



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Judges' Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023

The following Judges were in attendance: Stephen M. Morelli, Chairperson, 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, 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 welcomed everyone present and thanked them for being in attendance.

II. Items for Review:

1. Medical Records and Authorizations

Chairperson Morelli discussed medical records and the updated medical authorization form.

2. Medical Provider Issues

Chairperson Morelli discussed how issues with medical providers should be handled.

3. Decisions

Chairperson Morelli discussed the timeliness of decisions.

4. Stipulation Hearings

Chairperson Morelli discussed stipulation hearing preparedness and circumstances in which informal hearings may be converted into stipulation hearings.

5. Interpreters

Chairperson Morelli discussed the preferred qualifications for interpreters at hearings.

6. Staff Testimony

Chairperson Morelli and Marie Gallo-Hall discussed the procedure when WCC staff or ALJs are subpoenaed to testify on workers' compensation claims.

7. Security

Chairperson Morelli discussed security matters.

8. Attendance

Judges were reminded of attendance policies.

9. Personnel Updates

Chairperson Morelli provided an update on personnel matters.

10. IT Updates

Chairperson Morelli discussed the various IT projects WCC is working on in collaboration with DAS BITS.

III. Other Business and Adjournment

Chairperson Morelli announced that the Advisory Board will be holding public hearings on November 6th on recommendations for the renomination of Administrative Law Judges Fatone and Segarra.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am.