

# MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

HELD ON June 15, 2020, at 9:30AM via WebEx

## **Present at the meeting via WebEx:**

Chairman Michael J. Brennan  
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries  
Commissioner Maria Portela  
Commissioner Barbara Flores  
Commissioner Deborah Simpson  
Commissioner Stephen Mathis  
Commissioner Marc Parker  
Commissioner Douglas McCarthy  
Commissioner L. Elizabeth Coppoletti  
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell

## **IWCC staff present at the meeting via WebEx:**

Ronald A. Rascia, General Counsel  
Cole D. Garrett, Deputy General Counsel  
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman  
Brendan O'Rourke, Director Human Resource  
Michele Kowalski, Manager Research and Education  
Cecelia Kasmierski, Associate General Counsel

On June 15, 2020, at 9:30AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order and verified a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan advised that draft minutes for a Commission meeting held on March 16, 2020, 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 minutes. Commissioner Simpson so moved, Commissioner Portela seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Meeting of the Commission carried unanimously.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan moved to discussion of current operations at the Commission. In terms of Arbitrators and Commissioners, the Chairman with the authority to review events, continued current operations into July as the Commission had in June, with the possibility of extensions with direction from the Governor's Office. The Chairman advised that there were no complaints regarding the use of WebEx.

As to new business, Chairman Brennan recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the appointment of Harriet Reid, Illinois' first female arbitrator at the Commission. Chairman Brennan then moved discussion regarding the Annual Report. Chairman Brennan called for a vote to approve and transmit the Annual Report. Chairman Brennan so moved, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Having no further business to discuss and no public comment, Chairman Brennan called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simpson so moved, Commissioner Doerries seconded the motion, and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.