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## STATE OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

# **Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**

September 3, 2021

9:30 AM – Office of the Chairman

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Stephen M. Morelli, Chairman, Charles F. Senich, Michelle D. Truglia, Scott A. Barton, Peter C. Mlynarczyk, Daniel E. Dilzer, David W. Schoolcraft, Brenda D. Jannotta, Carolyn M. Colangelo, Maureen E. Driscoll, Pedro E. Segarra, Toni M. Fatone and Soline M. Oslena.

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

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

#### I. Introductions

Chairman Morelli welcomed everyone present. He introduced WCC's new Fiscal/ Administrative Supervisor, Frank Calvi.

## II. Items for Review:

#### 1. 2022 CRB Panelists

Chairman Morelli announced that the 2022 CRB Panelists would be Daniel E. Dilzer and Carolyn M. Colangelo.

## 2. Stipulation Approvals

Commissioners discussed the stipulation approval checklist in regard to liens.

#### 3. Hearing Attendance

Commissioners discussed the hearing attendance of insurers and third-party administrators.

#### 4. Office Security

Chairman Morelli discussed meeting with DAS regarding office security.

## 5. Telephonic Hearings

Commissioners discussed the use of telephonic hearings under certain COVID-19 related circumstances.

## 6. Vaccinations

Chairman Morelli referenced Executive Order 13D which requires all State employees to be vaccinated by September 27, 2021, or submit weekly COVID-19 tests. He explained that further guidance would be released by DAS.

# 7. Information Technology Updates

Chairman Morelli discussed WCC's electronic modernization goals and progress.

## 8. District Updates

Chairman Morelli discussed the logistics of the Middletown office move.

# 9. Personnel Updates

Chairman Morelli provided an update on various personnel matters.

# **10. Budget/ Legislative Update**

Chairman Morelli discussed changes in anticipation of Commissioner's title change to Administrative Law Judge effective October 1, 2021. He also announced that Commissioner Jannotta is up for renomination next year.

# III. Other Business and Adjournment

Commissioners discussed the Governor's Executive Orders regarding COVID-19 in the context of workers' compensation claim adjudication.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.