MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, at 10AM 69 W WASHINGTON, 9th FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60602, and via WEBEX

Board Members Present

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries
Commissioner Carolyn Doherty (via WebEx)
Commissioner Christopher Harris
Commissioner Stephen Mathis (via WebEx)
Commissioner Marc Parker (via WebEx)
Commissioner Maria Portela
Commissioner Amylee Simonovich (via WebEx)
Commissioner Frank Soto
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
Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel (via WebEx)
Kris Tharp, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman (via Webex)

On September 15, 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 Mathis and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 16, 2025 were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan relayed that the Medical Fee Advisory Board will be discussing solutions to establishing fees for certain DRG Codes.

In New Business, Chairman Brennan stated that he has been in meetings with the Governor's office regarding a $2 million budget shortfall for the IWCC in FY 27. He relayed that the Commission saves money where it can, including holding hybrid training sessions, however there is still an upcoming deficit.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan asked for a Motion to go into Closed Session to consider the performance of specific employees pursuant to Sections 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Soto so moved, Commissioner Doerries seconded the Motion, and the Motion carried unanimously. The Board moved to Closed Session at 10:10 AM.

At 10:56 AM, after discussion in Closed Session, upon Motion by Commissioner Soto, seconded by Commissioner Harris and approved unanimously, the Board reconvened in Open Session. A verbatim audio-visual recording of the Closed Meeting was made within the WebEx application and will be maintained by the Commission.

There being no members of the public on the call, Commissioner Portela Motioned to Adjourn, Commissioner Mathis seconded the Motion, and the Motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:56AM