

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

**Board Members Present In Person:**

Chairman Michael Brennan

Commissioner Deborah Simpson

**Board Members Present via WebEx:**

Commissioner Marc Parker

Arbitrator Jeffrey Huebsch Arbitrator

Maureen Pulia

Kisa Stankiya

**Board Members Not Present:**

Robert Hanaford

**IWCC Staff Present:**

Ron Rascia, General Counsel

Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission

Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager

Annette Roti, Chief of Staff

Kris Tharp, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman

Carolyn Parks, Executive Director (via WebEx)

Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel (via WebEx)

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. Michele Kowalski took roll and noted a quorum was present.

Upon Motion by Arbitrator Huebsch and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the minutes of the September 18, 2023 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, Chairman Brennan stated that the Springfield office once again had flooding issues. Kris Tharp noted that the problem had been resolved and repairs were in process. The office is open for business. Chairman Brennan updated the Board on the Yellow Freight matter and said that the self-insurance claims continued to be paid by the bond holder, Liberty Mutual.

Next, the Chairman announced there would be 14 Arbitrator Docket changes for January. He also announced that a new docket had been created in Cook County, and Arbitrator Brady would be handling calls for this Docket.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan inquired if the office received any complaints. Ms. Parks and Mr. Rascia responded that there was one complaint, and it had been resolved.

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

There being no members of the public in attendance, and no further business to discuss, Commissioner Parker Motioned to Adjourn by, the Motion was seconded by Arbitrator Huebsch and carried unanimously. The meeting

adjourned at 9:41 AM.