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OLCC Welcomes New Commissioners

PORTLAND, Ore. – At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting today, the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) welcomed three new members to the commission, heard program updates and initiated strategic planning. Additionally, Commissioners initiated rulemaking as well as heard one contested case.

Presiding at their first meeting, the newest Commissioners had been sworn in during the recently concluded legislative short session. The new members are Tamiko Warren, representing the first congressional district, Mary Ellen Glynn, serving as the public member representing the third congressional district and Nik Chourey, who serves as the west of the Cascades member, representing the third congressional district. The additional commissioners expand the OLCC Commission to nine members.

The Commissioners received a presentation from Pivotal Resources outlining the approach the change leadership consultant plans to use to help the OLCC with its strategic planning effort. Governor Kotek has requested that state agencies complete a strategic plan, and this comes at a time when OLCC is undertaking some of the largest modernization efforts in the agency's history.

One modernization effort is construction of a new warehouse in Canby and the Commission learned that project is underway. OLCC staff have had an initial kick-off meeting with the construction contractor, signed a contract with an architect, and organized an upcoming meeting with neighbors in the Canby community to tell them about the project.

The Commission also took action to initiate rulemaking on technical fixes to the contested case rules to align the lay representative authorization in rule, with the authorization provided by the Department of Justice. Under ORS 183.452, the agency is allowed to represent itself using lay persons instead of the Department of Justice where the Attorney General has consented to the representation of a particular matter or class of matters.

The Commission also ratified one stipulated settlement agreement for an alcohol licensee. Detailed information on the specific case below can be found [on the OLCC website](#):

Alcohol Stipulated Settlement Agreement

YACHATS UNDERGROUND PUB & GRUB AND TWO SHREW BREWERY (F-COM) in Yachats, will pay a \$6,700 fine, OR serve a 37-day suspension for three violations.

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