

**OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2023 10:30 A.M.**

STATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Notice of this Special Business Meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office on January 13, 2023, at 8:06 a.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 JANUARY 18, 2023 SPECIAL 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 January 18, 2023.

Members present: Chairman Jordan Russell and Commissioner Scott Biggs.

Member absent: Commissioner Megan Tilly.

Others Present: Andrea Delling, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; and Alexander Watkins, 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 10:30 a.m.

1. Proposed Executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) to discuss and vote on the employment, demotion, disciplining, or termination of the Commission's Permitting Division Director and the possible hiring of an interim Permitting Division Director.

a. Motion and vote to enter into Executive Session.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to enter into Executive Session.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried

b. Discussion in Executive Session. The Commission discussed the topics stated in this agenda item.

c. Motion and vote to reconvene in Open Session.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to reconvene in Open Session.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried

d. Motion and possible vote on any action regarding subjects of the proposed Executive Session.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved that the Commission take immediate action, and immediately terminate the employment of the Permitting Services Director, Mr. Lawson, for violation of WCC Policy Number: WCC-9, Harassment Free Workplace Policy.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved that the Commission appoint Sharon Smith interim Permitting Division Director to be reviewed at the January 27, 2023 business meeting as another agenda item.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Jordan Russell

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.