

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON MARCH 22, 2013 AT 10:00 AM

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Mitch Weisz
Commissioner David Gore
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner Michael Latz

Participating via phone were:

Commissioner Daniel Donohoo
Commissioner Ruth White

Not present at the meeting were:

Commissioner Yolaine Dauphin
Commissioner Charles DeVriendt
Commissioner Kevin Lamborn

IWCC staff present were:

Ms. Kate Melford
Mr. Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Ms. Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission

Chairman Weisz called the meeting order and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Weisz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for the meeting held on January 22, 2013. There was a motion by Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Basurto, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Chairman Weisz then provided a Commission update. He noted that this was the last day he was serving as Chairman and that Commissioner Latz had been appointed by Governor Quinn as the new Chairman. Chairman Weisz thanked all of the Commissioners for their service and remarked that the employees and employers of Illinois are well-served by their commitment and hard work to the cases brought before the Commission. The Commissioners at the meeting thanked Chairman Weisz for his service and professionalism and wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Next, Ms. Janas provide the Commissioners with an update on the regulatory and legislative activity affecting the Commission. The rules for the Preferred Provider Program were published in the March 15th edition of the Illinois Register. These rules take effect on March 4, 2013. Ms. Janas is currently working with the Commission's Insurance Compliance Division on revisions to the Commission's rules for insurance enforcement actions, as well as rules implementing the new citation procedure added to the Workers' Compensation Act by House Bill 1698. In terms of legislation, this week was the committee deadline week for the General Assembly, which means that all bills were required to advance from committee in order to be considered active in the legislative process. A majority of the bills related to substantive workers' compensation law did not advance out of committee. House Bill 2919, which creates a State workers' compensation insurance fund, did advance out of committee and is currently on the order of Second Reading in the House.

There was a motion by Commissioner Latz, seconded by Commissioner Basurto, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.