

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 13, 2023 AT 11:00 AM**

Board Members Present via Webex:

Aaron Anderson
Mark Denzler
Tim Drea
Karen Harris
Mitchell Horwitz
Robert Karr
Jill Kastner
Denne Knell
Mark Prince

Not Present:

Sean Stott

IWCC Members Present:

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Cole D. Garrett, Deputy General Counsel (via WebEx)

On March 13, 2023 at 11:12 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 December 12, 2022 had been circulated with a typo and asked for an approval of the minutes with the correction. Mr. Denzler so moved, Ms. Kastner seconded the Motion, and the Motion to Approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board Meeting carried unanimously.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan announced that the IWCC office in Springfield relocated to Ninth and Capitol with sufficient office space and rooms for hearings and oral arguments.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan informed the Board Members that the Department of Insurance submitted HB 1245, and it is out of committee and up for a second reading. This bill aids in the collection of fines from businesses that do not maintain workers' compensation insurance. Mr. Denzler stated that Business worked with the Department of Insurance on an amendment and is satisfied with the bill. Mr. Drea advised that Labor also approved.

Chairman Brennan announced that Commissioner Tyrrell will be retiring from the Commission at the close of business on Friday, March 17, 2023 and congratulated him for his public service.

Chairman Brennan advised that there were no scheduled interviews at this time.

Chairman Brennan stated that two weeks ago, JCAR approved new and modified administrative rules pertaining to workers' compensation without comment. These rules allow for the Commission to store exhibits and other documents electronically, among other things. The administrative rules will be adopted by the Commission on Friday, March 17, 2023. Discussion ensued regarding the implications for attorneys doing business with the Commission.

Mr. Horwitz asked a question about the calendars on the website and Commissioner Brennan relayed that the website was being updated.

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. Harris so moved. Ms. Kastner seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.