

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON JULY 9, 2024 at 11:00 AM  
69 W WASHINGTON, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CHICAGO**

**Board Members Present via Webex:**

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

**Not Present:**

Mark Denzler

**IWCC Members Present in Person:**

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

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 11:03 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.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan stated that there are two present arbitrator vacancies created by Commissioner Wesley's appointment (expires in 2026) and Arbitrator Nath Rivera's resignation. There will be an additional arbitrator vacancy created by Arbitrator Friedman's resignation on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan stated that there were six arbitrator candidates to interview for the three vacancies.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to go into closed session to interview the arbitrator candidates, pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Horwitz so moved, Mr. Anderson seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The Board moved to Closed Session at 11:06 AM.

At 12:25 PM, after discussion in closed session, upon Motion by Mr. Horwitz, 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.

Having no further business to discuss, and no members of the public present, Mr. Drea moved to Adjourn the meeting, Mr. Karr seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.