

**OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MEETING**

March 16, 2004

The regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 in the Board conference room, 3000 Pacific Avenue S.E., Olympia, Washington, by Board Member Roger Hoen. Board Member Vera Ing was present. Tony Kim, Administrative Assistant to the Board summarized the minutes.

RETAIL SERVICES DIVISION: 10:00 – 10:15 A.M.

Staff Present: Robbi Mettler-Stern; District Manager, Chris Liu; Retail Services Director, Pat Kohler; Administrative Director, Rick Garza; Deputy Administrative Director, Bob Burdick; Communications Director.

Topics Discussed:

Ms. Mettler-Stern was approached by Contract Manager, James Canterbury, regarding a proposal to move the Cle Elum Contract Liquor Store No. 617. Mr. Canterbury has purchased property at 705 East First Street (the main road) and would like to build a new store at that site. After some discussion the Board asked Ms. Metter-Stern to bring her request to tomorrow's board meeting for formal action.

RETAIL SERVICES DIVISION: 10:15 – 10:30 A.M.

Staff Present: Robbi Mettler-Stern; District Manager, Chris Liu; Retail Services Director, Pat Kohler; Administrative Director, Rick Garza; Deputy Administrative Director, Bob Burdick; Communications Director.

Topics Discussed:

Ms. Mettler-Stern shared that thirty-four application packets were received and reviewed for this opening and eleven applicants were interviewed by a panel of three District Managers. After the interviews were conducted, the selected candidate was Susan Danby. After some discussion the Board asked Ms. Metter-Stern to bring her request to tomorrow's board meeting for formal action.

RETAIL SERVICES DIVISION: 10:15 – 10:30 A.M.

Staff Present: Chris Liu, Retail Services Director; Suzanne Lewis, Property Specialist; Pat Kohler, Administrative Director; Rick Garza, Deputy Administrative

Director; Bob Burdick, Communications Director

Topics Discussed:

Due to increased costs and value tradeoffs, the Retail Services division recommended that the GA test be ended and that store leasing remain in-house.

After some discussion, the Board agreed with their recommendation.

RETAIL SERVICES DIVISION: 10:15 – 10:30 A.M.

Staff Present: Chris Liu; Retail Services Director, Susanne Lewis, Property Specialist; Pat Kohler; Administrative Director, Rick Garza; Deputy Administrative Director, Bob Burdick; Communications Director.

Topics Discussed:

Ms. Lewis discussed one store relocation, store No. 029, Puyallup. Due to lack of visibility and parking, staff has been searching for a new location for over 2 years. Ms. Lewis recommended approval of Lease proposal #1, relocation to Village Fair shopping center. After some discussion the Board asked her to bring the relocation request back to tomorrow's board meeting for action.

POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND MEDIA RELATIONS DIVISION: 10:35 – 11:00 A.M.

Staff Present: Pat Kohler, Administrative Director; Rick Garza, Deputy Administrative Director; Teresa Berntsen, Rules Coordinator

Topics Discussed:

Ms. Berntsen requested Board approval to begin expedited rule making for technical changes to rules in chapter 314-11 WAC, which outlines general requirements for liquor licensees. After some discussion, the Board asked her to come to next board meeting for official approval to proceed. Ms. Berntsen also updated the proposed rule making priority schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.