

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH ST., ROOM 8-275 CHICAGO, IL

HELD ON October 31, 2019 at 1:30PM

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Michael J. Brennan

Present by telephone:

Mitchell Horwitz

Michael Carrigan

Sean Stott

Mark Denzler

David Weaver

Karen Harris

Mark Grant

Jay Dee Shattuck

Mark Prince

IWCC staff present at the meeting:

Ronald A. Rascia, General Counsel

Cole D. Garrett, Deputy General Counsel

Annette Roti, Confidential Secretary to the Chairman

On October 31, 2019 at 1:34PM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order. Chairman Brennan called roll and verified a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan advised that on July 25, 2019, August 6, 2019, and October 17, 2019 the Board had interviewed and discussed candidates for open arbitrator positions in closed session pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act. Chairman Brennan asked for a spokesperson from each of the Board's representative groups to communicate the groups' recommendations.

Michael Carrigan spoke on behalf of the Employee members. The Employee members renewed their recommendation from the August meeting regarding Linda J. Cantrell for appointment to any vacancy and additionally recommended Robert C. Rubin for appointment to any vacancy. The Employee members further recommended Joseph Amarilio, Deborah Baker, Adam Hinrichs, William McLaughlin, Dennis O'Brien, Christopher Sullivan, and Ilonka Ulrich.

Mark Denzler spoke on behalf of the Employer Members. The Employer members recommended Angie A. Chen, Roma P. Dalal, Nicole L. Wiza, Robert C. Rubin, David Gore, Deborah Baker, Elaine Llerena, Ilonka Ulrich, and Dennis O'Brien and made no further recommendations as to any other candidates.

Ronald A. Rascia, WCC General Counsel, indicated it is customary for practicing attorneys to recuse themselves and abstain from the vote in support or against arbitrator candidates. Mr. Prince abstained from making any recommendation and was noted as "present," Mr. Horwitz stated he saw no reason to recuse himself and thus participated in the vote.

Representatives of both Employer and Employee members then expressed their strong dissatisfaction with Governor JB Pritzker's handling of arbitrator appointments, stating that two appointments were made without notifying the Advisory Board. The representatives requested that Chairman Brennan pass on their dissatisfaction to the Governor's Office.

Chairman Brennan then indicated that the Commission would prepare a letter communicating the Board's recommendations and comments to Governor Pritzker. Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn. At 1:45PM, Mr. Denzler so moved, Mr. Carrigan seconded the motion, and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously.