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Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Workers' Compensation Commission Advisory Board was held on November 14, 2022, 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: Chairman Michael Riley, presiding; Rocco Calo, Ross Hollander Gregory Nokes, Brooke Foley, and Robert Ziobrowski. Kyle Zimmer was doing business out-of-state and joined telephonically.

Present from the Workers' Compensation Commission were Chairman Stephen Morelli, Judge David W. Schoolcraft, Judge Carolyn M. Colangelo, Judge William J. Watson, III, Judge Maureen E. Driscoll, Marie Gallo-Hall, Terri Miro, and Richard Eighme.

Present from the public were Attorney Nathan Shafner, Attorney Megan Lyon, Attorney Kenneth Katz and, Justin Moulton.

1. Opening Remarks

Chairman Riley welcomed everyone present. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting.

3. Public Hearing for 2023 Legislative Reappointments of:

Public comment was made by Attorney Nathan Shafner, Attorney Megan Lyon, and Attorney Kenneth Katz. During those public comments, those testifying contended that Judge Michelle Truglia does not have the judicial temperament to appropriately hear claims. They also contended that Judge Truglia's actions reflected her personal biases and a lack of fairness. Finally, it was noted that, in the Tuba case, Judge Truglia inserted her own personal policy positions into the situation despite an agreement having already been reached between the parties.

- **Administrative Law Judge David W. Schoolcraft**

Judge David W. Schoolcraft introduced himself and provided members an overview of his background and why he is seeking renomination. Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

- **Administrative Law Judge Carolyn M. Colangelo**

Judge Carolyn M. Colangelo introduced herself and provided members an overview of her background and why she is seeking renomination. Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

- **Administrative Law Judge William J. Watson III**

Judge William J. Watson, III introduced himself and provided members an overview of his background and why he is seeking renomination. Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

- **Administrative Law Judge Maureen E. Driscoll**

Judge Maureen E. Driscoll introduced herself and provided members an overview of her background and why she is seeking renomination. Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

4. Executive Session

A motion for members to enter an executive session to discuss the recommendation of reappointments for Administrative Law Judges David W. Schoolcraft, Carolyn M. Colangelo, William J. Watson, III, Maureen E. Driscoll, Jodi Murray Gregg, Michelle D. Truglia, Daniel E. Dilzer and Chairman Stephen M. Morelli was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

5. Formal Vote

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

Ross Hollander made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Judge David W. Schoolcraft as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Rocco Calo and passed unanimously.

Rocco Calo made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Judge Carolyn M. Colangelo as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Ross Hollander and passed unanimously.

Brooke Foley made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Judge William J. Watson, III, as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Robert Ziobrowski and passed unanimously.

Gregory Nokes made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Judge Maureen E. Driscoll as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Rocco Calo and passed unanimously.

Rocco Calo made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Judge Jodi Murray Gregg as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Brooke Foley and passed unanimously.

Ross Hollander made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Michelle D. Truglia as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Kyle Zimmer. The motion failed with a vote of 0 in favor, 6 opposed. The Advisory Board therefore had no recommendation on the reappointment.

Rocco Calo made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Judge Daniel E. Dilzer as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Ross Hollander and passed unanimously.

Rocco Calo made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Chairman Stephen M. Morelli as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Brooke Foley and passed unanimously.

6. Chairman's Update

Chairman Morelli stated that all of the Administrative Law Judges, including those seeking renomination, have performed their duties during the lengths of their appointments and are reliable. From that perspective, the Chairman advised that he did not have any complaints about any of the judges. Furthermore, the Chairman noted that the Commission is functioning very well.

Chairman Morelli provided an update on personnel matters. He acknowledged the work and dedication of Agency Legal Director, Marie Gallo-Hall.

7. Other Business

- **Contact Information of Members**

Members were asked to provide Rich Eighme with any updated contact information.

- **2023 Meeting Dates**

The tentative 2023 meeting dates for the Advisory Board will be January 9th, June 12th, September 11th, and November 6th.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.