

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
ON JUNE 18, 2025, AT 2:00 PM**

Board Members Present in Person:

David Menchetti
Preston Wolin

Board Members Present via WebEx:

Amy Bilton
Carlos Boileve
Giridhar Burra
Mayra Khan
Mike Macellaio

IWCC Members Present:

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Annette Roti, Chief of Staff
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager
Kris Tharp, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman (via WebEx)
Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel (via WebEx)

On March 19, 2025, at 2:00 PM, Chairman Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board Meeting to order and after roll call verified that a quorum was present. Upon Motion by Dr Wolin, seconded by Dr. Boileve, the Minutes of the March 19, 2025, Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Chairman Brennan began the Meeting by welcoming new Board Member, Mayra Khan.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan relayed that the budget for this fiscal year was sufficient, however without a legislative fix for the next fiscal year the IWCC will face a severe shortfall.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan relayed that there are 12 Arbitrators up for reappointment, and one candidate for Commissioner. All were interviewed by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board, and that Board will reconvene on June 30th to provide their recommendations.

Next, Chairman Brennan asked the IWCC consultant, Glen Boyle to clarify the new DRG Codes. Mr. Boyle explained that Spinal Fusion Codes for 2025 were expanded and currently listed in the Fee Schedule as POC 53.2%. He reviewed possible solutions for establishing actual fees for the new DRG Codes.

Discussion about the possible solutions ensued among the Board Members. After reviewing the options presented by Mr. Boyle, the Board determined that more information is needed before a decision could be made. Specifically, it would help if the Board could obtain data from hospitals

regarding all patients, not just for workers' compensation injuries, and additional information about the Connecticut methodology.

There being no additional comments from the public, and having no further business to discuss, Ms. Bilton made a Motion to Adjourn, Dr. Boileve seconded, and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.