

Workers' Compensation Board
Thursday, December 4, 2014
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Holly Somers, Chair
Sally Curey, Member
Judy Johnson, Member
Steve Lanning, Member
Margaret Weddell, Member
Roger Pearson, Managing Attorney
Joy Dougherty, Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Terry Bello, Administrative Services Division Manager
Karen Burton, Executive Assistant
Debra Young, Staff Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Somers called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda and Order of Business

Member Lanning moved for approval of the agenda. Member Curey seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Past Minutes

Member Johnson moved for approval of the September 16, 2014 meeting minutes. Member Lanning seconded. Motion carried.

Reports of Administrative Staff

Hearings Division: No report.

Board Review: No report.

Administrative Services Division: No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Discussion of comments regarding the November 21, 2014 rulemaking hearing and consideration of [proposed rule amendments](#) for permanent adoption to OAR 438-006-0020 (Acknowledgment; Notice of Conference and Hearing in Ordinary Hearing Process) and OAR 438-013-0025 (Notice of Hearing Date).

Pearson summarized the rule proposals which amend the rules to provide that such notices can be “distributed.” He explained the proposed rule would accommodate portal use and other means of distribution, in addition to mailing. A rulemaking hearing was conducted on November 21, and there were no written comments submitted or testimony provided. If the Members determine to pass the rule amendments, staff will prepare the paperwork for filing with the Secretary of State’s office, with an effective date of January 1, 2015. The rule amendments would apply to any pending matter before the Board on or after January 1, 2015.

Member Weddell moved that the Board adopt the rule amendments. Member Curey seconded. All in favor: Curey, Johnson, Lanning, Weddell, and Somers.

Public Comment

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.