

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2024 at 11:00 AM
69 W WASHINGTON, 9TH FLOOR, CHICAGO and VIA WEBEX**

Board Members Present via Webex:

Karen Harris
Mitchell Horwitz
Robert Karr
Jill Kastner
Denne Knell
Louise Medina
Mark Prince
Sean Stott

Not Present:

Aaron Anderson
Mark Denzler
Tim Drea

IWCC Members Present in Person:

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

On Monday, December 9, 2024 at 11:01 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.

Upon Motion by Mr. Karr, seconded by Ms. Medina, the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan relayed that Commissioners Doherty, Harris, Mathis, Simpson, and Wesley are up for reappointment in January. Chairman Brennan reminded all Board Members to complete their mandatory state trainings and follow up with Whitney Martin. Further, he stated that the proposed 2025 Board Meeting Dates would be circulated by the Secretary.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan explained that the Board needed to select arbitrators who can serve pursuant to Section 19 (p) of the Act, meaning that they would be able, if agreed by the parties, to render a final decision of the Commission. Their decision would be binding unless reviewed at the Circuit Court. The Chairman proposed a list of ten arbitrators, and Mr. Horwitz proposed an additional arbitrator.

After discussion, upon Motion by Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Horwitz, the following Arbitrators were appointed unanimously to serve as 19 (p) Arbitrators by the Board: Cantrell, Cellini, Glaub, Hegarty, Huebsch, Lee, Mariano, O'Brien, Seal, Soto and Dalal.

With no New Business or further business to discuss, and no comment from a member of the public at the meeting, Mr. Karr moved to Adjourn the Meeting, Ms. Kastner seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.