

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
REVIEW BOARD MEETING
THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA WEBEX
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

Present at the meeting via WebEx:

Chairman Michael Brennan
Commissioner Deborah Simpson
Arbitrator Maureen Pulia
Arbitrator Jeffrey Huebsch
Robert Hanaford

Not present at the meeting via WebEx:

Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell
Velisha Haddox

IWCC staff present at the meeting via WebEx:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Carolyn Parks, Executive Director
Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 9:34AM and roll call was taken. Chairman Brennan noted that a quorum was present for purposes of the Open Meetings Act. Arbitrator Huebsch moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Brennan welcomed and introduced the new Manager of the Research and Education Department, Whitney Martin.

Chairman Brennan inquired whether it would be necessary to go into Closed Session for purposes of recommending a new independent arbitrator. Ron Rascia, General Counsel advised that it is the opinion of the Board to determine. The Board agreed Closed Session was not necessary and discussion ensued regarding the appointment of Judge James Michael McGing as Independent Arbitrator for the Workers' Compensation Commission whose resume was previously circulated. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Judge McGing as an independent arbitrator for the Workers' Compensation Commission.

As to new business, Chairman Brennan advised that he was not aware of any formal complaints against any Arbitrators or Commissioners. Carolyn Parks was present at the meeting but later advised via email that there were no formal complaints against any Arbitrators or Commissioners.

There were no members of the public present via WebEx and no public comment. Upon no further business, Arbitrator Pulia moved to adjourn, Arbitrator Huebsch seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:43AM.