



Report of the Director

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- **My goals as acting director**
 - Provide continuity and stability during recruitment of an appointed director
 - Assist in transitioning the agency from marijuana start-up and allocation of shared services into ongoing operating mode
 - Represent the agency to the public and legislature
 - Provide additional perspective on licensing, permitting, and enforcement

- **Staffing Updates**
 - Interviews for the OLE should be completed by February 10
 - Investigator III position in Fairbanks has been posted for recruitment and closes February 3

- **Board member appointments:** Mr. Mlynarik and Mr. Springer have both been reappointed to the board.

- **Legislation affecting the MCB**
 - SB6: Industrial Hemp Production (FYI)
 - SB15: E-Cig Sale To and Possession By Minor

- **Upcoming legislative audit**

Both ABC and MCB sunset on June 30, 2018. Statutory audit by the Division of Legislative Audit will begin within the next two months. Board reporting, decision documents, finances, fee analyses, licensing files, and enforcement files—among other documents—will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the legislature this fall. Bills to reauthorize must be adopted during the 30th Legislature or one or both boards will sunset.

The prior 2014 audit of the ABC Board can be viewed here:
<http://legaudit.akleg.gov/digest/08-20088-14>

- **Fiscal updates:** Given the Legislative Intent language regarding debt service and the board's fiduciary need to set accurate fees, I recommend that the board set aside time to receive a fiscal update at each regular meeting.