

Workers' Compensation Board
Thursday, September 8, 2022
10:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

By Phone/In-Person: Connie Wold, Board Chair
Sally Curey, Member
Roger Ousey, Member
Moises Ceja, Member
Robert Pardington, Managing Attorney
Joy Dougherty, Presiding ALJ
Katy Gunville, Board Executive Assistant
Terry Bello, Administrative Services Manager
Thomas Taylor, Information Systems Coordinator
Katelyn Crowe, Transcription Coordinator

Attendees:

Elaine Schooler, SAIF Corporation
Justin Demeter, Member of the Public

Call to Order

Chair Wold called the meeting to order.

The public and WCB staff are participating in this meeting via telephone; some WCB staff participated in the Salem office.

Roll Call

Robert Pardington took roll, reflected in the attendee list above.

Approval of Agenda and Order of Business

Member Curey moved for approval of the agenda and order of business. Member Ceja seconded. Motion passes.

Approval of Past Minutes

Member Ousey moved for approval of minutes from June 30, 2022. Member Curey seconded. Motion passes.

Division Reports/Updates

Administrative Services Division: Terry Bello, manager of the Administrative Services Division (ASD), indicated that she had no updates.

Hearings Division: Joy Dougherty, Presiding Administrative Law Judge, provided the update for the Hearings Division. Hearings Division has been up and running with in-person events since August 1st, but adjusting to a more hybrid environment on a more permanent basis. Hearings are still being held remotely. They are continuing to work through lease issues with

some facilities, in particular the Roseburg location. Travel to remote facilities has been gradual. There are mixed reactions amongst the community to return to in-person events, but so far we have received positive feedback.

Board Review: Robert Pardington, Managing Attorney for the Board Review Unit, indicated that he had no updates.

New Business - ALJ hiring consultation pursuant to ORS 656.724 (1).

Chair Wold invited Presiding ALJ, Joy Dougherty to speak. Judge Dougherty stated that WCB's Hearings Division has been recruiting for two new Administrative Law Judge positions for the Salem office, and that she is recommending to the board that WCB hire Van Quan and Katherine Krametbauer.

Van Quan immigrated to the United States in 1980 and was raised in Spokane, Washington. She obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 2001, and graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2005. After graduation, she worked in the Springfield area for John C. DeWenter, PC, where she practiced Workers' Compensation Law, representing injured workers. In 2008, she came to work at the Workers' Compensation Board as a staff attorney. In 2022, she will be joining the WCB Hearings Division, Salem office, as an Administrative Law Judge.

Katherine S. Krametbauer, a native Oregonian, obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of San Diego before moving to the Washington, D.C. area to work and attend law school. After graduating from the Catholic University of America School of Law in 2007, she clerked for a Washington D.C. Superior Court Judge, was a civil litigation associate at a general practice Maryland law firm, and then worked as an Associate Deputy General Counsel at the Department of Defense. Upon returning to Oregon in 2010, she joined the Oregon State Bar and worked as a criminal prosecutor for the Hood River District Attorney's office. In 2015, she joined the SAIF Corporation as a trial attorney. In 2022, she will be joining the WCB Hearings Division, Salem office, as an Administrative Law Judge.

Member Curey supports the decisions. Member Ousey is all for the recommended candidates. Member Ceja also supported the selections. Board Chair Wold stated she would take the other Board Members' thoughts into consideration. After invitation, there were no comments from the public regarding the ALJ hiring recommendations.

Public Comment

Chair Wold asked if there was any public comment. There was no comment.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Adjournment

Chair Wold asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Curey moved to adjourn. Member Ousey seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.