

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

HELD ON JUNE 21, 2021 at 10:00AM via WebEx

Present at the meeting via WebEx:

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries
Commissioner Christopher Harris
Commissioner Maria Portela
Commissioner Barbara Flores
Commissioner Marc Parker
Commissioner Deborah Baker
Commissioner Deborah Simpson
Commissioner Stephen Mathis

IWCC staff present at the meeting via WebEx:

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

On June 21, 2021, at 10:00AM, 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 22, 2021, 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 Harris so moved, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 Meeting of the Commission carried unanimously.

As to old and new business, Chairman Brennan moved to discussion of current operations at the Commission. Chairman Brennan discussed the move and thanked Brendan O'Rourke and Michele Kowalski for a great job setting up the move. The Chairman next discussed the legislation joining Insurance Compliance with the Department of Insurance. Chairman Brennan next introduced George Sweeney, Manager of Insurance compliance. Mr. Sweeney thanked the Chairman and welcomed input.

Chairman Brennan next moved to dissolve into Closed Session for personnel matters pursuant to section 2c(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Harris moved to go back into Open Session, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion.

Next, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to appoint Michele Kowalski as Secretary of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. Commissioner Mathis so moved, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the appointment of Michele Kowalski as Secretary of the Commission carried unanimously. Michele Kowalski thanked the Chairman, Ron Rascia, and the Board for the appointment and expressed her enjoyment working at the Commission. Chairman Brennan, Mr. Rascia, the Board, and the Commission staff congratulated Michele as the new Secretary.

There were no members of the public present via WebEx and no public comment.

Upon no further business, Commissioner Portela moved to adjourn, Commissioner Doerries seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:24AM.