

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

Thursday, July 20, 2023
2:00 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 June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Commission will be considered for approval.

2. 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 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. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve, Modify, or Cancel the Contract with Lowery and Associates

Lowery and Associates are in the 4th of a 5-year contract with the Commission for Court Reporters for Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The company proposed a substantial price increase in the hourly rate, commencing immediately. The Commission will consider approving the rate increase or possible other action, such as giving notice to cancel the contract and going out for bid through the RFP process.

4. **Request and Possible Action to Approve the Distribution of Surplus Monies to Members of the Metropolitan Health Care Self Insured Group (#75220)**

Rule 810:25-11-10 of the Workers’ Compensation Commission provides that any distributions of surplus funds back to the members of a group self-insurance association shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commission.

The Metropolitan Health Care Self Insured Group (“the Group”) has requested to make a partial distribution in the amount of \$647,100.00. The distribution will be payable from the surplus of the following fiscal fund years.

PLAN YEAR	CURRENT DISTRIBUTION REQUEST AMOUNT
2013-14	\$71,900.00
2014-15	\$71,900.00
2015-16	\$71,900.00
2016-17	\$71,900.00
2017-18	\$71,900.00
2018-19	\$71,900.00
2019-20	\$71,900.00
2020-21	\$71,900.00
2021-22	\$71,900.00

The Group has submitted the most recent audited financial statements and actuarial review, as of March 2023 & May 2023 respectively, as part of their request.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Applications for Appointment as Certified Workers’ Compensation Mediator**

Title 85A O.S. § 110 tasks the Commission with certifying individuals who are eligible and qualified to serve as mediators. An individual may be certified as a mediator if the applicants meets the qualifications as required by the Commission in Section 110.

The Commission will consider the certified mediator application presented at the meeting, which has been vetted by the Legal Operations Director and recommended for approval.

6. **CaseOK Update and Discussion**

7. **Discussion on 2024 Medical Fee Schedule Update**

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