

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
COMMISSION REVIEW BOARD MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM**

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Mitch Weisz
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Arbitrator Milton Black
Commissioner David Gore
Arbitrator Douglas Holland

Not present at the meeting were:

Velisha Haddox
Robert Hanaford

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Carolyn Parks, Executive Director of the Commission
Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission
Ron Rascia, General Counsel

Chairman Mitch Weisz called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum of members was present. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 24, 2012. Arbitrator Black offered changes to the meeting minutes in terms of how the communications to the Commission Review Board were summarized. There was a motion by Arbitrator Black, seconded by Arbitrator Holland, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 24, 2012 as amended.

Executive Director Carolyn Parks then provided a report to the Board regarding communications she had received from members of the public. She stated that similar to her prior reports, a majority of the letters and emails that she had received related to general complaints about the workers' compensation system. She has forwarded one communication to the General Counsel's office regarding an arbitrator's conduct. It is alleged that the arbitrator required the attorney to argue their motion even though the attorney was not prepared to argue that motion. The arbitrator ruled against the attorney on the motion. In the communication sent to Ms. Parks, the attorney asserted that the arbitrator's conduct was unreasonable.

General Counsel Ron Rascia stated that a copy of this communication had been forwarded to the legal department. After reviewing the communication, he had determined that the communication did not fall within the definition of a complaint as set forth in Section 7500.10(a)(1) of the Commission Review Board rules.

Finally, Chairman Weisz and Mr. Rascia discussed their investigation into the possibility of creating a program to address the legal questions for pro se parties at the Commission.

There was a motion by Arbitrator Black, seconded by Arbitrator Holland, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.