

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2013 AT 2:00 PM

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Mitch Weisz
Commissioner David Gore
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner Michael Latz
Commissioner Kevin Lamborn
Commissioner Daniel Donohoo
Commissioner Charles DeVriendt
Commissioner Ruth White
Commissioner Yolaine Dauphin

IWCC staff present were:

Mr. Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Ms. Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission

Chairman Weisz called the meeting order and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Weisz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Dauphin noted that the minutes should reflect that she and Commissioners DeVriendt and White had to end their participation in the last meeting because of their oral argument schedule. There was a motion by Commissioner Latz, seconded by Commissioner Basurto, and unanimously carried to approved the minutes as amended.

Chairman Weisz then provided the Commissioners with a brief update as to matters at the Commission. He noted that the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board had not yet been convened to make a recommendation to the Governor regarding the reappointment of the five Commissioners with terms ending on January 21. Chairman Weisz also updated the Commission regarding a research project spearheaded by Robert Ruiz, the Manager of the Commission's Insurance Compliance Unit, regarding the certification of non-insurance procedure, which is currently performed by the Insurance Compliance Unit for cases naming the Injured Workers' Benefit Fund. In the past few weeks, Commission staff has researched this issue and met with several parties to discuss options for ending this procedure. The Chairman stated that he welcomed any input from the Commissioners on this topic.

Next, Ms. Janas provide the Commissioners with an update on the regulatory and legislative activity affecting the Commission. She stated that the Commission's regulatory agenda had been published in the Illinois Register on January 18th. The regulatory agenda is the document which sets forth an agency's rulemaking plans for the next six months. The Commission's submission included general plans to update both the insurance compliance rules, the rules involving the qualifications for participants in the Self Insurance Program and the procedure to be admitted to the Program. In terms of legislation, Ms. Janas briefly described several House Bills that have been filed since the start of the General Assembly that involve workers' compensation. There have been no Senate Bills filed involving workers' compensation. Finally, Ms. Janas informed the

Commissioners that she was also monitoring the status of other rules involving workers' compensation law, such as the rules on electronic billing and Preferred Provider Programs.

Chairman Weisz moved on to the next agenda item, a discussion of the options for the online legal research system used by the Commission. He noted that while input as to the preference of systems used by the attorneys at the Commission was welcome, procurement issues and costs would ultimately dictate which services are purchased by the Commission.

There was a motion by Commissioner Latz, seconded by Commissioner Gore, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.