

OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2020, 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 on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 4:22 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2020 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The members of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., 2nd floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 16, 2020.

Members present: Chairman Mark Liotta and Commissioner Jordan Russell.

Member absent: Commissioner Tilly

Others Present: Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; Hopper Smith, WCC; Alexander Watkins, WCC; James Lawson, WCC; Ian Steedman, WCC.

Chairman Liotta expressed appreciation for those in attendance. After the roll was taken, he announced the presence of a quorum. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The drafted minutes of the June 30, 2020, Special Meeting of the Commission were considered for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 Special Business Meeting.

Second: Commissioner Liotta.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta and Commissioner Russell.

The motion carried.

2. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of 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.

The Commission discussed and considered approval of the 2019 Annual Report as presented at the meeting.

Lauren Hammonds Johnson was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

Chairman Liotta stated that he would like to revisit and update the statute to make annual reports more meaningful.

Motion: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the 2019 Annual Report.

Second: Commissioner Liotta.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta and Commissioner Russell.

The motion carried.

3. Discussion and Consideration of Commission Policies

The Commission will discuss and consider adopting and/or modifying the Commission's policy WCC-14 – Workplace Violence and Anti-Bullying Policy.

Motion: Commissioner Russell moved to continue this item to the next business meeting.

Second: Commissioner Liotta.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta and Commissioner Russell.

The motion carried.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Operation of the Workers' Compensation Commission and Agency Concerns Related to COVID-19**

Commissioner Russell informed the Commission of the development of guidelines and procedures relating to COVID-19 exposure of employees and/or their families.

Commissioner Liotta stated that the judges have expanded their in-person contested hearings to the first and second floor. This is a step towards reopening all court rooms for Administrative Law Judges when appropriate.

No action was taken.

5. **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.

There was no new business.

6. **Announcements**

The Commission's next appeals meeting is on Friday, July 31, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. The Commission's next Dual SIGFB Meeting is on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The Commission's next regular business meeting is on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Mark Liotta

Motion: Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Liotta.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta and Commissioner Russell.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.