

Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board Cannabinoid Science Work Group

CHARTER

The purpose of this document is to provide a general understanding of the WSLCB Cannabinoid Science Work Group objective, purpose, structure, and procedures.

OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The objective of the WSLCB Cannabinoid Science Work Group (“CSWG”) is to collaboratively and transparently explore and build foundational understanding of the “. . .plant of the genera Cannabis, as well as synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant (see RCW 69.50.204(c)(30)).

The CSWG may provide recommendations to the WSLCB, the Washington State Legislature, and others.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the CSWG is to provide an environment for scientific and data driven discussion about cannabinoids.

Workgroup responsibilities may include:

- Reviewing and discussing available research, data, and regulations related to cannabinoids; and
- Providing recommendations on potential guidelines for safe methods of manufacturing, extracting and synthesizing cannabinoids.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The CSWG is co-chaired by the Policy & Rules Manager, and one member of the CSWG. Members of the CSWG may include:

- An expert in pharmacology;
- An expert in toxicology;
- An expert with regulatory affairs experience in nutraceutical, pharmaceuticals, or dietary supplements;
- An expert in organic chemistry;
- An expert in cannabis research; and
- An expert in cannabis product testing.

PROCEDURES

Meetings: The CSWG will meet at least once every other month. At appropriate times, it may be necessary for the CSWG to create subcommittees or establish ad hoc working groups for specific issues or projects. Ad hoc working groups will be provided with clear, written direction and will be convened for specific periods of time.

Work Group Lifespan: The CSWG will convene for one year beginning November 2022. At the conclusion of the first year, the CSWG will determine, in consultation with the WSLCB and others, whether the workgroup lifespan should be extended.

Communication and Reporting: The CSWG chair bears the responsibility for bringing all CSWG recommendations, reports, etc. to the Board, interested legislators, and others. Meeting minutes will include the date, time, place of the meeting, agenda items, and any action items, recommendations or suggested actions. Meeting minutes will be distributed to the CSWG before their review for approval. Approved minutes will be posted on the WSLCB website for public access.