

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
ON JUNE 5, 2023 AT 2:00 PM**

Board Members Present In Person:

Dr. Giridhar Burra
David Menchetti
Dr. Preston Wolin

Board Members Present via WebEx:

Amy Bilton
Mike Macellaio
Dr. David Fletcher

IWCC Members in person:

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager

On June 5, 2023 at 2:03 PM, Chairman Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board Meeting to order and after roll call verified that a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan then asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes from the last Board Meeting on March 13, 2023. Dr. Wolin so moved, and Mr. Macellaio seconded. The March 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan announced that the IWCC office in Springfield recently flooded, however the office is intact. In person Oral Arguments are expected to resume in Springfield starting August 1st.

Next, Chairman Brennan advised that administrative rule changes pertaining to workers' compensation were adopted and implemented. Exhibits are already being stored electronically and original exhibits are being returned to attorneys.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan announced that Arbitrators Kane and Fruth are retiring at the end of August. At the earlier Advisory Board Meeting, the Board interviewed several arbitrator candidates for these vacancies as well as those arbitrators up for reappointment.

Chairman Brennan asked the members if there was any new or old business to discuss. Dr. Fletcher inquired about medical marijuana reimbursement costs. The Board discussed the topic, its challenges given that federal law considers marijuana a Schedule 1 Drug as well as whether it is effective to reduce pain when treating injured workers. Given the complexity, the Board resolved to table the topic for now.

There were several members of the public on the call. Chairman Brennan asked for further public comment. There being none, and having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan if there was a Motion to Adjourn. Ms. Bilton so moved. Mr. Macellaio seconded, and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.