

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

HELD ON September 22, 2020 at 10:00AM via WebEx

Present at the meeting via WebEx:

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries
Commissioner Maria Portela
Commissioner Barbara Flores
Commissioner Deborah Simpson
Commissioner Stephen Mathis
Commissioner Marc Parker
Commissioner Douglas McCarthy
Commissioner L. Elizabeth Coppoletti

IWCC staff present at the meeting via WebEx:

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

On September 22, 2020, at 10:00AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order and verified a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan advised that draft minutes for a Commission meeting held on June 15, 2020, had been circulated and asked for any objections to the minutes as written. Hearing no objection, Chairman Brennan called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Parker so moved, Commissioner Coppoletti seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Meeting of the Commission carried unanimously.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan moved to discussion of current operations at the Commission. The next phase of CompFile has rolled out and settlement contracts are live. The response from Arbitrators, Commissioners, and the Bar has been positive. The Chairman expressed thanks to David Larson and Matt Bryant for making adjustments where needed. In January, the next phase will be rolled out. Chairman Brennan advised that the special circumstances, under which the Commission is operating, have been very effective. Modifications to the process have been made when needed. Chairman Brennan advised that the Commission may be looking into making some procedures more permanent in the future.

As to new business, Chairman Brennan then moved discussion regarding the Commission's future move from the JRTC and finalizing documents for the move. The Chairman advised that the Commission was granted permission and will be receiving new computer hardware. The Commission next discussed future hiring. The Chairman anticipated that where there was a need the Commission would be able to hire. Mr. Rascia noted that the McAllister decision would be released on Thursday.

Having no further business to discuss and no public comment, Chairman Brennan called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Flores so moved, Commissioner Coppoletti seconded the motion, and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35AM.