

# MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH ST., ROOM 8-270 CHICAGO, IL

HELD ON January 14, 2020 at 1:30PM

## **Present at the meeting:**

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

## **Present by telephone:**

Commissioner Marc Parker

## **IWCC staff present at the meeting:**

Ronald A. Rascia, General Counsel  
Cole D. Garrett, Deputy General Counsel  
Annette Roti, Confidential Secretary to the Chairman

On January 14, 2020 at 1:30PM, Chairman Michael J. Brennan called the meeting to order. Chairman Brennan called roll and verified a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan advised that draft minutes for a Commission meeting held on December 16, 2019 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 as written. At 1:33 PM, Commissioner Mathis so moved, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 Meeting of the Commission carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan then moved discussion to the proposed rulemaking recently approved by JCAR. Chairman Brennan thanked the Commissioners for their participation in the rulemaking process, extending special thanks to Commissioner Coppoletti and Commissioner Mathis for their participation on the Medical Fee Advisory Board Rulemaking Working Group. Chairman Brennan read a prepared Order to adopt the proposed rulemaking as read by JCAR. Chairman Brennan asked if there was any objection to adopting the Order as written, thus adopting the proposed rulemaking as read. Hearing no objection, Chairman Brennan called for a motion to approve the Order. At 1:39 PM, Commissioner Flores so moved, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the Order carried unanimously.

Chairman Brennan then moved discussion to other business, presenting information to the Commission regarding IWBF payouts and that, to date, 26 cases had been identified as warranting payout. The Chairman advised that this year, with monies available, the Insurance Compliance Division expected to pay out at a rate of 91.4%. Chairman Brennan then presented information regarding the CompFile project, explaining that the portal will go live in February 2020 and that the first documents will be filed in July 2020.

Chairman Brennan asked if any members of the Commission had any other old or new business to discuss. Hearing no other old or new business, Chairman Brennan noted that no members of the public were present at the meeting and that no public comment was offered.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan called for a motion to adjourn. At 1:46PM, Commissioner Coppoletti so moved, Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously.