



STATE OF OKLAHOMA

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

of the

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

for the
February 21, 2017
Special Public Meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
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The members of the Workers' Compensation Commission for the state of Oklahoma met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on February 21, 2017.

Members present: Chairman Robert Gilliland, Commissioner Mark Liotta and Commissioner Jordan Russell. Others in attendance on behalf of the Commission: Kim Bailey, Eric Russell, Erin Butler and Tiffany Pratt.

Chairman Gilliland expressed appreciation for those in attendance and stated that the Commission would hear comments from the public on the proposed changes to the permanent rules and forms. After the roll was taken, he announced the presence of a quorum and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act was read. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Gilliland stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments for the Commission's permanent rules and forms. He noted that the Commission submitted its Notices of Rulemaking Intent to the Secretary of State, Office of Administrative Rules on December 22, 2016. The Notices of Rulemaking Intent were accepted and published in the Oklahoma Register on January 17, 2017.

The Commission's thirty (30) day comment period ran from January 17, 2017 through February 16, 2017. The Commission solicited comments from the public, including comments via email at rules@wcc.ok.gov, and the agency received numerous comments which assist in this process.

Chairman Gilliland noted that no questions would be taken during this time, only comments. He expressed that the Commission was there to hear from the public, and gave instructions for speakers to state their name and organization before making their comments.

1. Speaker: Dean Lott, Brawner, Lott and Associates, stated he had two separate comments to make regarding Independent Medical Examiners. The first regarding depositions, which party should pay the cost to the Independent Medical Examiner. Second, regarding whether a Physician's Assistant can see injured workers in place of Independent Medical Examiner.

No questions were presented to Mr. Lott by the Commissioners.

Chairman Gilliland expressed appreciation to all who attended and those who worked tirelessly on the proposed changes to rules and forms including Lindsey Christopher, Eric Russell, and Kim Bailey.

Chairman Gilliland also explained that the Commission would be considering public comment on the proposed rules and forms until March 20, 2017. He encouraged those in attendance to submit any suggested changes in writing for consideration because at the Commission public meeting in March, the proposed rules and forms will be adopted with or without revision.

Announcement

Chairman Gilliland announced that the Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 16, 2017.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Liotta.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Commissioner Liotta, Commissioner Russell and Chairman Gilliland.

The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.