

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 30, 2022 AT 10:00 AM**

Present in Person:

Chairman Michael J. Brennan

Present via Webex:

Aaron Anderson
Mark Denzler
Tim Drea
Mitchell Horwitz
Robert Karr
Denne Knell
Mark Prince
Sean Stott
David Weaver

Not Present:

Karen Harris
Jill Kastner

IWCC Staff Present:

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

On June 30, 2022 at 10:02 a.m., Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order. Michele Kowalski took roll and verified that a quorum was present.

As to New Business, the Chairman asked if Business and Labor Members were able to caucus and if there are recommendations for arbitrators who are up for reappointment and for the six candidates interviewed for the two vacancies.

Mr. Drea advised that Labor recommended Arbitrators Carlson, Gallagher, Glaub, Hickey, Lee, Llerena, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Dalal and Soto. He also stated that Labor endorsed Dana Kieras and Eric Kirkpatrick. For all other candidates, Labor took no position.

Mr. Denzler advised that Business recommended Arbitrators Carlson, Glaub, Hickey, Lee, O'Brien, Dalal and Soto. Business does not recommend Arbitrators Gallagher or McLaughlin. Business endorsed candidate Francis Brady and opposed the other candidates. Mr. Denzler commented that Business was disappointed that some candidates clearly lacked workers' compensation background and are not qualified.

Chairman Brennan stated that he would compose correspondence to the Governor regarding these recommendations, and upon approval by both parties he would forward to the Governor.

Denne Knell commented that as a practicing attorney before the Commission, he individually votes that all current Arbitrators should be reappointed. He abstains from voting on new Arbitrators as he believes this is a potential conflict.

Mitch Horwitz and Mark Prince confirmed they are both voting with Labor.

Chairman Brennan next asked for public comment and noted that there were no members of the public at the meeting. Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Prince so moved. Mr. Drea seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.