

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON NOVEMEBER 26, 2013 AT 1:00 PM

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Michael Latz
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner David Gore
Commissioner Michael Brennan

Participating via phone:

Commissioner Daniel Donohoo
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell
Commissioner Ruth White

Not present at the meeting:

Commissioner Charles DeVriendt
Commissioner Kevin Lamborn

IWCC staff present:

Mr. Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Mr. Michael Arnold, Deputy 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 September 24, 2013. There was a motion by Commissioner Basurto, seconded by Commissioner Gore, and unanimously carried to approve these minutes.

Chairman Latz then provided a Commission update. There have been some recent staff changes at the Commission. Enrique Cabrera, the supervisor of the Data Entry Department, has accepted a position with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. James Gentry will now be the supervisor of the Mailroom, File Room, and the Data Entry Department. Chairman Latz expressed his appreciation for Mr. Cabrera's service to the Commission. Michael Arnold has recently joined the Commission as a Deputy General Counsel in the Legal Department. Mr. Arnold was formerly an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan and an associate at the law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery.

Next, Chairman Latz updated the Commissioners on several ongoing projects at the Commission. CMS movers are scheduled to pick up broken and excess furniture from the Commission, including the old file room shelves. The Legal Department is also working on ensuring that 19(f) motions are ruled upon by the arbitrators in a timely manner. The Legal Department is also performing some background research on religious exemptions to the Workers' Compensation Act and the limits on attorney's fees set forth in Section 16a of the Act.

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