



Washington State Liquor Control Board

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Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Headquarters Building

3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia WA 98501

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Member Ruthann Kurose and Member Chris Marr were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Member Kurose moved to approve the July 24, 2013, meeting minutes as presented.

SECOND: Member Marr seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Proposed Rules

Karen McCall, Agency Rules Coordinator, brought forward staff recommendations to delay adopting of the final rules. Since filing the proposed rules on July 3, 2013, the Board and WSLCB staff received sufficient input to warrant re-filing the proposed rules. Last week, the Board held five public hearings across the state to solicit input. Under the state Administrative Procedures act, an agency must re-file proposed rules if there are any substantive changes.

Should the Board accept the proposed rules on September 4, 2013, staff will immediately file a new CR 102 (proposed rulemaking) with the Code Reviser's Office and begin a six week schedule of collecting public input and holding at least one public hearing. The agency's published timeline will be adjusted to reflect the new schedule. The WSLCB remains on schedule to meet the I-502 required deadline of having rules in place by December 1, 2013.

Key elements of the rules that will be included in the revised proposed rules include:

- limiting the amount of total marijuana production
- identifying the number of retail locations per county and their locations
- identifying the total amount of product that a licensee may have on hand
- further clarifying certain definitions and other revisions

If the Board accepts staff's recommendation, staff will come back to the Board on September 4, 2013, with revised proposed rules. Ms. McCall then went over the revised proposed rulemaking schedule:

- September 4, 2013 File Supplemental CR 102 with revised proposed rules
- October 9, 2013 Public Hearing (Location TBD)
- October 16, 2013 Board Adoption (CR 103)
- November 16, 2013 Rules become effective
- Nov. 18 - Dec. 18, 2013 WSLCB accepts applications (30-day window)

Member Marr supported staff recommendations noting the importance of incorporating public comment. He understands that adjustments need to be made, particularly for the producers who plan to invest capital.

Member Kurose echoed Member Marr's views and noted their commitment to an inclusive, transparent process. She added that this still allows the LCB to meet the deadline. She also noted the importance of public safety and appreciates the additional time to consider that element.

Chair Foster also supported staff recommendations. She reaffirmed that the Board promised an open and transparent process and she believes that the 8 public forums and 5 public hearings provided a good opportunity for public input and she expressed her appreciation. She also stated that the rules *will* be in place by December 1, 2013.

MOTION: Member Marr moved to approve.

SECOND: Member Kurose seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business reported.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business reported.

ADJOURN

Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:15.

Minutes approved this 21st day of August, 2013

Not Present

Sharon Foster
Board Chair

Ruthann Kurose

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Board Member

Chris Marr

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Board Member