

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2013 at 1:00 PM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Michael Latz
Mitch Abbett
Richard Alesky
Aaron Anderson
John Carpenter
David Halffield
William Lowry
David Vite

Present by telephone:

Michael Carrigan
Phil Gruber
Mark Denzler
Mark Prince
Sean Stott

IWCC staff present at the meeting:

Kimberly Janas, Secretary of the Commission
Dennie Zankel, Deputy General Counsel
Mark Kimmet, Chief Internal Auditor
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel (via phone)

Chairman Michael Latz called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Mr. Vite, seconded by Mr. Abbett, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meetings held on July 16, 2013 and August 1, 2013.

First, Chairman Latz indicated to the Board members that the agenda item regarding a proposed Commissioner candidate would not be discussed at this meeting. The Commission is still awaiting notice from the Governor's office regarding the appointment of the final Commissioner candidate.

Next, Chairman Latz provided the Board members with a brief update on current issues and projects at the Commission. Recently, the arbitrator assignments for 2014 were posted on Commission's website. These assignments take effect on January 1, 2014 and include the three new arbitrators: Ketki Steffen, Jeffrey Huebsch, and Molly Wilson Dearing.

On October 15, Senate Executive Appointments committee met and voted to approve the appointment messages of three Commissioners whose terms expired this March: Commissioners Mario Basurto, Ruth White, and Thomas Tyrrell.

Chairman Latz shared with the Board members some of his speaking engagements in recent weeks. On October 3, Chairman Latz spoke at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Self Insurers' Association in Lincolnshire. He also presented at the 21st Annual Work Injury Conference presented by Safeworks in Bloomington-Normal.

Finally, Chairman Latz informed the Board members that Commission staff was in the initial stages of starting to plan the schedule of the advisory board meetings for 2014. The Open Meetings Act requires that these meeting dates be published on the Commission's website by January 1, 2013.

The next item on the agenda was the legislative update. Ms. Janas shared some of the Commission's legislative ideas for the 2014 session that had been submitted to the Governor's Office of Legislative Affairs. These proposed ideas include procedural changes to the administration of the Commission's Rate Adjustment Fund and Injured Workers' Benefit Fund program. The Board members discussed these changes and asked several questions. Chairman Latz concluded the discussion by thanking the Board members for their questions and insight and noted that there was no finalized legislative agenda for the Commission at this time.

There was a motion by Mr. Aleksy, seconded by Mr. Abbett, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.