REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Thursday, June 15, 2023
2:00 p.m.
En Banc Courtroom
1915 N. Stiles Ave.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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AGENDA

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 May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Commission will be considered for approval.

2. <u>Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Consent Agenda for Travel Vouchers Currently Outstanding and Continuing Education Reimbursement for Compliance Investigator Esparza</u>

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 and one reimbursement 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.

3. <u>Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Independent Medical Examiners and Independent Case Managers</u>

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 for approval.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Commission's FY2024 Operating Budget

The Commission will discuss and consider approval of its FY2024 Operating Budget, as proposed.

5. <u>Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Bid Quotation and Requisition with Russell Interiors to Replace the Window Blinds in the Renovated Areas of Floors 1 and 2 in the Denver Davison Building.</u>

The Commission will discuss and consider approving the proposed bid quotation and the corresponding requisition between the Commission and Russell Interiors for new manual window blinds throughout the newly renovated 1st and 2nd floors of the Denver Davison Building. The base bid quotation is \$28,180 plus a contingency of \$2800 for a bid total of \$30,980. The actual installation work and expenditure will be incurred in FY2024.

6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Commission's 2022 Annual Report

Pursuant to 85A O.S. § 101(A), on or before the first day of July each year the Commission shall prepare, make public, and submit a report for the prior calendar year to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the Legislature. The report shall contain a statement of the number of awards made and the causes of the accidents leading to the injuries for which the awards were made, total work load data of the administrative law judges, including a detailed report of the work load and judgments written by each judge, a detailed statement of the expenses of the Commission, together with any other matter which the Commission deems proper to report.

In addition, 85A O.S. § 25 directs the Commission to publish annually, on an aggregate basis, information pertaining to the distribution of workers' compensation insurance premiums, losses, expenses, and net income to be compiled from reports required to be filed with the Insurance Commissioner or any similar information required to be filed by the Insurance Commissioner regarding workers' compensation insurance. The Commission shall also publish in the annual report information regarding aggregate workers' compensation benefit distribution to claimants, medical providers, and attorneys, if available.

7. CaseOK Update and Discussion

8. Legislative Update and Discussion

9. 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