

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
COMMISSION REVIEW BOARD MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Michel Latz
Arbitrator Milton Black
Robert Hanaford

Present by telephone:

Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner David Gore

Not present at the meeting:

Velisha Haddox

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Carolyn Parks, Executive Director of the Commission
Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission
Barbara Bentivenga, Special Funds Counsel

Chairman Latz called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum of members was present. There was a motion by Arbitrator Black, seconded by Mr. Hanaford, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 16, 2013.

Chairman Latz then provided the Board with a brief Commission update. With great sadness, Chairman Latz noted that Arbitrator Doug Holland passed away a day after the last Commission Review Board meeting. Pursuant to the requirements in the Workers' Compensation Act, an election to fill Arbitrator Holland's position on the Commission Review Board will be conducted by his staff.

The next item of the agenda was the report from Executive Director Carolyn Parks. Ms. Parks stated that the communications she received from the general public since the last meeting were complaints about the length of time it took for their case to go to trial or disputes involving the lack of communication with their attorneys. The Board members discussed several reasons why it may appear that cases take a long time to go to trial, such as waiting for Medicare set-asides.

Next, General Counsel Ron Rascia gave his report on whether the communications received by the Executive Director were within the definition of a complaint as set forth in Section 7500.10(a)(1) of the Commission Review Board rules, and thus falling within the jurisdiction of the Commission Review Board. Mr. Rascia stated that none of the communications fell within the definition of a complaint to be considered before the Commission Review Board.

There was a motion by Arbitrator Black, seconded by Mr. Hanaford, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.