

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM
69 W WASHINGTON, 9TH FLOOR, CHICAGO**

Board Members Present via Webex:

Mark Denzler
Tim Drea
Karen Harris
Mitchell Horwitz
Jill Kastner (In Person)
Louise Medina
Mark Prince

Not Present:

Aaron Anderson
Robert Karr
Denne Knell
Sean Stott

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 Monday, June 3, 2024 at 11:04 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. Drea, seconded by Mr. Denzler, the minutes of the March 11, 2024 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan thanked Mark Denzler and Tim Drea for their help with agreed bill process. He announced that SB 1996 is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Next, the Chairman stated that the Yellow Freight claims are up to date. He stated that there is nothing new to report at the upcoming Medical Fee Advisory Board Meeting and no action will be taken regarding the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab or on Ambulatory Surgical Center fees.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to go into closed session to interview arbitrators up for reappointment, pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Denzler so moved, Ms. Kastner seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The Board moved to Closed Session at 11:13AM.

At 12:03 PM, after discussion in closed session, upon Motion by Ms. Kastner and 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.

Chairman Brennan stated that there are 3 Arbitrator vacancies, and he would let the Board know if there were candidates to interview.

Having no further business to discuss, and no members of the public present, Mr. Drea moved to Adjourn the meeting, Mr. Horwitz seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.