ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2025
Chicago, IL 11:00 am

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

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

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 Toni Herwaldt and seconded by Gina Koenig, the minutes of the Board meeting held on 1/9/2025 were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report
Chairman Brennan announced the retirement of Commissioner Deborah Simpson. He also reported he had appeared before the legislative budget committees requesting a 1% budget increase and that the Commission's budget was flat this year. He stated there was no case backlog, there had been no late Commission decisions, and the Commission was keeping pace with incoming claim filings of 34,800, with 29,905 settlements and 30,000 pretrials. There are 70,000 cases pending on arbitration.

III. Manager's Report
A. Security Fund Forecast 12/31/2024
Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Security Fund forecast as of 12/31/2024, including a 12-month projection for operating expenses and claim benefit payments that indicated a positive fund balance.

B. 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. As of the end of FY2025's second quarter, 43% of the operation's budget was spent.

IV. New Business
None

At 11:10 am, upon motion by Toni Herwaldt and seconded by Gina Koenig and unanimously carried, the Board convened in closed session.

At 11:57 am, after discussion in closed session, and upon motion by Toni Herwaldt, seconded by Gina Koenig 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. Jackson Park Hospital Foundation
The Board unanimously agreed to grant the petition for reconsideration filed on 2/19/2024, reducing the initial security requirement and allowing quarterly security increases.

2. Kranos Corporation d/b/a/ Schutt Sports
The Board unanimously agreed to return the security balance to the surety.

There being no further business, upon motion by Toni Herwaldt and seconded by Gina Koenig, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at noon.