



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Washington State Liquor Control Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Headquarters Building

3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia WA 98501

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Member Ruthann Kurose was present by phone. Member Chris Marr was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Member Kurose moved to approve the August 21, 2013, meeting minutes as presented.

SECOND: Chair Foster did not second as she was not present during the August 21, meeting.

ACTION: Motion will be held over until next Board meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

Director Rick Garza was honored to recognize Chief Justin Nordhorn with his 15-year Public Service Award. Justin began his career in public service as a Liquor Enforcement Officer in Bellingham in 1998. He promoted to the Lieutenant position in Spokane in 2002 and in 2004 promoted to Captain in Region 4. Justin relocated to Seattle in 2009 and was in charge of Region 2/King County. In the following year he accepted an interim Deputy Chief position and he was promoted to Chief of Enforcement in September of 2011.

Director Garza shared several stories about Chief Nordhorn including a recent visit with the Governor when the Chief's son, Henry, who was a Page for the Legislature, was invited to a visit with the Governor. The Governor was very impressed with Henry and Director Garza informed the Governor that he had a great father and role model. Director Garza then presented Chief Nordhorn with his pin and letter.

Chief Nordhorn appreciated the recognition and thanked the agency.

Member Kurose commended the Chief for his stellar career and expressed her appreciation for his integrity and his leadership.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Becky Smith, Licensing Manager, was very excited to introduce several new employees to the agency as well as internal transfers. She invited each employee to stand up and introduce themselves and state which agency or program they came from.

New Employees

Frank O'Dell
Kim Gabbard
Shannon Angell
Elisa Bob
Kimberly Chabot
Jose Gonzalez
Sean Houlihan
Denise Johnson
Legrand Jones
Erik Lowe
Felita Luna

Internal Transfers

Mistie Jones
Jodi Murphy
Nicola Reid
Allen Wambold
Marcy Wilsie

Ms. Smith noted the diverse backgrounds of the new employees and she believes they have assembled a strong new marijuana licensing unit.

Chair Foster welcomed the new employees to the agency and said she had heard that the training was going well for the new licensors.

Member Kurose said it's been exhilarating to see so many new hires after seeing many employee lay-offs resulting from I-1183.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER AND RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Chief Justin Nordhorn said it was a privilege to introduce Officer Dan Turner. He said that it takes a special type of person to do this important work and believes Officer Turner is the perfect candidate. He then provided Officer Turner's background noting that he moved to the area from Michigan in 1985 to attend Western Washington University. He was hired by the Washington State Patrol in 1986 and spent 7 years assigned to the training division. After almost 27 years of service he retired as a Sergeant. He and his wife Kara have three children. The introduction was then followed by Officer Turner's swearing-in ceremony.

Officer Turner acknowledged the great people he has met since he has been with the agency and he feels very welcomed. He also noted that during his 27 years with the Washington State Patrol he saw firsthand what alcohol and drugs can do to our society and he stressed the important role of the LCB. He also noted that there has been a decrease in fatality collisions and that is due to the hard work of the employees of this agency and he is honored to now be a part of it.

Chief Nordhorn then invited Lieutenant Marc Edmonds to the front of the room to present him with a retirement plaque and a letter from the Board. Lieutenant Edmonds began his service with the LCB in 2005 in the very dedicated Tobacco Tax Unit. In 2008 he promoted to Lieutenant and relocated to Vancouver where he led a team of Liquor Enforcement Officers serving over 1,200 licensed establishments. Lieutenant Edmonds has been a remarkable leader and role model and always

encouraged his staff to achieve excellence. He also noted his tremendous community efforts. Chief Nordhorn expressed his gratitude to Lieutenant Edmonds and said he will be missed. His official retirement date will be in October.

Member Kurose also thanked the Lieutenant for his exceptional service.

Lieutenant Edmonds said he has had a great time at the LCB and has mixed emotions about leaving. He expressed his appreciation for the camaraderie he has experienced and will miss the family environment. He also wished the new employees the very best.

Chair Foster read a letter from the Board congratulating Mr. Edmonds and thanking him for his dedicated service. She expressed the Board's appreciation for his professionalism and genuine desire to better the lives of others. She wished him a happy and rewarding retirement.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business reported.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business reported.

ADJOURN

Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:30.

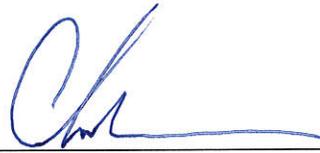
Minutes approved this 4 day of September, 2013



Sharon Foster
Board Chair



Ruthann Kurose
Board Member



Chris Marr
Board Member