



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

A meeting of the Workers' Compensation Commission Advisory Board was held on April 12, 2021 through Microsoft Teams. The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Chairman Michael Riley, presiding; Rocco Calo, Gregory Nokes, Ross Hollander, Michael Dimenstein and Karen Welch. The following members were excused: David Lucas.

Present from the Workers' Compensation Commission was Chairman Stephen Morelli and Richard Eighme.

1. Opening Remarks

Chairman Riley opened the meeting and thanked everyone for being in attendance. He expressed appreciation for everyone's patience during the pandemic.

2. Chairman's Update

Chairman Morelli explained how WCC has been operating throughout the pandemic. He discussed some of the significant staff changes that have taken place and are anticipated to take place, as more and more state employees retire.

Chairman Morelli provided a brief update on the district offices, computer system project, advisory panels and budget process. The Governor's budget did not propose closing a WCC office as has been proposed in the past.

Rocco Calo discussed some of the potential issues he has seen with COVID-19 medical costs being shifted to group insurance.

3. Other Business

Chairman Morelli provided an overview of the process and frequency to which a physician is removed from being able to participate in workers' compensation.

There was discussion on when the next meeting should be held and if members would feel comfortable doing it in-person.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M.