

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AT 1:00 PM

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Michael Latz
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner David Gore
Commissioner Kevin Lamborn
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell

Participating via phone were:

Commissioner Daniel Donohoo
Commissioner Michael Brennan

Not present at the meeting were:

Commissioner Charles DeVriendt
Commissioner Ruth White

IWCC staff present were:

Ms. Dora Shabazz, Supervisor of Commissioners' Support Staff
Mr. Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Ms. Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission

Chairman Latz called the meeting order and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Latz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for the meeting held on July 23, 2013. There was a motion by Commissioner Lamborn, seconded by Commissioner Gore, and unanimously carried to approve these minutes.

Chairman Latz then provided a Commission update. He informed the Commissioners that the Commission had recently hired Barbara Bentivenga as Counsel to the Commission's Special Funds. In addition to being an attorney, Ms. Bentivenga has also previously worked as a Registered Nurse. She will be focusing on issues related to the Rate Adjustment Fund, Second Injury Fund, and Injured Workers' Benefit Fund. Chairman Latz asked the Commissioners to welcome Ms. Bentivenga to the Commission.

Next on the agenda, Chairman Latz asked Secretary Kim Janas to explain two proposed rule changes for consideration by the Commission. Ms. Janas explained that since the enactment of HB 3390 as Public Act 98-40, two sections of the Commission's rules are now out-of-date: Section 7060.10, which addresses the appeal of Commission decisions and Section 7110.60 which addresses the distribution of the Commission's handbook. The proposed changes to the rules simply reflect the provisions of Public Act 98-40, which eliminated the requirement that the Commission send handbooks to each subject of a First Report of Injury and also replaced the fee for the probable cost of the record to be prepared for an appeal to Circuit Court with the filing of the Notice of Intent to File for Review in Circuit Court. There was a motion by Commissioner Basurto, seconded by Commissioner Tyrrell, and unanimously carried to send both of these rule changes for review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

There was a motion by Commissioner Lamborn, seconded by Commissioner Basurto, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.