

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
ROOM 9-036
HELD ON March 29, 2018 at 9:00 AM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratianni
Michael Brennan
L. Elizabeth Coppoletti
Charles DeVriendt
David Gore
Joshua Luskin
Deborah Simpson
Thomas Tyrrell

Present by telephone:

Stephen Mathis

Not Present at the meeting:

Kevin Lamborn

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Keith Brin, Chief of Staff
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman
Cecelia Kasmierski, Assistant General Counsel

Chairman Joann Fratianni called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Commissioner Tyrrell, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 20, 2017.

As there was no old business, Chairman Fratianni addressed new business. Mr. Rascia advised, regarding waivers from lawyers, that there was no need for consent and that the Rules provide that notices can be sent electronically. Mr. Rascia advised that Paul Eric Seal is a candidate for Arbitrator and would be vetted at an upcoming Workers' Compensation Advisory Board meeting.

Chairman Fratianni discussed e-filing of Commission records to the Circuit Courts and advised that the first case had been delivered electronically to Lake County Circuit Court. Keith Brin advised the IWCC uses Tyler, a system for e-filing per state mandate. Mr. Rascia advised that the IWCC may in the future be able to have e-transcripts, which would have cost saving advantages. Chairman Fratianni advised that the architectural phase of the IT project has been completed and the RFP is being completed within the next couple of months. The Chairman advised that she is not involved with the special team which works on the project, but the Commission has been compliant on its end. Round one, has accelerated from 24 months to six months, regarding core functions. Mr. Brin advised that he is working with the consultants during this evaluation period to revamp the website and make it more user friendly.

The Chairman advised that e-scan will cut down on paper file loss and speed up the process. Mr. Brin advised that the IWCC will provide instruction for electronic notices and that attorneys will have to keep their information updated with the Commission. The process for form changes will be addressed. Commissioner Coppoletti advised that e-filing will solve notice issues. Mr. Brin commented that registration will be through the portal with attorneys putting in updated e-mail address information. Mr. Brin advised that there will be additions to mainframe for the email addresses for attorneys and guidance for pro se petitioners. Many changes will be in place this summer that will make things user friendly and add savings. In terms of wi-fi, Mr. Brin advised that the IWCC is waiting for DoIt to perform access point tests, but wi-fi is necessary.

Commissioner Brennan provided information regarding GrupoMed Legal, a for profit group soliciting attorneys and doctors. Discussion was held whether this is appropriate. Mr. Rascia advised that the matter would be reviewed by the legal department.

There was a motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Tyrrell, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.