

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JULY 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM
69 W WASHINGTON, 9TH FLOOR, CHICAGO**

Board Members Present via Webex:

Aaron Anderson
Tim Drea
Mark Denzler
Mitchell Horwitz
Robert Karr
Jill Kastner
Denne Knell
Louise Medina

Not Present:

Karen Harris
Mark Prince
Sean Stott

IWCC Members Present in Person:

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

On Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 11:03 AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Commission Advisory Board meeting to order. This is a continuation of the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting. Michele Kowalski took roll and verified that a quorum was present.

As to New and Old Business, Chairman Brennan stated that there were interviews for 10 arbitrators who are up for reappointment, and 6 candidates for 3 vacancies. He asked the Labor and Business leaders for their recommendations.

Tim Drea stated that the Labor Members caucused and recommended all for reappointment. Specifically, Arbitrators Amarillio, Caison, Cellini, Diaz Vazquez, Granada, Hegarty, Hinrichs, Huebsch, Mariano and Pulia. As to the vacancies, Mr. Drea recommended Daniel Swanson, Brian Wiehe and Ira Katzman, and no comment on the other 3 candidates.

Mr. Denzler stated that Business Members recommended the following: Arbitrators Cellini, Granada, Huebsch, Mariano and John Harp, Dan Swanson and Luana Montoya. Further, the Business Members took no position on

Arbitrators Caison, Diaz Vazquez, and Hinrichs. The Business Members voted not to recommend Arbitrators Amarillio, Hegarty, and Pulia and Andrew Fernandez, Brian Wiehe, and Ira Katzman.

Denne Knell and Jill Kastner noted that they both abstained from formally voting. Mitch Horwitz stated that he voted with Labor.

Chairman Brennan thanked the Board Members for their input and stated he would send their advice to the Governor.

Having no further business to discuss, and no members of the public present, Mr. Drea moved to Adjourn the meeting, Mr. Denzler seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:10AM.