

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET – 9TH FLOOR, ROOM 9-035
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratianni
Richard Aleksy

**Present at Satellite Location (Room 500 1/2 , 5th Floor, Stratton Building, 401 S. Spring St.,
Springfield, IL 62765)**

Michael Carrigan
Mark Denzler
Mark Flannery
Rob Karr
Kim Maisch
Todd Maisch
Jay Shattuck
Sean Stott

Participating via telephone:

Aaron Anderson
Philip Gruber

IWCC members and staff present:

Commissioner Stephen Mathis
Mike Arnold

Chairman Fratianni called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Aleksy moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Karr seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Fratianni advised the Board that the Circuit Court of Cook County granted the Commission's motion to release \$2 million from the Chamber of Commerce settlement fund for use by the Information Technology Department to begin the Commission's digital transformation project. She then advised the Board that, due to the current lack of a budget, the Commission will soon run out of money for certified mailings. Mr. Maisch asked how this would affect the Commission's operations, and Chairman Fratianni explained that Commission decisions and insurance compliance hearing notices were the main areas of concern. She will be meeting with various stakeholder groups in the near future to discuss the Commission's options.

Chairman Fratianni informed the Board that Commissioners and Arbitrators will be participating in a three-day judicial training seminar on September 16, 17, and 18, 2015. Also with regard to the calendar, she explained that she and her staff are currently working on the 2016 master calendar. The Commission is investigating the possibility of moving the Quincy hearing location to Decatur in the interest of easier access and greater efficiency. Mr. Shattuck asked what will happen to Western Illinois cases that are now heard in Quincy. Chairman Fratianni advised that these cases will move to Springfield.

Chairman Fratianni stated that the Commission would prefer to move the Quincy hearing site to Jacksonville, but the Commission has had difficulty securing an appropriate location in that city. Mr. Karr offered to reach out to his contacts there and see if such a location can be identified and secured.

Chairman Fratianni further advised the Board that the Commission is looking for a more suitable hearing location in Mount Vernon, but that it has no plans to move to a different city. Lastly, she noted that that the Commission is in the process of moving its Collinsville office to a new location in that city.

Mr. Aleksy moved to adjourn, Mr. Karr seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.