

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
ROOM 9-036
HELD ON June 12, 2018 at 9:30 AM

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratianni
Michael Brennan
L. Elizabeth Coppoletti
Charles DeVriendt
David Gore
Joshua Luskin
Deborah Simpson
Thomas Tyrrell
Kevin Lamborn

Present by telephone:

Stephen Mathis

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Keith Brin, Chief of Staff
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Cecelia Kasmierski, Assistant General Counsel

Chairman Joann Fratianni called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Tyrrell, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 29, 2018.

As there was no old business, Chairman Fratianni addressed new business. Keith Brin discussed e-notices. Mr. Brin advised that e-notices are set to go live July 2, 2018 and mail notices will stop. Also, postings by the various associations regarding the upcoming e-notices have been helpful. Mr. Brin advised that the IWCC will use quality controls to work through and address concerns and fix issues that arise. Mr. Brin advised this is not a program to punish, and that the IWCC will be flexible and work through email problems, including pro se compliance and email address issues. Chairman Fratianni discussed e-filing of Commission records to the Circuit Courts and Keith Brin advised the IWCC uses Tyler, a system for e-filing per state mandate.

Commissioner Brennan brought up for discussion matters concerning insurance compliance cases regarding the tracking system, the Commissioners' authority to address insurance compliance issues and to approve settlements. Discussion was held regarding the need to coordinate the tracking of cases and as well as the status of the cases. Mr. Brin discussed the need to renumber cases, perhaps going forward, to correlate with the INC numbers.

Discussion was held regarding the rules and the authority of the Commission to approve insurance compliance issues. There was discussion regarding Section 9100.90 of the rules concerning insurance compliance. Commissioner Brennan advised that the rules are clear and that the capacity for issues regarding coverage, penalties, and approval would be within the Commissioners' authority. Discussion was held concerning assignment of these cases to the call. Commissioner Mathis advised that the Commissioners need some consistent protocol to follow. Mr. Rascia advised that perhaps the Commissioners can help resolve compliance issues through informal conferences. Mr. Rascia advised that the issues regarding insurance compliance would get clarification. The Chairman advised that the matters addressed at this time were for discussion only.

Chairman Fratianni then discussed setting a new meeting date with the Board. The Board agreed to a meeting date of July 19, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the JRTC.

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