

ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2021
Chicago, IL 11:00 a.m.
WebEx meeting

Board Attendees:

Chicago office: Chairman Michael Brennan

WebEx: Michael Castro, Gerald Cooper, David Taylor, Joan Vincenz

Staff Attendees:

Chicago office: Ron Rascia, Maria Sarli-Dehlin

WebEx: Jean Cannon, Wendy Keithley, Michele Kowalski, Kevin Leach

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. A quorum was present. A previously prepared and posted agenda was distributed; a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes

Upon motion by Gerald Cooper and seconded by Michael Castro, the minutes of the Board meeting held on 12/7/2020 were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Brennan reported the new hearing rooms at the Daley Center will be completed by early May and used for hearings by end of May. With regards to the new offices at 69 W. Washington St., the Commission was waiting for a final construction bid and anticipates moving in during June. Further, the next CompFile rollout is scheduled for April allowing all documents to be filed electronically. The project will then move to updating the Self-Insurance system. Also, the Chairman announced the reappointment of Commissioners Barbara Flores, Stephen Mathis, Deborah Simson, Thomas Tyrrell and newly appointed Commissioners Deborah Baker and Christopher Harris.

III. Manager's Report

A. Security Fund Forecast 12/31/2020

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Security Fund forecast as of 12/31/2020. She reported that based on the current balance in the Security Fund, an assessment is recommended. Discussion ensued. After discussion, upon motion by David Taylor and seconded by Gerald Cooper, the Board unanimously voted to issue a security fund assessment during July 2021.

B. Fund Balances

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented reports of the Security and Administration Funds that included current and past budgets, expenditures, revenue, and fund balances. As of the second quarter of FY2021, 49% of the Security Fund's and 47% of the Administration Fund's operation budgets were spent.

IV. New Business

None

At 11:25 AM, upon motion by David Taylor, seconded by Michael Castro and unanimously carried, the Board convened in closed session.

At 12:15 PM, after discussion in closed session, and upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by Michael Castro and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session.

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Vote

1. A.S.G. Staffing, Inc.

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, and unanimously carried, the Board selected a company to perform an independent audit of the claim reserves.

2. Alternative Staffing

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, and unanimously carried, the Board selected a company to perform an independent audit of the claim reserves.

3. Elite Labor Services, Ltd. dba Elite Staffing, Inc.

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by David Taylor, and unanimously carried, the Board selected a company to perform an independent audit of the claim reserves.

4. Innovative Staff Solutions

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, and unanimously carried, the Board selected a company to perform an independent audit of the claim reserves.

5. Interlake Material Handling, Inc.

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to request purchaser of Interlake's assets to guaranty payment of any medical expenses if Board releases the security balance.

6. JC Penney

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to reduce the security requirement.

7. Power Dry Chicago, Inc. dba Chicago Water and Fire Restoration

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to terminate the self-insurance privilege effective 2/28/2021 and maintain the security.

8. United Airlines, Inc.

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, the Board agreed to offer an informal meeting. Board member Joan Vincenz abstained.

9. YRC Inc. dba YR Freight

Upon motion by Michael Castro, seconded by Gerald Cooper, the Board agreed to maintain the current security amount pending the 2021 renewal application.

There being no further business, upon motion by Gerald Cooper and seconded by Michael Castro, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM.