



WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD Board Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2013

Board Member Ruthann Kurose called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to order at 10:02 a.m., on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 in the Boardroom at 3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, Washington. Board Member Chris Marr was present. Board Chair Sharon Foster was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Member Marr moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2013 meeting as presented. Member Kurose seconded. The motion carried.

I-502 Update

Member Kurose commented that the LCB has extended the timeline for filing the official draft rules to July 3, 2013 in order to review and consider the large number of comments received prior to the deadline. There will be a Board work session on the rules on Wednesday, June 19, 2013. The session will be streamed live by TVW.

Randy Simmons reported that most of the focus for the team has been the rules. More than 200 comments were received over the weekend from the enforcement and prevention communities, cities, counties and cannabis groups. In order to give staff time to review and consider this influx of comments, the LCB has extended the release of the official draft rules to July 3, 2013. Randy reminded everyone that these are the “day 1” rules for recreational marijuana and there will be other rules that will need to be written.

The agency had an information exchange with Botec last week that was very helpful. Member Marr indicated his appreciation for the time to hear from Botec.

Member Marr expressed his appreciation to Karen McCall for sharing of rules comments. He said he feels that about half of comments received are things the agency simply cannot do; 45% of the comments represent what the agency is thinking and 5% represent judgment areas or areas where there will be some difference of opinion. He said he now feels much more confident of what’s being put in place to address concerns. Randy agreed that staff have done an admirable job in getting this done.

Board approval to file CR 101 to implement 2013 legislation – beer/wine theater license and spirit/beer/wine theater license

Karen McCall presented the CR 101 to implement SHB 1001 - Beer/Wine Theater License and ESB 5601 – Spirits/Beer/Wine Theater License. Member Marr asked about the different bills and whether or not they are in conflict. Karen replied that one of the bills is for beer and wine and the other is for spirits, beer and wine. Both have a requirement that the licensee shall have a n operating plan.

Board approval to file CR 101 to implement 2013 legislation – spirits sampling for spirits retail licensees and changes to the beer/wine tasting endorsement

Karen McCall presented the CR 101 to implement SSB 5396 – Spirits Sampling by Spirits Retail Licensees and SSB 5517 – B/W Tasting Endorsement for Grocery Store Licensees.

Board approval to file CR 101 to implement 2013 legislation – beer/wine sampling at farmer’s markets, craft distilleries selling to consumers and breweries and microbreweries on private labels

Karen McCall presented the CR 101 to implement HB 1149 – Craft Distilleries Selling to Consumers and SB 5674 – Beer/Wine Sampling at Farmer’s Markets.

Board approval to file CR 101 to implement 2013 legislation – alcohol tasting in culinary schools

Karen McCall presented the CR 101 to implement SSB 5774 – Alcohol Tasting for 18 to 20 year olds at Culinary School.

The timetable for all four of these items is the same. Written comments will be taken until August 1, 2013; the public hearing will be held on September 11, 2013 and the rules will be adopted September 18, 2013. Final rules will be effective October 18, 2013.

Member Marr moved to approve the CR 101 to implement 2013 legislation for:

- Beer/Wine Theater License(SHB 1001) and Spirits/Beer/Wine Theater License (ESB5607)
- Spirits Sampling by Spirits Retail Licensees (SSB 5396) and B/W Tasting Endorsement for Grocery Store Licensees (SSB 5517)
- Craft Distilleries Selling to Consumers (HB 1149) and Beer/Wine Sampling at Farmer’s Markets (SB5674)
- Alcohol Tasting for 18 to 20 year olds at Culinary School (SSB 5774)

Member Kurose seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was a question regarding the beer and wine tasting in retail locations less than 10,000 sf. Karen replied that the bill did not change the square footage.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Absent

Sharon Foster
Board Chair

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