

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
COMMISSION REVIEW BOARD MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2012 at 10:00 AM**

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Mitch Weisz
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Arbitrator Milton Black
Commissioner David Gore
Robert Hanaford
Arbitrator Douglas Holland

Participating via Teleconference were:

Velisha Haddox

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Carolyn Parks, Executive Director of the Commission
Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission
Darrell Widen, Deputy General Counsel
Lola Dada-Olley, Deputy General Counsel
Ron Rascia, General Counsel

Chairman Mitch Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Commissioner Basurto, seconded by Mr. Hanaford, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from meetings held on September 9, 2011.

Carolyn Parks then presented a document detailing the procedures for handling complaints that she receives from various sources and how those complaints should be reviewed and brought to the attention of the Review Board.

General Counsel Ron Rascia then provided a report to the Board regarding two complaints from Louis Peach and Ronald Parker that were received by Carolyn Parks and forwarded to the IWCC Legal Department for a determination of whether the complaints fell under the jurisdiction of the Commission Review Board. For both cases, Mr. Rascia stated that these cases were not under the jurisdiction of the Board, which is defined in the Commission's Administrative Rules. Further, the Board did not have an adequate remedy within its statutory powers to address these to complaints.

There was a motion by Arbitrator Holland, Seconded by Arbitrator Black, and unanimously carried to adopt the recommendation of Mr. Rascia and the legal department. Letters will be sent to the two complainants informing them of this determination.

Carolyn Parks then summarized some of the other communications that she had received since the Commission Review Board's last meeting. In total, she had received 39 letters, a majority of which contained issues about attorneys and the workers' compensation system in general. For future practice, Chairman Weisz recommended

that whenever Ms. Parks received communications with complaints, she should forward them to the IWCC Legal Department for a determination of whether (1) the complaint is within the jurisdiction of the Review Board; (2) the complaint should be forwarded to the IARDC; (3) the complaint should be presented to the Commission Review Board for a vote by the Board as to whether to further investigate these claims.

IWCC Secretary Kim Janas then informed the Board of their obligation under Public Act 97-504 to complete the Open Meetings Act training on the Attorney General's Website. Ms. Janas stated that she would email all members of the Board with a copy of the Public Act, as well as the link to the Attorney General's website. The Board was informed that once they complete the training, they should forward the certificate of completion to Ms. Janas.

There was a motion by Arbitrator Black, seconded by Commissioner Gore, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.