

OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M.

STATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Notice of this Regular Business Meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

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MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2024, REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The members of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., in the En Banc Courtroom, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on May 16, 2024.

Members present: Chairman Jordan Russell, Commissioner Megan Tilly, and Commissioner Scott Biggs.

Others Present: Ian Steedman, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; Sharon Smith, WCC; Tava Jones, WCC; and Alexander Watkins, WCC

Chairman Russell expressed appreciation for those in attendance. After the roll was taken, Chairman Russell found a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Minutes

The drafted minutes of the April 18, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Commission were considered for approval.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

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 were made available to each Commissioner prior to the 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.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the travel vouchers presented. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

3. **Request and Possible Action to Release Security Deposit for Jackson County Memorial Hospital, Own Risk Permit #14970**

Jackson County Memorial Hospital left the self-insured Own Risk program on July 1, 2015. The commission currently holds a \$100,000.00 Letter of Credit issued by Shamrock Bank, N.A. as a security deposit. They have petitioned the Commission to release their collateral in full.

Jackson County Memorial Hospital has complied with Commission Rule 810:25-9-19.

Sharon Smith was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Biggs moved to fully release the security deposit for Jackson Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Applications for Appointment as a Certified Workers’ Compensation Mediators**

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 meet the qualifications as required by the Commission in Section 110.

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

Applicant names:

Trey Kouri

Mark Duvall

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the certified mediator applications. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

5. **Legislative Update and Discussion**

Commissioner Biggs presented and answered questions of the Commission.

No action was taken.

6. **Update and Discussion on CaseOK**

Ian Steedman was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

No action was taken.

7. **Update and Discussion on the WCC Annual Conference**

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

No action was taken.

8. **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.

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Russell

Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.