

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA WEBEX ON APRIL 29, 2021 at 10:30AM**

Present via WebEx:

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Aaron Anderson
Mark Denzler
Tim Drea
Mitchell Horwitz
Robert Karr
Jill Kastner
Denne Knell
Mark Prince
Sean Stott
David Weaver

Not Present:

Karen Harris

IWCC staff present via WebEx :

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

On April 29, 2021, at 10:30AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order. Chairman Brennan verified that a quorum was present.

Chairman Brennan advised that at the previous meeting, the Board had interviewed and discussed two candidates for Arbitrator positions in closed session pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act. Chairman Brennan asked for a spokesperson from each of the Board's representative groups to communicate the groups' recommendations. Board Member Jill Kastner abstained from voting and did not take part in making any recommendations.

Tim Drea spoke on behalf of the Employee members. The Employee members recommended Ana Vasquez and took no position on Lauren Raymond.

Mark Denzler spoke on behalf of the Employer Members. The Employer members did not recommend either Lauren Raymond or Ana Vasquez.

Chairman Brennan then indicated that the Commission would prepare a letter communicating the Board's recommendations and comments to Governor Pritzker. Chairman Brennan advised that he had forwarded past candidates to the governor's office. Mr. Denzler asked about vetting those Arbitrator's whose terms expire in June. The Chairman would set up a meeting for vetting those Arbitrators and if there are additional candidates.

The Chairman advised that the hearing rooms at the Daley Center would be ready in May and the complete move out of the Thompson Center in June. Chairman Brennan advised that the next phase of CompFile is up and running as is well received. Mr. Horwitz commented that the system was working well. Chairman Brennan thanked Mr. Horwitz for his input.

Chairman Brennan asked for public comment and advised there were members of the public on the line. The Chairman noted that there was no public comment.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Horwitz so moved. Ms. Kastner seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:41AM.