

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2025, at 10AM
69 W WASHINGTON, 9th FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60602,
400 S NINTH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701 and via WEBEX

Board Members Present In Person

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries
Commissioner Carolyn Doherty
Commissioner Christopher Harris
Commissioner Stephen Mathis (via WebEx/Springfield)
Commissioner Marc Parker (via WebEx)
Commissioner Maria Portela
Commissioner Amylee Simonovich
Commissioner Raychel Wesley (via WebEx)

IWCC Staff Present In Person

Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Chief of Staff
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Whitney Martin, Manager Research and Education (via Webex)
Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel (via WebEx)
Kris Tharp, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman (via Webex)

On June 16, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Commission Meeting to order. Michele Kowalski took roll and verified a quorum was present. Upon Motion by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Mathis, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 17, 2025 were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan stated that the budget for this fiscal year was fine, however without a legislative fix for the next fiscal year the IWCC will face a severe shortfall. Next, Chairman Brennan gave a staffing update.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan announced several upcoming speaking engagements including the National Council of Insurance Legislators and the IAIABC in Wisconsin.

Next, Chairman Brennan stated that there are 12 Arbitrators up for reappointment and one candidate for Commissioner who will be interviewed at the Advisory Board Meeting. He distributed copies of the Annual Report and thanked Whitney Martin for compiling the information.

Next, Chairman Brennan relayed that the Medical Fee Advisor, Glen Boyle is working on a solution for establishing actual fees for new DRG codes, to be discussed at the Medical Fee Advisory Board Meeting. This issue may possibly come before the Commissioners at the September meeting.

There was a short discussion about Medicare set asides, and a discussion about the new Commissioner panels.

There being no members of the public on the call who wished to comment, Commissioner Doherty Motioned to

Adjourn, Commissioner Doerries seconded the Motion, and the Motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:28AM.