

## **News Release**

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## OLCC Board Gets Look at Agency's Draft Strategic Plan

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – Today at its regularly scheduled meeting, the board members of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) reviewed a draft of a strategic plan to guide the agency for the next five years. The Commission also appointed new liquor store agents, approved rules for third-party delivery of alcohol beverages, and ratified stipulated settlement agreements affecting OLCC recreational marijuana licensees.

During the last four months, OLCC partners, stakeholders and employees contributed to the development of OLCC's draft strategic plan, which outlines the agency's updated mission and vision, strategic priorities, and goals. A final version of the strategic plan will be published this summer.

"This has been the culmination of a lot of work that's been going on speedily, with urgency because we want to set a strategic plan for our partners, but most importantly for our employees, that we can say this is the direction we are moving," said OLCC Executive Director Craig Prins. "

The Board was provided with an update on construction plans for the agency's new distilled spirits warehouse in Canby. The project is approaching a critical phase in the design of the building where hard costs will be locked in, and timelines for construction firm up on the calendar.

Commissioners approved two appointments for liquor store agents. Adam Johnston was appointed the agent for the Gresham-Troutdale store; Johnston had been operating the location after his father Eric Johnson retired due to health concerns. Also, the Board appointed Manjit Singh as the agent to operate the liquor store in Otis.

Since January 1, 2024, third-party delivery companies have been allowed to deliver alcohol to consumers. The Board made permanent temporary rules that had been in place since fall of 2023, requiring the delivery companies to be permitted and that company delivery persons have taken an OLCC-approved training on alcohol beverage delivery. The OLCC has started conducting minor decoy operations to monitor alcohol-service compliance by the delivery companies.

The Commission also ratified two stipulated settlement agreements for marijuana licensees. Detailed information on the specific case below can be found <u>on the OLCC website</u>:

## Marijuana Stipulated Settlement Agreements

**THE CANNA SHOP (Retailer)** in Portland, will pay a \$3,135 fine, **OR** serve a 19-day suspension for one violation.

**ALIBI CANNABIS (Producer)** will pay a \$11,000 fine **OR** serve a 44-day suspension for two violations.