

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA WEBEX ON DECEMBER 14, 2020 AT 2:00 PM**

Present via WebEx:

David Menchetti
Amy Bilton
Dr. Preston Wolin
Dr. David Fletcher
Helena Lefkow
Michael Macellaio
Tanya Dawood

IWCC staff present via WebEx:

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

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 2:00PM and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan introduced Arbitrators Sinnen and Wesley to the Board. Chairman Brennan then asked for a motion to approve minutes of the October 5, 2020 Meeting. Dr. Fletcher so moved, Ms. Bilton seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan advised that ordinary hearings continue to be suspended and will continue to monitor public health and safety. At the end of January, the next phase of the paperless system will roll out. The Commission will be moving from the JRTC in two phases, with the hearing rooms moving in the first quarter of 2021 to the Daley Center. Then the offices will move toward the end of the second quarter to 69 West Washington.

As to new business, Chairman Brennan advised that the Board would not be voting at this time on Dr. Fletcher's motion regarding access to care and the E and M codes. Dr. Fletcher's motion would be temporarily withdrawn and placed on hold due to Covid issues. Chairman Brennan advised that although the motion is on hold, this is an important issue that would be discussed in the future. Dr. Wolin advised that he would be sending some information regarding the E and M codes. The Chairman thanked Dr. Fletcher for withdrawing the motion and also thanked Dr. Wolin. Ron Rascia advised that the CPIU adjustment to the fee schedule was 1.31%.

Upon no further business and having no public comment, Ms. Bilton moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Lefkow seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:49PM.