

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
ROOM 9-031
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Michael Brennan
L. Elizabeth Coppoletti
Kathryn Doerries
Douglas McCarthy
Maria Portela
Deborah Simpson
Thomas Tyrrell

Present by telephone:

Barbara Flores
Stephen Mathis
Marc Parker

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

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

Chairman Michael Brennan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Tyrrell, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 16, 2019.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan advised that the CompFile program is moving forward expeditiously. The Chairman and the Board discussed the first rollout of the portal, attorney and firm registration, scheduled for the end of February 2020. The Chairman advised that presentations are being conducted by David Larson and the responses so far have been very receptive to e-filing. Chairman Brennan and the Board discussed the second rollout, the electronic submission of lump sum settlement contracts, scheduled approximately for the end of July 2020. Cole Garrett advised that the proposed draft Rule pursuant to P.A.100-1117 had gone through the second public comment period and is scheduled with JCAR for December 17, 2019, hoping for publication thereafter.

As to new business, Chairman Brennan advised that all new arbitrators have started, except Arbitrator Baker, who begins January 5, 2020. Chairman Brennan advised that Arbitrator Dollison and Arbitrator Ory will be retiring.

The Chairman noted that there was no further new business and no public comment. There was a motion by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.