

WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD Board Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2013

Board Chair Sharon Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to order at 10:02 a.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in the Boardroom at 3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, Washington. Board Members Ruthann Kurose and Chris Marr were present.

Approval of Minutes

Member Kurose moved to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2013 meeting. Member Marr seconded. All were in favor.

Staff Recommendation for Final I-502 Timeline

Randy Simmons, LCB Administrative Services Director, presented the recommended final I-502 implementation timeline for Board adoption. Randy said that the original timeline was based on a fiscal impact statement that had been done by the Office of Financial Management. Since that time, the LCB collected comments from eight public meetings that were attended by over 3,000 people. In addition, the agency has met with industry members, community groups, local officials and law enforcement. Internally, the agency has launched 11 teams to work on various aspects of implementation, identified agency needs, issued an RFP and hired a consultant (Botec Analysis Corp.). The research team is looking at quality standards, packaging and labeling. The agency regularly communicates through a listserve of over 4300. The LCB plans to issue draft rules for comment prior to filing the CR 102 and again after the filing. Public hearings will be held in late July and rules will become effective in late August. The agency will begin accepting applications for all three licenses (producer, processor, retailer) by September 1. Randy said it's important to remember that the only requirement of the LCB is that rules will be completed by December 1, 2013 and the agency will meet that deadline. If there are substantial changes to the draft rules, the LCB will need to refile the CR 102, which would change the license issuance date to December 1, but this is the only change that could affect the timeline.

Member Marr asked about the OFM revenue assumption. Randy indicated that OFM's assumption was that there would be no revenue until the second year of the biennium and that the original fiscal impact put revenue at \$0 to \$450 million per year.

Member Kurose commented that this timeline makes sense in that if reflects the knowledge that the agency has gained through research and statewide stakeholder meetings.

Chair Foster expressed appreciation for the work that has been done.

Member Kurose moved to accept the timeline as presented. Member Marr seconded and the motion carried.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

There was no old business.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Sharon Foster,

Ruthann Kurose, **Board Chair**

Board Member

Chris Marr,

Board Member