

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA WEBEX ON September 21, 2020 at 11:00AM**

Present via WebEx:

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

IWCC staff present via WebEx :

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 September 21, 2020 at 11:00AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order. Chairman Brennan verified that a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the June 29, 2020, Board meeting. Mr. Weaver so moved, Mr. Denzler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the July 10, 2020, Board meeting. Mr. Horwitz so moved, Mr. Stott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the September 4, 2020, Board meeting. Mr. Knell so moved, Mr. Stott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the September 10, 2020, Board meeting. Mr. Horwitz so moved, Ms. Kastner seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan advised that arbitrator surveys did go out, but only about 1% responded. Going forward, the Chairman would make sure surveys are shared and forwarded to the Board in advance. Surveys go out in late April with responses in June. These are surveys regarding Arbitrators only, but surveys for Commissioners could be sent with the same questions as well. As to the status of reappointments, appointments are temporary for purposes of the Secretary of State Notice, then the Senate holds hearings. With the current circumstances, there has been little activity with the appointments committee in the Senate.

As to new business, Chairman Brennan advised that Arbitrator Watts had been reappointed. The Commission received just shy of \$400,000 for new hardware. As to the next phase of CompFile, Chairman Brennan advised that in January 2021, applications, appearances, motions, petitions, etc. will all be filed with the portal. The Chairman and the Board next discussed the success of the settlement contract rollout.

Settlement contracts are approved and files get closed more quickly. The feedback has been positive and adjustments have been made as needed. The Chairman advised that this will not be the last phase. There will also be a phase for self-insurance and insurance compliance.

Chairman Brennan noted that there was no public comment.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Denzler so moved. Mr. Stott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:28AM.