MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 5, 2023 AT 10:00 AM

Board Members Present:
Mitchell Horwitz
Jill Kastner

Board Members Present via Webex:
Mark Denzler
Tim Drea
Karen Harris
Robert Karr
Denne Knell
Mark Prince
Sean Stott

Not Present:
Aaron Anderson

IWCC Members Present in Person:
Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission

On June 5, 2023 at 10:03 AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Commission Advisory Board meeting to order. Michele Kowalski took roll and verified that a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan advised that draft minutes for the Board Meeting held on March 13, 2023 had been circulated and asked for a Motion to Approve. Mr. Denzler so moved, Mr. Stott seconded the Motion, and the Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Board Meeting carried unanimously.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan announced that the IWCC office in Springfield recently flooded, however the office is intact. In-person Oral Arguments are expected to resume in Springfield starting August 1st.

Next, Chairman Brennan advised that administrative rule changes pertaining to workers' compensation were adopted and implemented. Exhibits are already being stored electronically and being returned to attorneys.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan announced that Arbitrators Kane and Fruth are retiring at the end of August. There are six candidates for the two vacancies and eight arbitrators up for reappointment.

Chairman Brennan asked for a Motion to go into Closed Session to interview the arbitrators, pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Kastner so moved; Mr. Denzler seconded the Motion. The Motion to move to Closed Session carried unanimously, and the Board moved to closed session at 10:08 AM.

At 11:42 AM, after discussion in closed session, upon Motion by Ms. Kastner and seconded by Mr. Horwitz and approved unanimously, 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.

Chairman Brennan stated that he would wait to hear from both representatives and convene a new meeting at a later date and time for recommendations for the arbitrators.

Chairman Brennan asked the members if anyone had any new or old business to discuss. There was none.

Chairman Brennan asked if there was any member of the public on the call. There being none, he asked if there was a Motion to Adjourn. Ms. Kastner so moved. Mr. Horwitz seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.