MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2025, AT 2:00 PM

Board Members Present in Person:
Amy Bilton
David Menchetti
Kisa Sthankiya
Preston Wolin

Board Members Present via WebEx:
Giridhar Burra
Matt Coleman
Robert Gordon

Not Present:
Mayra Khan
Mike Macellaio

IWCC Members Present:
Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Andie Tipton, Private Secretary
Annette Roti, Chief of Staff (via WebEx)
Kris Tharp, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman (via WebEx)
Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel (via WebEx)

On December 10, 2025, at 2:01 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 Ms. Bilton, seconded by Dr. Wolin, the Minutes of the September 17, 2025, Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Chairman Brennan began the Meeting by welcoming new Board Member Dr. Robert Gordon from the Springfield Clinic. Dr. Gordon will serve the vacancy of Dr. Boileve.

As to Old and New Business, Chairman Brennan followed up on the discussion from the last meeting regarding DRG Codes. He stated that he is waiting for some analysis from Glen Boyle.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan relayed that the CPI for 2026 will be set at a 2.9% increase and will be published on the website.

Discussion ensued among the Board Members and members of the public at the meeting regarding inflated pharmacy costs by specialty pharmacies and specific compounding formulations. It was determined that this issue is best resolved by utilization reviews, and possibly a change in the statute by the legislature.

At this time, Dr. Wolin moved to go into Closed Session. Mr. Menchetti seconded the motion. and the Motion carried unanimously. The Board moved to Closed Session at 2:47 PM

At 2:56PM, after discussion in closed session, upon Motion by Mr. Menchetti, seconded by Dr. Wolin and approved unanimously, the Board reconvened in Open Session. A verbatim audio-video recording of the closed meeting was made within the WebEx application and will be maintained by the Commission.

There being no additional comments from the public, and having no further business to discuss, Ms. Bilton made a Motion to Adjourn, Dr, Wolin seconded, and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:56PM.