

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2024 at 10AM

69 W WASHINGTON, 9th FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60602

Board Members Present In Person

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries
Commissioner Stephen Mathis (via WebEx)
Commissioner Marc Parker (via WebEx)
Commissioner Maria Portela
Commissioner Amylee Simonovich
Commissioner Deborah Simpson
Commissioner Raychel Wesley

Board Members Not Present

Commissioner Carolyn Doherty
Commissioner Christopher Harris

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 General Counsel (via WebEx)
Kris Tharp, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman (via WebEx)

On June 3, 2024 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 Simonovich and seconded by Commissioner Wesley, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 19, 2024 were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan stated that due to another resignation in the Fiscal Department, Inez Gardner who retired in December has returned on contract to assist the department.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan announced that SB 1996 is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill will allow the Chairman to transfer funds (up to \$2 million) from the Self – Insurance Security Fund to the operation fund if necessary. It also increases the assessment rates so there is sufficient funding in the Commission's budget. Chairman Brennan thanked Cole Garrett for drafting the legislation and the stakeholders and leadership in the House and Senate for the agreed bill.

Next, Chairman Brennan discussed procedures when handling a pro se settlements and attorney's motions to withdraw. There have been no changes since the pandemic.

Chairman Brennan asked about security issues and Kris Tharp stated that if anyone needed their ID reactivated, they should email him.

Chairman Brennan then asked all Board Members for comment. Discussion ensued about administrative issues facing the Commission.

Chairman Brennan stated that at the Advisory Board Meeting they will be interviewing the 10 arbitrators up for

reappointment. He also announced that Arbitrator Friedman will be retiring in August.

There being no members of the public on the call who wished to comment, Commissioner Portela Motioned to Adjourn, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.