

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

**JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH ST., ROOM 9-036 CHICAGO, IL and
WILLIAM G. STRATTON BUILDING, ROOM 500 1/2, SPRING ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL**

HELD ON March 2, 2020 at 11:00AM

Present at the meeting:

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

Present by telephone:

Karen Harris

Not Present at the meeting:

Mark Prince

IWCC staff present at the meeting:

Ronald A. Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Cole D. Garrett, Deputy General Counsel
Cecelia Kasmierski, Associate General Counsel
Michele Kowalski, Research and Education Manager

On March 2, 2020 at 10:00AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the December 9, 2019, Board meeting. Mr. Denzler so moved, Mr. Horwitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Brennan updated the Board regarding the status of business at the Commission.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan advised that phase one, the portal to sign in, has been completed. The second phase, the electronic submissions of settlements, is set to rollout about July 2020. Chairman Brennan thanked the Board for supporting HB4151.

As to new business, the next item on the agenda concerned the Board's evaluation and recommendation of a

candidate for an arbitrator position. Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to dissolve into closed session pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Denzler so moved, Ms. Kastner seconded the motion, and the motion to dissolve into closed session carried unanimously.

Mr. Drea moved to arise from closed session, Mr. Karr seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Board discussed the proposed draft meeting procedures for WCAB meetings. The set of procedures would be for guidance for future meetings pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. The Chairman would have discretion regarding the procedures. The procedures would be developed and then posted on the IWCC website.

General Counsel, Ronald Rascia, advised that the Board, as nonvoting, advisory, and partisan, can caucus. Mr. Rascia advised that the entire constituency can be in on a phone call. Upon arbitrator recommendation by the Board, a joint letter will be sent to the governor's office.

Chairman Brennan noted that there was no public comment.

Mr. Denzler moved to adjourn, Mr. Drea seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.