

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM
69 W WASHINGTON, 9TH FLOOR, CHICAGO**

Board Members Present via Webex:

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

Not Present:

Mark Denzler
Denne Knell
Louise Medina
Sean Stott

IWCC Members Present in Person:

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager
Annette Roti, Chief of Staff (via WebEx)
Cole Garret, Deputy Legal Counsel (Via WebEx)

On Friday, August 9, 2024 at 10:08 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.

As to New and Old Business, Chairman Brennan stated that there is an additional arbitrator candidate to be vetted. Mr. Karr moved to go to Closed Session pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act to interview this candidate, Mr. Drea seconded the motion. and the Motion carried unanimously. The Board moved to Closed Session at 10:10AM.

At 10:28AM, after discussion in closed session, upon Motion by Mr. Karr, seconded by Mr. Drea 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.

Mr. Drea recommended that each member confer with their caucus and communicate their recommendation as to the arbitrator candidate via email correspondence. That correspondence is incorporated herein and made part of these minutes.

Having no further business to discuss, and no members of the public present, Mr. Karr moved to Adjourn the meeting, Ms. Kastner seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

Roti, Annette

From: Mark Denzler <mdenzler@ima-net.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 3:57 PM
To: Brennan, Michael
Cc: EXT Denzler, Mark
Subject: [External] WC - Derisma

Chairman,

Thank you for your patience. With regard to Magda Derisma, the employers "do not recommend" and would like the following statement included in the transmission to the Governor's Office.

"Based on the resume and interview, it is clear that the candidate does not have any workers' compensation experience for a complex system. She has a strong background that is better suited for a labor board."

Thanks

Mark

Mark Denzler
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Sent from my iPhone

Roti, Annette

From: Tim Drea <Tim.Drea@ilafl-cio.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 12:18 PM
To: Brennan, Michael
Cc: Aaron Anderson (aaronanderson@pdc30.com); Mitchell Horwitz; Louise Medina (lmedina@smart-union.org); Mark Prince (mdprince@princelawfirm.net); EXT Stott, Sean
Subject: [External] Magda Derisma-Oyewole arbitrator interview

Chairman Brennan:

Thank you for hosting a meeting of the WCAB on Friday to interview Magda Derisma-Oyewole as a candidate for IWCC Arbitrator.

The WCAB employee representatives recommend the appointment of Magda Derisma-Oyewole as an IWCC Arbitrator.

Thank you.

Tim Drea, President
IL AFL-CIO