



News Release

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Commission reviews planned HQ move to Salem

New warehouse still slated for Canby Shift reflects State of Oregon shedding underutilized properties

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) will relocate from its current Milwaukie headquarters to State of Oregon office space in Salem instead of building a new office complex in Canby. The headquarters move, planned for the summer of 2025, will not affect current plans to build a new, more expansive distilled spirits warehouse in Canby to meet the steady growth of alcohol sales.

The OLCC Board of Commissioners reviewed the decision during its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17th. The review also included an update from Oregon’s Department of Administrative Services (DAS) enterprise asset management division on the state’s plans to rearrange its real estate portfolio.

The post-pandemic work environment has left DAS with excess owned and leased office space, so the agency is currently working to co-locate multiple state agencies into existing state owned and consolidated leased space. DAS projects it will take from five to seven years to exit existing leases, reposition, and “right-size” its real estate portfolio.

“I really like the planning that’s going into that, what that looks like, and I think taxpayers should be really happy to hear that the government is forward thinking on this,” said Commissioner Jennifer Currin. “We are still in a fluid situation and we’re constantly changing, and I think downsizing and trying to reduce our footprint [is a great approach].”

The idea for OLCC’s headquarter employees to move to Canby was conceived before the pandemic and no longer meets that agency’s space needs with a significant number of those OLCC employees working remotely. Starting September 1, 2023, a new state policy makes permanent a remote work option for state employees; already more than 45% of state employees work remotely at least part of the time.

By shifting from building a new office OLCC expects to save about \$19M; the agency will instead lease approximately 10 thousand square feet of office space for \$250,000 annually.

“The way we work has changed since the pandemic, with many of our employees working away from the office under the state’s remote work policy,” said Craig Prins, OLCC Executive Director. “With the state enterprise formally embracing remote work, not building a new office complex in Canby is a financially prudent decision.”

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In other business, the Commission approved new liquor store agents for retail stores in La Pine, Baker City, downtown Lake Oswego and Detroit.

The Lake Oswego location generated the most interest due to the current owner's pending retirement. The OLCC received 29 proposals to operate the downtown store and selected six finalists to present their operating proposals to the Board.

Commissioners selected Randall Family Enterprises Inc. to take over the Lake Oswego location. Bruce Randall heads the family operation which currently runs the *Sip City Spirits+Wine+Beer, Hillsdale Liquor, and Uptown Wine + Beer* stores in Portland.

The Board also appointed James Elliot to run the LaPine liquor store, Ailan Chung (dba Sammy & Shane, LLC) as the agent for the Detroit retail store, and Jackson Bevco (represented by Andrea Jackson) to operate the Baker City retail liquor outlet.

Separately the Commissioners modified and then approved a final order dismissing a proposed license suspension/civil penalty for River Pig Saloon in Portland.

The Board also ratified four stipulated settlement agreements for alcohol licensees and three stipulated settlement agreements for liquor license applicants. Commissioners denied one settlement. Detailed information on the specific cases below can be found [on the OLCC website](#):

Alcohol Stipulated Settlement Agreements

CIDDICI'S PIZZA (L) in Albany, will pay a \$1,750 fine OR serve a seven-day license suspension, for one violation.

REDMOND FUEL STOP/GLACIER MARKET (O) in Redmond, will pay a \$2,250 fine OR serve a nine-day suspension, for one violation.

TWO SHY BREWING (BP) in Roseburg, will pay a \$2,250 fine OR serve a nine-day license suspension, for one violation.

CASCADE INDOOR SPORTS/K1 SPEED BEND (L) in Bend, will pay a \$5,215 fine OR serve a 28-day suspension, for two violations.

Alcohol Stipulated Settlement Agreements for Liquor License Applicants

JOHN HENRYS (F-COM) in Eugene will be issued a Full On-Premises Sales license with restrictions.

SLICE PIZZERIA AND BAR (F-COM) in Eugene will be issued a Full On-Premises Sales license with restrictions.

SLICE DOWNTOWN (F-COM) in Eugene will be issued a Full On-Premises Sales license with restrictions.