



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Workers' Compensation Commission Advisory Board was held on September 9, 2024, in the Workers' Compensation Commission's CRB Hearing Room, 21 Oak Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting convened at 10:02 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Chairperson Michael Riley, presiding; Rocco Calo, Ross Hollander, Robert Ziobrowski, Brooke Foley, and Kyle Zimmer via Microsoft Teams.

Present from the Workers' Compensation Commission were Chairperson Stephen Morelli, Marie Gallo-Hall, Selena Almedina, and Richard Eighme.

Present from the Public was Justin Moulton of NCCI.

I. Opening Remarks

Chairperson Riley welcomed everyone present and discussed the public hearing process.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 3, 2024, advisory board meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. Public Hearing Regarding the 2025 Reappointment of Administrative Law Judge Soline M. Oslena

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

IV. Executive Session

A motion for members to enter an executive session to discuss the recommendation of reappointment for Administrative Law Judge Soline M. Oslena was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

V. Formal Vote

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

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

VI. WCC Chairperson's Update

- Annual Administrative Report

Chairperson Morelli discussed WCC's annual administrative report which was distributed to members. He highlighted some new data in the report, including that 4,523 information and record requests had been received and completed through the GovQA platform and 64,040 Proof of coverage searches had been completed through the coverage verification service during fiscal year 2024.

- Personnel Matters

Chairperson Morelli provided an update on the agency's personnel matters including a new Paralegal in New Haven, hiring for vacant Office Assistant positions in Hartford, Waterbury, and Middletown, and several other vacancies.

- Information Technology and Modernization

Chairperson Morelli and Richard Eighme provided updates on information technology and modernization, including work on seeking bids for online form submission, WCC's database conversion to SQL, website modernization, benefit rate tables, replacement of the "PARS" claim and hearing information look-up tool, and security related matters.

VII. Other Business

Chairperson Riley announced the date and time of the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.