ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2023
Chicago, IL 11:00 am

Board Attendees:
Chicago office: Chairman Michael Brennan, Shuaib Ahmed, Toni Herwaldt, Joan Vincenz
WebEx: Michael Castro, Gina Koenig, David Taylor

Staff Attendees:
Chicago office: Michele Kowalski, Ron Rascia, Annette Roti, Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Kristopher Tharp, Wendy Wiley
WebEx: Jean Cannon, Kevin Leach, Wendy Keithley

Public Attendees: none

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. A quorum was present. A previously prepared and posted agenda was distributed; a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes
Upon motion by Shuaib Ahmed and seconded by Joan Vincenz, the minutes of the Board meeting held on 9/18/2023 were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report
Chairman Brennan reported that repairs have been made in the Springfield office for the flooding issues. He further reported there will be fourteen arbitrators transferred to different docket locations effective 1/1/2024 per the Act's requirement. He also stated a 14^{th} docket has been created in Chicago that will be handled by Arbitrator Francis Brady. Further, the Chairman stated that the IWCC had entered into a Takeover agreement with Liberty regarding Yellow's self-insurance claim obligations.

III. Manager's Report
A. Security Fund Forecast 9/30/2023

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Security Fund forecast as of 9/30/2023, including a 12-month projection for operating expenses and claim benefit payments. She reported the previously approved assessment was issued on 11/13/2023 and approximately $99,000 had been collected as of 11/30/2023.

B. Security Fund Balance
Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Security Fund balance report that included the number of self-insured companies, expenditures, revenue, and fund balances for past fiscal years. During the first quarter of FY2024, 21% of the operation's budget was spent.

IV. New Business
A. Trending Factor
Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented a report prepared by Davies Group (formally Merlinos & Associates, Inc.), a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, regarding the development of trending factors to be used in determining security requirements for the 2024 and 2025 applications.

At 11:12 am, upon motion by Toni Herwaldt, seconded by Joan Vincenz and unanimously carried, the Board convened in closed session.

At 11:35 am, after discussion in closed session, and upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by Toni Herwaldt and unanimously carried, 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.

VIII. Public Comment
None

IX. Vote

1. Trending Factor
Upon motion by Toni Herwaldt, seconded by Shuaib Ahmed, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to approve the new trending factor of 0.9% for years 2024-2025.

2. Jackson Park Hospital Foundation
Upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded Toni Herwaldt, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to grant the petition in part, reducing the initial security requirement and allowing quarterly security increases.

3. ASG Staffing, Inc.
Upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded Toni Herwaldt, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to defer a decision regarding the petition for reconsideration until the 2023 audited financial statements are available.

There being no further business, upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by Toni Herwaldt, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.