

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA WEBEX ON MARCH 14, 2022 at 11:00AM**

Board Members Present via WebEx:

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Aaron Anderson
Mark Denzler
Tim Drea
Mitchell Horwitz
Robert Karr
Jill Kastner
Denne Knell
Mark Prince
David Weaver

Board Members Not Present:

Karen Harris
Sean Stott

IWCC staff present:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager
Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel

On March 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board Meeting to order and after roll call verified a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan stated that due to a technical glitch the minutes from the December 13, 2021 meeting would be distributed and approved at the next Board Meeting.

As to old business, the Chairman stated that CompFile continues to work well and in the process of including the Self Insurance platform.

As for new business, the Chairman asked for the Board's input in designating arbitrators for 19 (p) cases and explained that only Arbitrator Lee remains assigned to these cases. Discussion ensued among the Board and it was emphasized that arbitrators who hear 19 (p) cases should be highly regarded by both caucuses and have timely decisions. The Board agreed to vote on designated arbitrators at the next meeting. Before the next meeting, both caucuses will submit their recommendations of at least 5 arbitrators. The Chairman will forward the terms of each arbitrator as well as note any arbitrators who have late decisions to assist in the recommendation process.

As to additional new business, Chairman Brennan updated the Board on House Bill 1208 which includes some technical changes to the Commission. These changes include collapsing the two self-insurance funds and

adjusting arbitrator rotations. Chairman Brennan also explained an amendment regarding the Workers' Compensation Review Board. Mr. Denzler agreed and suggested contacting legislators regarding this.

Mr. Knell congratulated the Chairman and Mr. Rascia on securing a hearing site in Urbana. The Chairman stated the new space is in a meeting room at the I Hotel.

Chairman Brennan next opened the meeting to public comment. There being no members of the public on the call, and having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Denzler so moved. Mr. Drea seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.