

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Thursday, November 17, 2022
1:30 p.m.
En Banc Courtroom
1915 N. Stiles Ave.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Chairman Russell

ROLL CALL Chairman Russell

Open Meeting Act Statement

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND VOTE TO APPROVE, DISAPPROVE, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION CONSISTENT WITH COMMISSION AUTHORITY.

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Minutes

The drafted minutes of the October 27, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Commission will be considered for approval.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Independent Medical Examiners and Independent Case Managers

Title 85A O.S. § 112 requires the Workers’ Compensation Commission to create, maintain, and review a list of licensed physicians who shall serve as independent medical examiners (“IME”). The Commission shall, to the best of its ability, include the most experienced and competent physicians in the specific fields of expertise utilized most often in the treatment of injured employees. The period of qualification for physicians shall be two (2) years. Likewise, for case managers, 85A O.S. § 113 requires a list of qualified case managers be developed, maintained and periodically reviewed by the Commission.

The Commission will consider approving the list of physicians and case managers presented at the meeting that have been vetted by the Commission’s Operations Director and recommended to have the applications approved.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Consent Agenda for Travel Vouchers Currently Outstanding

Title 85A O.S. § 23 states, [a]ny Commissioner or employee of the Commission shall be entitled to receive his or her necessary traveling expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement

Act. The expenses shall be certified by the person who incurred them and shall be allowed and paid on presentation of vouchers approved by the Commission.” In accordance with this section, the Commission will consider a vote to approve the currently outstanding vouchers.

All travel vouchers listed within this Consent Agenda have been made available to each Commissioner prior to today’s meeting, are considered routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Commission. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted upon separately.

4. **Request to Reduce Security Deposit for Ryder System Inc., Own Risk Permit #16255 and Possible Action to Approve**

Ryder System Inc., own risk permit #16255, was a self-insured employer in the Own Risk program until May 1, 2008. They have petitioned the Commission to reduce the Company’s security deposit on file. The Commission currently holds a \$1,000,000 Surety Bond, issued by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as security deposit. They are requesting a reduction of their security deposit to \$400,000. The company currently has outstanding claims totaling \$322,310.

The Company has complied with Commission Rule 810:25-9-19.

5. **Request to Reduce Security Deposit for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Own Risk Permit #337 and Possible Action to Approve**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, own risk permit #337, was a self-insured employer in the Own Risk program until June 1, 2011. They have petitioned the Commission to reduce the Company’s security deposit on file. The Commission currently holds a \$3,000,000 letter of credit, as security deposit. They are requesting a reduction of their security deposit to \$2,000,000. The company currently has two outstanding claims totaling \$1,740,421.

The Company has complied with Commission Rule 810:25-9-19.

6. **Commission Review of the FY2024 Multiple Injury Trust Fund (“MITF”) Administration Expenses and Possible Action to Reject Administration Expenses or Take No Action pursuant to 85A O.S. § 31(S)**

7. **Discussion and Approval of Dates for the Dual Physician Advisory Committee’s 2023 Regular Business Meetings**

In accordance with 25 O.S. § 311, the Commission is required to provide written notice to the Secretary of State by December 15 of each calendar year of the date, time, and place of its regularly scheduled meetings for the following calendar year. The Commission will consider scheduling the following dates for its 2023 dual physician advisory committee meeting schedule:

Dual PAC Meetings

Fridays – 2:00 p.m.

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April 7, 2023

September 8, 2023

June 2, 2023

November 3, 2023

8. **New Business**

“[A]ny matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting.” 25 O.S. § 311.

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Russell