



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Judges' Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2024

The following Judges were in attendance: Stephen M. Morelli, Chairperson, Scott A. Barton, Peter C. Mlynarczyk, Jodi Murray Gregg, Daniel E. Dilzer, David W. Schoolcraft, Brenda D. Jannotta, Carolyn M. Colangelo, William J. Watson III, Maureen E. Driscoll, Pedro E. Segarra, Soline M. Oslena, Zachary M. Delaney, Shanique D. Fenlator, and Benjamin Blake.

The following Workers' Compensation Commission staff were in attendance: Marie Gallo-Hall, Madeleine Lemieux, Vincent Flynn, Terri Miro, Selena Almedina, and Richard Eighme.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Stephen M. Morelli at 9:30 AM.

I. Introductions

Chairperson Morelli called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

II. Items for Review:

• **Commission Exams**

Chairperson Morelli discussed the use of Commission Medical exams and deposition requests of CME doctors.

• **Utilization Review**

Chairperson Morelli discussed utilization review and managed care plans.

• **Attorneys' Costs**

Chairperson Morelli discussed requests for costs from Claimant's Counsel and requesting documentation or itemization if appropriate.

• **Decisions**

Chairperson Morelli discussed the timely writing of decisions.

• **Post-Judgement Motions**

Chairperson Morelli discussed ruling on post-judgement motions.

- **Mediations**
Chairperson Morelli discussed the suspension of the Mediation program.
- **Professional Image Statement**
Chairperson Morelli explained the recent guidance from HR on appropriate attire in WCC offices.
- **District Office Visits**
Chairperson Morelli announced that Marie Gallo-Hall and Terri Miro would be visiting each district office to meet with staffs and provide tutorials when appropriate.
- **Personnel Updates**
Chairperson Morelli provided updates on personnel matters including a new District Administrator in New Haven, new Office Assistants in Stamford, and several vacancies.
- **IT Updates**
Chairperson Morelli provided updates on IT matters including the ongoing computer refresh project, the DAS hiring of a new IT Analyst position for WCC, and continued work on WCC's legacy computer system, WCS.
- **Legislative Updates**
Chairman Morelli and Marie Gallo-Hall provided updates on the 2024 Legislative Session and discussed proposed legislation related to workers' compensation including HB 5264, HB 5279, SB 332, HB 5386, and HB 5325. Chairperson Morelli discussed upcoming changes to Form 30C and 30D based on Public Act No. 22-139 and Public Act No. 23-204.

III. Other Business and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27am.