holder's liquor. Additionally, no more than a 30-day supply of permit holder's liquor can be stored at the host premises and must be kept separate from the host liquor. Lastly, hosts are limited to no more than three Emergency Liquor Permit holders at a time on their premises.

The proposed rule language creates a new rule at WAC 314-38-120, and after providing more details, Mr. Jacobs requested approval for the CR 102 regarding House Bill 2204 for Emergency Liquor Permits.

Member Vollendroff moved to approve the CR 102 regarding House Bill 2204 for Emergency Liquor Permits. Member Garrett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. CANNABIS RELATED RULEMAKING

ACTION ITEM (3A) - Board Approval of Supplemental CR 102 for Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5080 Expanding and Improving the Social Equity in Cannabis Program

Justin Nordhorn, Policy and External Affairs Director

Justin Nordhorn, Policy and External Affairs Director, began the briefing with materials (HANDOUT 3A, PRESENTATION), and proposed a Supplemental CR 102 for WAC 314-55-570, the Social Equity in Cannabis Program. There had been a CR 102 before the Board at a prior meeting, but as a result of substantial interest in the proposed changes, staff reviewed public and stakeholder comments and revised the CR 102.

After the presentation, Mr. Nordhorn asked the Board to adopt the Supplemental CR 102 for the Social Equity in Cannabis Rules.

Member Garrett moved to approve the CR 102. Member Vollendroff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Postman invited citizens to address the Board regarding any issues related to LCB business. The Board heard from eight people:

Michelle Larson

Michael Schermerhorn

Caitlein Ryan

Peter Manning

Gregory Foster

Christopher King

Mike Asai

Sami Saad

For full detail of public comment, the meeting recording is available on the LCB website.

ADJOURN

Chair Postman adjourned the meeting at 11:13 am

Minutes approved this 20th day of November, 2024



David Postman
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member



Jim Vollendroff
Board Member

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