

Washington State Liquor Control Board Public Hearing/Special Meeting

August 7, 2013, 6:00 to 9:00 Central Washington University, Student Union Ballroom B and C 400 E University Way, Ellensburg WA

Meeting Minutes

Audio for this hearing is available online at <u>www.youtube.com/wslcb</u>

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Foster called the meeting to order and welcomed all of the guests.

BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Board Members provided comments about the process and thank everyone who has participated with this open and inclusive process.

I - 502 PRESENTATION

Director Rick Garza provided an overview of the proposed rules, agency objectives for implementing I-502, and timelines.

LCB Agency Objectives:

- Creating a tightly controlled and regulated marijuana market
- Including strict controls to present diversion, illegal sales and sale to minors
- Providing reasonable access to products to mitigate the illicit market

LCB Role & Responsibilities:

- Ensuring public safety it the top priority
- Creating an three-tier regulatory system for marijuana
- Crating licenses for producers, processors and retailers
- Enforcing laws and rules pertaining to licensees
- Collecting and distributing taxes

Timeline:

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- December 6, 2012 Effective date of new law
- May 16, 2013 Draft rules sent to stakeholders for input and vetting
 - July 03 2013 Proposed rules filed with Code Reviser (CR 102)
 - August 6-8, 2013 Public hearings on proposed rules
- August 14, 2013 Rules adopted
- September 16, 2013 Rules become effective
- September 16, 2013 Begin accepting applications for all three licenses (30-day window)
- December 1, 2013 Rules are complete (as mandated by law)
- Dec. 2013 / Jan. 2014 Begin issuing producer, processor and retailer licenses

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Audio with complete public testimony for this hearing is available online at www.youtube.com/wslcb

26 people signed up to testify including:

- Mark Gomez Botany Unlimited (Pasco WA)
- Andy Ervin Okanogan County Coalition
- John Graf Kittitas County Community Network & Coalition
- Dennis Borgman Othello Community Coalition
- Devorah Greenspan Ellensburg Resident
- Anna Marie Dufault Safe Yakima Valley
- Nazareth Victoria The Four Twenty Collections, Ltd.
- Megan Azzano Okanogan County Community Coalition
- Tom Bailie Farmer
- Ryann Leonard Moses Lake Community Prevention Coalition
- Peggy Guteiry Coalition for Youth & Families(City of Walla Walla)
- Rosalinda Mundoza Yakima Resident
- Jeremy Moberg Okanogan County Cannabis Association
- Mark L. Jones Grower
- John Whittemore Yakima Resident and Medical Marijuana Patient
- Brad Johnston
- Nichol Kelly Pacific NW Medical
- Joseph Harrison Pacific NW Medical
- Sean Green Pacific NW Medical
- John Dennis Disabled Veteran
- Rolland Gregg
- Tracy Serrine Ellensburg Resident
- George Colby Yakima Nation Attorney
- Alex Cooley Solstice
- Brandon Hamilton WAM
- Charles Doyle

ADJOURN

Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Sharon Foster Board Chair Ruthann Kurose Board Member Chris Marr Board Member

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