



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

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Benjamin Blake

Judges' Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2023

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, Willam J. Watson III, Maureen E. Driscoll, Pedro E. Segarra, Toni M. Fatone, Soline M. Oslena, Zachary M. Delaney, Shanique D. Fenlator, Benjamin Blake and Nancy Bonuomo.

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:

1. Attorney's fees

Chairperson Morelli discussed the increase from 20% to 25% for contingency fees related to the representation of claimants in the workers' compensation forum effective January 1st, 2024 (see [MEMORANDUM NO. 2023-09](#)). The Chairperson made it clear that the increase in allowable fees shall not be applied retroactively and no renegotiation or amendments to prior executed fee agreements will be permitted.

2. Sedgwick Update

Chairperson Morelli provided an update on Sedgwick claims and a meeting that is scheduled.

3. Withdrawals of Representation

Chairperson Morelli discussed the handling of withdrawals of representation.

4. Stipulations

Chairperson Morelli discussed appropriate settlement amount discussions.

5. Hearings

Chairperson Morelli discussed appropriate times to schedule further hearings.

6. Commission Exams

Chairperson Morelli discussed the Commission's policy and procedure for CMEs.

7. PAs

Chairperson Morelli asked the Judges if they were seeing any issues with claimants seeing PAs over physicians.

8. District Moves

Chairperson Morelli announced that a few Judges would be moving to new offices starting in March 2024.

9. Judge's Mileage

Chairperson Morelli announced that Judges would be able to seek mileage reimbursement starting in 2024. He discussed the policy and procedure.

10. Personnel Updates

Chairperson Morelli provided an update on personnel matters.

11. IT Updates

Chairperson Morelli discussed the various IT projects WCC is working on in collaboration with DAS BITS and announced that the hiring process had been started for a new IT Analyst 2 position.

III. Executive Session

A motion for Judges to enter an executive session to discuss additional personnel matters and claim litigation was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business and Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.