

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HELD ON JULY 16, 2013 at 12:00 PM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Michael Latz
Richard Alesky
Aaron Anderson
John Carpenter
Mark Denzler
William Lowry
David Vite

Not present at the meeting:

Mitch Abbett
Mark Prince

Present by telephone:

Michael Carrigan
Phil Gruber
David Halffield
Sean Stott

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Kimberly Janas, Secretary of the Commission
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel

Chairman Michael Latz called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Aleksy, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 26, 2013.

Next, Chairman Latz provided the Board members with a brief update on current issues and projects at the Commission. Since the Board's last meeting, Governor Quinn signed into law HB 3390 as Public Act 98-40. Commission staff has been working to implement the provisions of this legislation. A memorandum was sent out to parties practicing before the Commission regarding the change in the process by which an appeal is filed in Circuit Court for a Commission decision. This memorandum also asked that attorneys presenting contacts with pro se parties requiring an interpreter to contact the Chairman's office in advance in order to facilitate interpreter scheduling. The Chairman reported that the first interpreter had already been scheduled the morning of the Advisory Board meeting. Commission staff is also working on its management audit required by State law. Once the audit is completed, the Chairman will provide copies of the audit report to the Advisory Board members. The Commission's Regulatory Agenda was submitted to the Secretary of State and will be published in the next few weeks in the Illinois Register. Chairman Latz stated that the proposed rulemakings set forth in the Regulatory Agenda include updates to the Commission's Insurance Compliance Rules, the updates required due to the changes in HB 3390, and potentially require electronic submission of the Commission's accident reporting form. Mr. Vite and Mr. Lowry advised that the Commission should consider allowing for an

exemption for small businesses who cannot comply with electronic reporting. Chairman Latz thanked Mr. Lowry and Mr. Vite for their comments and stated that he would look into this type of an exemption whenever the rulemaking progressed to actually being filed. Chairman Latz then passed out copies of the Commission's annual report for Fiscal Year 2012 to the Board members. He thanked CFO Mary Wells and General Counsel Ron Rascia for their hard work on this report.

Chairman Latz then moved on to the next agenda item, which was the consideration of arbitrator and Commissioner candidates for appointment and reappointment. Because this agenda item involved the appointment, employment, and performance of appointees of the Commission, Chairman Latz asked for a motion to dissolve into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was made by Mr. Vite, seconded by Mr. Denzler, and unanimously carried. The members of the public in attendance were asked to leave the room and the meeting of the Board became closed.

There was a motion by Mr. Vite, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, and unanimously carried to arise from closed session.

There was a motion by Mr. Vite and seconded by Mr. Carrigan to recommend to the Governor that Ms. Ketki Steffen, Ms. Molly Wilson Dearing, and Mr. Jeffrey Huebsch be appointed as arbitrators at the Commission. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Carrigan, Mr. Denzler, Mr. Gruber, Mr. Halffield, Mr. Vite, and Mr. Stott. Mr. Aleksy and Mr. Lowry voted present. With eight members voting yes, zero members voting no, and two members voting present, the motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. Vite, seconded by Mr. Lowry, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.