Workers' Compensation Board
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

In-Person Staff:

Joy Dougherty, Board Chair
Sally Curey, Member
Roger Ousey, Member
Moises Ceja, Member
Jenny Ogawa, Member
Terry Bello, Administrative Services Manager
Kerry Anderson, Project Manager
Lauren Eldridge, Interim Managing Attorney
Katy Gunville, Board Executive Assistant
Heidi Havercroft, Senior Staff Attorney
Katelyn Crowe, Transcription Coordinator
Melanie Chin, Board Review Specialist

In-Person/By Phone Attendees:

Elaine Schooler, SAIF Corporation
Isabel Hernandez, Healthe Systems

Call to Order
Chair Dougherty called the meeting to order.
The public and WCB staff are participating in this meeting via telephone and in-person in the Salem Office.

Attendees Listed
Melanie Chin, Board Review Specialist, took roll, reflected in the attendee list above.

Approval of Agenda and Order of Business
Chair Dougherty asked for a motion to approve the agenda and order of business. Member Ousey moved for approval of the agenda and order of business. Member Curey seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Past Minutes
Member Curey moved for approval of minutes from the February 29, 2024, meeting. Member Ceja seconded. Motion passed.

Division Reports/Updates

Board Review: Interim Managing Attorney, Lauren Eldridge, had no updates from Board Review.

Hearings Division: No updates for the Hearings Division.

Administrative Services Division: Terry Bello provided the update for the Administrative Services Division. As of April 1, 2024, Terry has retired from her role as Administrative Services Division Manager. However, she is still helping WCB with some of its modernization projects before she officially departs the agency. She is really excited about the product that is coming to WCB regarding modernization of its systems.

Chair Dougherty shared that Terry has been with the State of Oregon for 37 years, 26 of those years have been as a manager with WCB. Terry has helped spearhead numerous projects for WCB over her years of service, notably the current CDA program. Chair Dougherty and the Board Members thanked Terry for her service and her hard work over the years, particularly for her work with helping the agency adapt during the COVID pandemic.

New Business

Five-Year Rule Review of OAR 438-007-0045 (Translation of Documents): Two written comments were received in response to the Board's request for comment regarding its five-year review of OAR 438-007-0045 (translation of documents). The Board reviewed the written comments and asked for additional public comment. No additional comments were made from the public. Public comment closed. Chair Dougherty then turned to the Board for comment.

The Board agreed with the written comments from SAIF Corporation and the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers, in that the rule achieved its intended effect and that the rule is needed and should be continued. Member Curey made a motion to continue the rule, OAR 438-007-0045. Member Ceja seconded. Motion passed.

Chair Dougherty shared that Lauren Eldridge's team will submit the necessary documents to the Secretary of State now that the five-year rule review is complete. They will be posted on WCB's website when the report is final.

Public Comment

None were made.

Announcements

The Administrative Services Division Manager position is open and set to close April 26, 2024.

Adjournment

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