

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2014, AT THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

Present: Troy Wilson, Chairman, Workers' Compensation Commission, Robert Gilliland, Commissioner, Workers' Compensation Commission and Denise Engle, Commissioner, Workers' Compensation Commission.

Others Present: Ted Rossier, Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General, Norma McRae, Workers' Compensation Court, Tish Sommer, Special Counsel, Workers' Compensation Court, Rick Farmer, Executive Director, Workers' Compensation Commission, Michael Clingman, Administrator, Workers' Compensation Court and Holly Miller, Executive Assistant, Workers' Compensation Commission.

Call to Order: The public meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Troy Wilson.

Roll Call: All Commission members were present.

Declaration of a Quorum: All Commission members were present constituting a quorum.

Statement of Oklahoma Open-Meeting Law Compliance and Posting Agenda: Ted Rossier of the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General informed the Commission members that the Secretary of State had been timely notified of the meeting and the agenda had been timely posted at the Workers' Compensation Commission Oklahoma City office and the Workers' Compensation Court Oklahoma City location in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting: Chairman Wilson called for discussion and possible approval of the Minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting. There being no discussion, Chairman Wilson called for a motion to approve the Minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliland to approve the Minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Engle seconded the motion and a roll call

vote was taken: Chairman Wilson voted aye, Commissioner Engle voted aye and Commissioner Gilliland voted aye. The motion passed.

Comments from the Public regarding proposed emergency rules: Chairman Wilson began by thanking everyone in attendance for their participation and indicated that the Commission would recognize anyone who wished to address it and/or submit written comments.

He then confirmed that on November 8, 2013, the Commission filed its Notices of Rulemaking Intent with the Secretary of State, giving notice of its intent to promulgate emergency rules of practice and procedure to implement the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act (Title 85A). He then indicated that the Notices were accepted by the Secretary of State and timely published in *The Oklahoma Register* and on the Workers' Compensation Court's website. Chairman Wilson further informed those in attendance that these rules would be superseded by Permanent Rules within the next 12 months.

Next, Chairman Wilson instructed those in attendance that he or she would be given 5 minutes each to make any comment or suggestion to the Commission with no debate or question and answer period. Those in attendance were then notified that all comments would be taken under advisement by the Commission and that the Commission intended to hold a special meeting on January 16, 2014 for final action on the rules.

Chairman Wilson closed his remarks by notifying those in attendance that once the Commission adopted the rules, they would be submitted to the Governor for approval and would be subject to legislative review. If the rules were approved, they would become effective 20 days after adoption by the Commission.

Those in attendance were then given the opportunity offer comments and suggestions to the Commission on the proposed emergency rules. After the conclusion of this period of comment and suggestion, the Commissioners considered the next agenda item.

Recognition of Michael Clingman for his years of service to the State of Oklahoma: Chairman Wilson recognized Michael Clingman of the Workers' Compensation Court for his years of service to the Court and to the State of Oklahoma. He then presented Mr. Clingman with a commendation from the Governor to which Mr. Clingman thanked both Chairman Wilson and the Commission.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2014, 1:30 pm (First Regular Meeting): Chairman Wilson stated that the next meeting would be held on January 16, 2014 for final action on the proposed Commission rules.

Adjournment: Chairman Wilson again thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.