

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA WEBEX ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 at 11:00AM**

Present via WebEx:

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Tim Drea
Karen Harris
Mitchell Horwitz
Jill Kastner
Denne Knell
Mark Prince
David Weaver

Not Present:

Aaron Anderson
Mark Denzler
Robert Karr

IWCC staff present via WebEx:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Cole D. Garrett, Deputy General Counsel
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission

On September 13, 2021 at 11:00AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order. Without a quorum present, Chairman Brennan began the meeting with announcements. The Chairman congratulated Commissioner Flores on her appointment as an Associate Judge of Cook County. The Chairman updated the Board that the office move has been completed. The Chairman also stated that CompFile paperless system is entering Phase 4 to include the SIF, RAF and SI divisions of the office and special permission was granted to renew the services of Microsoft. Chairman Brennan announced that the Commission is reinstating the enforcement of the Red Line Cases, meaning that if a case is 3 years old or older the Petitioner or Respondent must state in writing why it must be continued. CompFile now has the capability to complete this.

At 11:09 AM Ms. Harris joined the meeting. The Chairman verified that a quorum was present and reiterated the announcements. The Chairman added that retired Judge McGing was asked to serve as an independent arbitrator and inquired if the Board Members knew of anyone else who would be available for this position. Independent Arbitrators hear workers' compensation cases for employees of the IWCC.

At this time, the Board reviewed minutes from previous meetings.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the March 15, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Drea so moved, Mr. Knell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Weaver so moved, Mr. Drea seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the April 29, 2021 Board Meeting. Ms. Harris so moved, Mr. Drea seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Drea so moved, Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the June 22, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Horwitz so moved, Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the August 23, 2021 Board Meeting. Ms. Harris so moved, Mr. Drea seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the August 26, 2021 Board Meeting. Ms. Harris so moved, Mr. Drea seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan next asked for public comment and noted that there was no public on the call. Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Drea so moved. Ms. Harris seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.