

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
THOMPSON CENTER, 8TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2010**

Present at the meeting were:

Acting Chairman Amy Masters
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner Yolaine Dauphin
Commissioner James DeMunno
Commissioner David Gore
Commissioner Kevin Lamborn
Commissioner Nancy Lindsay
Commissioner Molly Mason
Commissioner Paul Rink
Commissioner Barbara Sherman

IWCC staff present at the meeting was:

Ms. Kathryn Kelley, General Counsel
Ms. Bertha E. Parker, Acting Secretary

Acting Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the Commission meeting held on January 28, 2009 were unanimously approved, with a change regarding the Rate Adjustment Fund update.

January 28, 2009 meeting minutes and Commission meeting notice and agenda were distributed.

Acting Chairman Masters provided a Commission update and informed the Commission about recently hired staff in the Information Technology and Insurance Compliance departments. She also noted that Kathryn Kelley and Commissioner Paul Rink were retiring and thanked them for their service to the Commission. She added that resumes were currently being solicited for the General Counsel position. She also thanked Commissioners Dauphin and DeMunno for agreeing to cover oral arguments until the Governor appoints a new commissioner to fill Commissioner Rink's vacant slot.

Acting Chairman Masters indicated that suggested changes to the RAF legal notice had been made per Commissioner Mason and Sherman's comments and would be circulated soon to the Commissioners for final review.

Next Acting Chairman Masters updated the Commission on the rules process. Once a new general counsel is hired, the finalized rules documents previously reviewed and approved by the Commission will go through the rulemaking process. She noted that additional areas still to be reviewed and revised include RAF, arbitration, and vocational rehabilitation.

Acting Chairman Masters also informed the Commission about a recent meeting held in Springfield with executive, legislative, business and labor representatives to discuss the agreed bill process. At the meeting, business and labor representatives agreed to review pending legislation. After review, it was determined the two groups could not come to an agreement, and the agreed bill process will not be opened this session.

Next the Commission discussed the medical fee schedule. Acting Chairman Masters noted the Medical Fee Advisory Board recently discussed creating a new fee schedule for the ASTC geozip 607, as no hospitals are in the geozip and those fees currently default to 76 percent of charge. The board is also discussing excessive implant costs and reviewing how other states implemented implant fees for potential implementation purposes in Illinois.

The Commission discussed the next meeting date, and it was agreed to set the next meeting date in March.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.