

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 AT 2:00 PM**

Board Members Present In Person:

Michael J Brennan, Chairman
Amy Bilton

Board Members Present via WebEx:

Dr. David Fletcher
David Menchetti
Mike Macellaio
Dr. Preston Wolin

IWCC Staff in person:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Glen Boyle, Advisor

IWCC Staff via WebEx:

Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Andrew Schafer, Legal Intern

On September 12, 2022 at 2:12 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 June 13, 2022 Board Meeting. Ms. Bilton so moved, and Dr. Fletcher seconded. The June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan advised that the Order to Raise the E & M Codes was approved. Chairman Brennan announced that all 10 Arbitrators up for reappointment were reappointed and two vacancies remain. Chairman Brennan then advised that the Self Insurance Department recently went paperless, and applications are now able to be processed electronically.

Next, Chairman Brennan advised that Lily O'Shea, General Counsel for the Illinois Orthopedic Network was at the meeting in person and had asked for time to present a proposal to the Board. Ms. O'Shea had previously sent information which was circulated to the Board Members. Ms. O'Shea advised the Board that the unlisted CPT codes create disputes between medical advisors and employers regarding how these codes/procedures should be paid pursuant to the Fee Schedule, interfering with the party's ability to settle undisputed cases and exposing injured workers to financial liability. On behalf of the Illinois Orthopedic Network, Ms. O'Shea proposed that the Board or another body deemed appropriate, assign specific values to the unlisted codes, and referenced her spreadsheet with proposed values for the 26 unlisted codes.

Discussion of this proposal ensued among the board members and with the IWCC Fee Advisor, Glen Boyle. The Board determined that this issue would be taken under advisement.

Chairman Brennan opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Shattuck commented that he agreed this topic deserves more discussion, but emphasized physicians need to be paid. Lisa Bickford commented that she agreed. Ms. O'Shea thanked the Board for their time and listening to her presentation.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan if there was a Motion to Adjourn. Ms. Bilton so moved. Dr. Fletcher seconded and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.