

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON JULY 23, 2013 AT 10:00 AM**

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Michael Latz
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner Charles DeVriendt
Commissioner David Gore
Commissioner Kevin Lamborn
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell

Participating via phone were:

Commissioner Daniel Donohoo
Commissioner Ruth White

IWCC staff present were:

Ms. Dora Shabazz, Supervisor of Commissioners' Support Staff
Mr. Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Ms. Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission

Chairman Latz called the meeting order and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Latz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for the meeting held on May 17, 2013. There was a motion by Commissioner Lamborn, seconded by Commissioner Tyrrell, and unanimously carried to approve these minutes.

Chairman Latz then provided a Commission update. He informed the Commissioners about the progress of the implementation of House Bill 3390, which had been signed into law by Governor Quinn as Public Act 98-40. The Commission has already scheduled interpreters for several pro se settlement contracts. The scheduling process has been going smoothly thus far, in part due to the cooperation of respondent's attorneys who have called the Commission in advance to alert Commission staff when an interpreter will likely be needed. Chairman Latz added that he and his staff would monitor the costs of these interpreters to see whether further funding or a dedicated line item in the Commission's budget will be necessary in the future. Commission staff continues to work with the auditors from the Auditor General's office on the management audit. A copy of the audit report will be provided to each Commissioner when the audit is complete. The Commission's Regulatory Agenda was published on July 19 in the Illinois Register. This Regulatory Agenda includes several proposed rulemakings, including mandating the electronic submission of accident reports, more commonly known as the "Form 45." The Commission's file room is still moving towards its complete renovation. Chairman Latz thanked Bob Devereaux and his team for leading recent outings to the Commission's external warehouse for document destruction. Mr. Devereux has successfully implemented regular document destruction in order to ensure that the Commission does not waste resources on unnecessary rental space. Finally Chairman Latz informed the Commissioners that special counsel to the Self Insurance program, Amiel Harper, has left the Commission to participate in the University of Virginia's MBA program.

There was a motion by Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Basurto and unanimously carried to dissolve into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of for the semi-annual review of closed session minutes and also pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) for the deliberation regarding the performance of arbitrators.

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

In the open session, Chairman Latz stated he would be recommending to Governor Quinn that he reappoint all the arbitrators with terms ending on June 30, 2013. There was a motion by Commissioner Basurto, seconded by Commissioner Gore, and unanimously carried that the Commission concur in Chairman Latz's recommendation to the Governor regarding the arbitrators. Chairman Latz indicated that he would transmit his recommendation, along with the Commission's support, to the Governor in a letter to be sent that afternoon.

There was a motion by Commissioner DeVriendt, seconded by Commissioner Basurto, and unanimously carried that the closed meeting minutes for the Commission meetings held on May 23, 2012 and June 12, 2012 remain confidential.

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