

OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2022 1:30 P.M.

STATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Notice of this Regular Business Meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 3:34 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

The agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. It was posted on the Commission website and at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Commission's principal office.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2022, REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The members of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., 1st floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 17, 2022.

Members present: Chairman Jordan Russell, Commissioner Megan Tilly, and Commissioner Scott Biggs.

Others Present: Andrea Delling, WCC; Ian Steedman, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; James Lawson, WCC; Tava Jones, WCC.

Chairman Russell expressed appreciation for those in attendance. After the roll was taken, Chairman Russell found a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Minutes

The minutes of the October 27, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Commission were considered for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Commissioner Biggs

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

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

The Commission reviewed the list of IME and case manager applicants vetted by the Commissions Operations Director.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the proposed list of IME and case manager applicants.

Second: Commissioner Biggs

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

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

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the consent agenda for vouchers, except for those of D. Esparza.

Second: Commissioner Biggs

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

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. They are requesting a reduction of their security deposit to \$400,000.

Director James Lawson presented.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to accept the recommendation and reduce the security deposit as requested.

Second: Commissioner Tilly

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

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. They are requesting a reduction of their security deposit to \$2,000,000.

Director James Lawson presented.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to reduce the security deposit per the recommendation.

Second: Commissioner Biggs

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

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)

Andrea Delling was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission. She shared that the MITF operating budget presented is similar to FY23, with the exception of moving expenses.

No action taken.

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

The Commission reviewed a proposed set of dates for 2023 PAC regular meeting dates on April 7, June 2, September 8, and November 3, all to be held on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission En Banc Courtroom.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to accept the dates as proposed.

Second: Commissioner Tilly.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

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.

The Commission reviewed the reimbursement claim from D. Esparza for courtroom interpreter exam and registration. The reimbursement paperwork was finalized and presented to the Commission after the posting of this meeting notice.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the language reimbursement.

Second: Commissioner Tilly.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

Chairman Russell presented a Denver N. Davison building security staffing updated based on a meeting earlier in the day.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Jordan Russell

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Tilly

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.