



**WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2013**

Board Chair Sharon Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to order at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 in the Boardroom at 3000 Pacific Avenue S.E., Olympia, Washington. Board Members Ruthann Kurose and Chris Marr were present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the January 23, 2013 meeting were approved.

**Second Public Hearing on Beer/Wine Specialty Shop Tastings**

Rules Coordinator Karen McCall stated that second public hearings were necessary for Beer/Wine Specialty Shop Tastings and Restaurant Hours of Operation, as it was originally published in the rulemaking timeline that February 6<sup>th</sup> would be the official public hearing date for both topics. The first hearings were held at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Current rules allow a beer/wine specialty store licensee to conduct tastings if over 50% of their gross sales are beer and/or wine. This rulemaking would change that requirement to 50% of gross sales are alcohol. Additionally, the amount of ounces that may be served to each customer would be adjusted from eight to twelve. As of the date of this meeting, Karen had received two comments from stakeholders in support of the rulemaking, and four in opposition.

Three attendees signed up to provide testimony:

- Meghan Sullivan, TOGETHER!: Meghan testified in opposition of the proposed rulemaking, citing a concern regarding public safety. She noted that the revised sampling amount of 12 ounces would equal half of a bottle of wine, or 1.5 servings.
- John Snaza, Thurston County Sheriff: Sheriff Snaza testified in opposition to the rulemaking, stating that the rules seemed to be sufficient as they are written.
- Cindy Zehnder, Total Wine and More: Cindy testified in support of the rulemaking, noting that it was intended for retailers to be able to provide a greater variety of product for tasting.

After discussion, the Board took a vote to amend the rulemaking to allow for ten ounce sample sizes, not twelve. Chair Foster and Member Kurose were in favor, Member Marr was opposed.

**Second Public Hearing on Restaurant Hours of Operation**

Per Karen, the Washington Restaurant Association (WRA) petitioned the Board requesting amendments to WAC 314-02-015 and WAC 314-02-045, as related to required hours of operation. The current rules require a restaurant to be open five hours a day, five days a week, the amendment would change the days of operation from five to three, and remove language allowing licensees to request an exception to the required hours of operation due to hardship. No attendees provided testimony.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Old Business:**



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Member Marr asked Agency Director Pat Kohler about the status of the request to return spirits product to Distributors. Per Pat, she has requested that the Attorney General provide input on the return of product in relation to Federal law.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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Sharon Foster,  
Board Chair

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Ruthann Kurose,  
Board Member

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Chris Marr,  
Board Member