

**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 MARCH 18, 2014 at 11:00 AM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Michael Latz
Mario Basurto
Milton Black
David Gore
Robert Hanaford

Not present at the meeting:

Carolyn Parks

Present by telephone:

Velisha Haddox
Joann Fratianni

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Dennie Michelle Mogensen, Deputy General Counsel

Chairman Michael Latz called the meeting to order at 11:03 am and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Milton Black and seconded by Mario Basurto and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from meetings held on January 28, 2014.

Next, Chairman Latz reported that Carolyn Parks was unable to attend the meeting, but that there were no new complaints regarding Arbitrators or Commissioners. He further indicated that he has not received any reports against Arbitrators or Commissioners through calls to his office, through reports of Ms. Parks, or through other Arbitrators or Commissioners. The only complaints about which Chairman Latz was aware, were the common complaints of lateness in decisions.

The next item on the agenda was the certification of an independent arbitrator. Chairman Latz introduced candidate James Michael Bailey, II, as the candidate. Mr. Bailey is a former state's attorney that Chairman Latz has known for several years. Mr. Bailey has practiced before the Commission as well as before the Civil Division in Circuit Court and in Criminal Court. Mr. Bailey next presented his credentials. He has practiced before the Commission for 18 years, and believes it is the next logical progression to become an independent arbitrator. Although he has practiced on the respondents' side, he also holds 3 union cards and has spent time previously as a petitioners' attorney.

Because this agenda item involved the appointment of an independent arbitrator, Chairman Latz asked for a motion to dissolve into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was made by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Hanaford, and unanimously carried. The meeting of the Board became closed.

There was a motion by Mr. Basurto, seconded by Mr. Black, and unanimously carried to arise from closed session.

Chairman Latz held a voice call vote in favor of appointing Mr. Bailey as an independent arbitrator, and the vote was unanimously held in favor of appointment.

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