

# **WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES

of the

# WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

for the

January 11, 2018

Regular Public Meeting

#### STATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE

Notice of this Regular Meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 9:05 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 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

The members of the Workers' Compensation Commission for the State of Oklahoma met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on January 11, 2018.

Members present: Chairman Liotta, Commissioner Russell, and Commissioner Tilly.

Others Present: Tish Sommer, WCC; Dr. Jay Canon, WCC; Clif Cypert, WCC; Dana Esparza, WCC; and Alisha Davidson, Compsource Mutual Insurance Company.

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.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Liotta presented the minutes of the December 21, 2017 public meeting for approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2017 public meeting.

**Second:** Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta, Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Tilly.

#### The motion carried.

#### 1. Discussion and Consideration of Current Commission Policies

The Commission discussed and considered the following current Commission policies to determine if any updates are necessary: (a) Tobacco Free Environment Policy; and (b) WCC Employee Election Season Policy. Clif Cypert, was recognized, reported, and gave a recommendation.

**Motion:** Commissioner Tilly moved to: (a) table the WCC Employee Election Season Policy; and (b) adopt the Tobacco Free Environment Policy without modification as recommended by Clif Cypert.

**Second:** Commissioner Russell.

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

#### The motion carried.

#### 2. Consent Agenda for Travel Vouchers Currently Outstanding

85A O.S. § 23 states any 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 considered a vote to approve the currently outstanding vouchers.

**Motion:** Commissioner Russell moved to approve the travel vouchers as proposed.

**Second:** Commissioner Tilly.

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

#### The motion carried.

## 3. <u>Discussion and Consideration of Revision of the Current Workers'</u> <u>Compensation Medical Fee Schedule</u>

Title 85A O.S., § 50(H)(1) states the Commission shall conduct a review of the Fee Schedule every two (2) years. The Commission discussed and considered whether it will move forward with revising the current medical fee schedule this legislative session. Chairman Liotta reported on the Commission's efforts and stated the current recommendation is to make minimal, structural, foundational updates to the schedule, including coding updates, with the assistance of a vendor pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP).

**Motion:** Commissioner Tilly moved to table this agenda item.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

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

The motion carried.

### 4. Legislative Update Report

Commissioner Russell gave a report on legislative meetings and legislation affecting the Commission. There was no action taken on this agenda item.

5. Possible Executive Session Pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for the purpose of discussing the hiring, salary or employment of Candidate A, Candidate B, Candidate C, Candidate D, Candidate E, Candidate F, Candidate G, Candidate H, Candidate I, Candidate J, Candidate K, Candidate L, Candidate M, Candidate N, Candidate O, Candidate P, or Candidate Q for the position of Executive Director.

#### A. Motion and Vote to:

Go into Executive Session under Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for purposes of discussing the hiring, salary or employment of Candidates listed in Agenda Item 5 for the position of Executive Director.

**Motion:** Commissioner Tilly made a motion to go into Executive Session.

**Second:** Commissioner Russell.

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

The motion carried.

#### B. Motion and Vote to Reconvene in Open Session

**Motion:** Commissioner Tilly moved to reconvene in Open Session.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

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

The motion carried. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

#### 6. Announcements

The Commission's next meeting is a regular appeals hearing scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2018.

# ADJOURNMENT......Chairman Liotta

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.