

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

Board Attendees:

Chicago office: Chairman Michael Brennan, Toni Herwaldt, Gina Koenig, Joan Vincenz

WebEx: Michael Castro, David Taylor,

Staff Attendees:

Chicago office: Michele Kowalski, Ron Rascia, Annette Roti, Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Wendy Wiley

WebEx: Jean Cannon, Kevin Leach, Whitney Martin, Wendy Keithley, 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 6/12/2023 were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Brennan reported Arbitrators David Kane and Steven Fruth had retired and have been replaced by Jennifer Bae and James Byrnes. Also, Commissioner Deborah Baker left the Commission to serve as General Counsel to Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton. He further reported Annette Roti was elevated to Chief of Staff and new employee Kristopher Tharp is now the Chairman's Confidential Assistant. The Chairman also stated that in person Oral Arguments have returned to the Collinsville and Springfield offices.

III. Manager's Report

Maria Sarli-Dehlin introduced her new assistant, Wendy Wiley.

A. Security Fund Forecast 6/30/2023

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Security Fund forecast as of 6/30/2023, including a 12-month projection for operating expenses and claim benefit payments. She reported that based on the current balance in the Security Fund, an assessment is recommended. Discussion ensued including increasing the \$500 application fee. After discussion, upon motion by Joan Vincenz and seconded by Michael Castro and Toni Herwaldt, the Board unanimously voted to issue a security fund assessment.

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. As of 6/30/2023, the end of FY2023, 102% of the operation's budget was spent.

Chairman Brennan reported that an auditor has been hired to assist the Fiscal office with Security Fund related reports.

IV. New Business

None

At 11:18 am, upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by Toni Herwaldt and unanimously carried, the Board convened in closed session.

At 12:01 pm, after discussion in closed session, and upon motion by David Taylor, 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. Jackson Park Hospital Foundation

Upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by David Taylor, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to grant the petition if year-end audited financial statements score a set minimum point or defer a decision regarding the petition for reconsideration until the 6-month internal financials are available.

##### 2. Caterpillar, Inc.

Upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by Toni Herwaldt, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to schedule an informal hearing.

##### 3. Dial Corporation

Upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by David Taylor and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to release the security upon modification of the Commission's affidavit for release of security form.

##### 4. Interlake Material Handling, Inc.

Upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by Toni Herwaldt, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to maintain the security balance until there is no medical expense exposure.

##### 5 Wagner Castings

Upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by Toni Herwaldt, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to maintain the security balance at its current amount until the last claim is closed.

There being no further business, upon motion by Joan Vincenz, seconded by Gina Koenig, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.