

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

HELD ON March 22, 2021 at 10:00AM via WebEx

Present at the meeting via WebEx:

Chairman Michael J. Brennan
Commissioner Kathryn Doerries
Commissioner Christopher Harris
Commissioner Maria Portela
Commissioner Barbara Flores
Commissioner Marc Parker
Commissioner Deborah Baker
Commissioner Deborah Simpson
Commissioner Stephen Mathis
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell

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 March 22, 2021, at 10:00AM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order and verified a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan congratulated Commissioners Flores, Tyrrell, Mathis, and Simpson on being reappointed and Commissioners Baker and Harris on their appointments as Commissioners. Chairman Brennan advised that draft minutes for a Commission meeting held on December 7, 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 Tyrrell so moved, Commissioner Mathis seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Meeting of the Commission carried unanimously.

As to old and new business, Chairman Brennan moved to discussion of current operations at the Commission. Chairman Brennan advised that the move to the Daley Center would take place in May and the move to 69 West Washington in June. The next phase of CompFile will roll out in April. The Chairman thanked Matt Bryant, David Larson, and the Microsoft team. Chairman Brennan advised that with the cutaway from mainframe to the cloud, the system would be down three days. Attorneys could arrange to have amended applications approved if needed.

Chairman Brennan next discussed legislation regarding Insurance Compliance and the Department of Insurance. The Chairman and Mr. Rascia stood ready to testify before the house committee. The move will increase noncompliance efficiency and fraud investigations. The Board and staff also congratulated the Commissioners on their reappointments as well as the new Commissioners on their appointments.

There were no members of the public present via WebEx and no public comment.

Upon no further business, Commissioner Portela moved to adjourn, Commissioner Mathis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:13AM.

