

OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 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 JUNE 20, 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 June 20, 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; Andrea Delling, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; Erin Butler, WCC; Alexander Watkins, WCC; Timmye Porter, CEC; and Cindy Sims, Metropolitan Health Care Self Insured Group.

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 May 16, 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 considered 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 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”) requested to make a partial distribution in the amount of \$716,604.00. The distribution was payable from the surplus of the fiscal fund years as follows. \$102,372.00 from each of the contract years from 2014 – 2016 and 2019 - 2022.

The Group submitted the most recent audited financial statements and actuarial review, as of May 13, 2024, as part of their request.

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

Commissioner Tilly moved to approve distribution in the amount of \$716,604.00. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Commission’s FY2025 Operating Budget**

The Commission discussed and considered approval of its FY2025 Operating Budget, as proposed.

Andrea Delling was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the FY2025 operating budget. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2023 WCC 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.

In addition, 85A O.S. § 25 directs the Commission to publish annually, on an aggregate basis, information pertaining to the distribution of workers' compensation insurance premiums, losses, expenses, and net income to be compiled from reports required to be filed with the Insurance Commissioner or any similar information required to be filed by the Insurance Commissioner regarding workers' compensation insurance. The Commission shall also publish in the annual report information regarding aggregate workers' compensation benefit distribution to claimants, medical providers, and attorneys, if available.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the 2023 WCC Annual Report. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution Regarding the Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Own Risk Program Succession**

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

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

The motion carried.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Interagency Agreement with the Oklahoma Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the performance of certain administrative duties and shared costs with the Oklahoma Court of Existing Claims.**

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

Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the interagency agreement with amendments recommended by General Counsel. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

8. **Update and Discussion on New WCC Website**

Collin Fowler was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

No action was taken.

9. **Update and Discussion on the 2024 WCC Annual Conference**

Collin Fowler was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

No action was taken.

10. **Update and Discussion on CaseOK**

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

No action was taken.

11. **Legislative Update and Discussion**

Commissioner Biggs presented and answered questions of the Commission.

No action was taken.

12. **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 Tilly moved to adjourn. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye:
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The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.