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STATE OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Workers' Compensation Commission Advisory Board was held on September 11th, 2023, in the Workers' Compensation Commission's CRB Hearing Room, 21 Oak Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting convened at 10:07 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Chairperson Michael Riley, presiding; Ross Hollander, Gregory B. Nokes, Brooke Foley, Kyle Zimmer (via Microsoft Teams), and Robert Ziobrowski.

Present from the Workers' Compensation Commission were Chairperson Stephen Morelli, Marie Gallo-Hall, Terri Miro (via Microsoft Teams), Selena Almedina and Richard Eighme.

Present from the public was Justin Moulton.

Rocco Calo was excused while doing business out-of-state.

I. Opening Remarks

Chairperson Riley welcomed everyone present.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 6th, 2023, advisory board meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. Discussion of Public Hearings for 2024 Administrative Law Judge Reappointments

Members discussed the Public Hearing that will be held on November 6th, 2023, regarding the recommendations of the reappointments of Administrative Law Judges Pedro E. Segarra and Toni M. Fatone.

A motion for members to enter an executive session to discuss the evaluations of Administrative Law Judges Pedro E. Segarra and Toni M. Fatone was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Members convened in executive session.

IV. Chairperson's Update

Members adjourned the executive session, and the regular meeting was reconvened.

Chairperson Morelli provided an update on personnel including filling 5 vacant positions and the need to fill 2 additional vacant positions. Chairperson Morelli discussed information technology matters including the launch

of the GovQA information request system, DAS BITS potentially hiring an additional IT analyst and finalizing the yearly benefit rate tables. He also announced that Employer/Respondent's Medical Examination (RME) fees were increased to \$850 pursuant to Chairperson's Memorandum 2023-02 effective June 1st, 2023. Marie Gallo-Hall provided an update on legislation passed during the 2023 legislative session including Public Act 23-35, Public Act 23-80 and Public Act 23-204.

V. Other Business

Chairperson Riley reminded members that a quorum would be necessary at the November 6th, 2023, meeting for the advisory board to vote on administrative law judge reappointment recommendations.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.