

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Board Members Present In Person

Chairman Michael J. Brennan

Board Members Present via WebEx

Commissioner Deborah Baker
Commissioner Carolyn Doherty
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries
Commissioner Christopher Harris
Commissioner Stephen Mathis
Commissioner Marc Parker
Commissioner Maria Portela
Commissioner Deborah Simpson
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell

IWCC staff present at the meeting:

Cole D. Garrett, Deputy General Counsel
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Whitney Martin, Manager Research and Education

On September 19, 2022 at 10:01AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Commission Meeting to order. Michele Kowalski took roll and verified a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan advised that draft minutes for the Board Meetings held on June 13, 2022 and August 9, 2022 had been circulated and asked for any objections to the minutes as written. Hearing no objection, Chairman Brennan called for a motion to approve the June 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Parker so moved, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 Board Meeting carried unanimously. Separately, Commissioner Parker moved to approve the August 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Board Meeting carried unanimously.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan advised that the Secretary of State's office had not yet posted the new rules, so the 45-day period for public comment had not yet started. Cole Garrett will update the Commissioners when the rule is posted.

As to new business, Chairman Brennan informed the Board Members that CMS notified the Commission that the IWCC Springfield building will undergo renovations and has given us until January 1st to relocate. Lease negotiations have begun on a location on 9th Street near the old Courthouse.

Chairman Brennan also relayed that he has heard no negative feedback about raising the E & M Codes. He announced that Commissioner Doherty and Molly Mason will be conducting a Decision Writing session at the upcoming Judicial Training. Discussion ensued about the need to write concise and brief decisions. Chairman Brennan hoped that all could attend the upcoming training and stay for the open house reception immediately following.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Upon no further business, Commissioner Portela moved to adjourn, Commissioner Doerries seconded the motion,

and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.