

ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2025
Chicago, IL 11:00 am

Board Attendees:

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

Staff Attendees:

Chicago office: Ron Rascia, Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Wendy Wiley
WebEx: Wendy Keithley, Michele Kowalski, Kevin Leach, Kristopher Tharp

Public Attendees: none

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. A quorum was present. A previously prepared and posted agenda was distributed; a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes

Upon motion by Gina Koenig and seconded by Toni Herwaldt, the minutes of the Board meeting held on 9/10/2024 were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Brennan reported he was discussing with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget the ability for the Commission to set the annual assessment rate. He further announced the 2024 claim filings were 34,800, settlements were 29,905 and 70,000 cases were pending on arbitration. He also stated the Commission was fully staffed with its arbitrators and commissioners.

III. Manager's Report

A. Security Fund Forecast 9/30/2024

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Security Fund forecast as of 9/30/2024, 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 first quarter, 20% of the operation's budget was spent.

IV. New Business

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented a list of the types of industries the current self-insurers were involved in along with the employers with the largest number of employees.

At 11:13 am, upon motion by Shuaib Ahmed, seconded by Michael Castro and unanimously carried, the Board convened in closed session.

At 11:27 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

There being no further business, upon motion by Shuaib Ahmed, seconded by Michael Castro, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.