

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION COMMISSION REVIEW BOARD  
MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AT 9:30AM**

**Board Members Present at the meeting In Person:**

Chairman Michael Brennan

Commissioner Deborah Simpson

**Board Members Present via WebEx:**

Commissioner Marc Parker

Arbitrator Jeffrey Huebsch

Arbitrator Maureen Pulia

Robert Hanaford

Kisa Stankiya

**IWCC staff present at the meeting:**

Ron Rascia, General Counsel

Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission

Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager

Annette Roti, Chief of Staff

Carolyn Parks, Executive Director (via WebEx)

Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel (via WebEx)

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

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and Michele Kowalski took roll and noted a quorum was present.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan stated that in person Oral Arguments were proceeding in the Springfield and Collinsville offices. Chairman Brennan also announced the retirements of Arbitrators Fruth and Kane and welcomed the new Arbitrators Bae and Byrnes. He congratulated Commissioner Baker in her new position as the General Counsel for Lt. Governor Stratton.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan announced that Yellow Corporation, a self-insured entity recently declared bankruptcy and that the Commission called the bond held by Liberty Mutual. He stated that there was a conversation with Liberty Mutual's counsel with the goal to make sure injured workers are paid as soon as possible.

Chairman Brennan introduced and welcomed new Board Member, Kisa Stankiya to the Board.

Next, Chairman Brennan asked the Executive Director if there were any complaints against an Arbitrator. Ms. Parks responded there were no complaints.

Chairman Brennan asked the members if anyone had any new or old business to discuss. There was none.

Chairman Brennan asked if there was any member of the public on the call. There being none, he asked if there was a Motion to Adjourn. Arbitrator Pulia so moved, Arbitrator Huebsch seconded the Motion and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.