Workers' Compensation Board
Thursday, February 27, 2025
1:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

In-Person/By Zoom Staff: Joy Dougherty, Board Chair
Sally Curey, Board Member
Roger Ousey, Board Member
Moisés Ceja, Board Member
Jenny Ogawa, Board Member
Kerry Anderson, Project Manager
Amanda Pletcher, Administrative Services Division Manager
Jacqueline Jacobson, Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Lauren Eldridge, Managing Attorney
Heidi Havercroft, Senior Staff Attorney
Christina Alston, WCB Budget and Policy Analyst
Katelyn Crowe, Transcription Coordinator
Autumn Blake, Board Review Coordinator

In-Person/By Zoom Attendees:
Elaine Schooler, SAIF Corporation
Kevin Anderson, SBH Legal
Theodore Heus, Quinn & Heus Law
Isabel Hernandez, Health Systems

Call to Order
Chair Dougherty called the meeting to order. The public and WCB staff participated in this meeting by Zoom and in person in the Salem office.

Roll Call
Katelyn Crowe, Transcription Coordinator, 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 Ogawa moved for approval of the agenda and order of business. Member Curey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Past Minutes
Chair Dougherty asked for a motion to approve the November 19, 2024, meeting minutes. Member Ousey moved for approval of minutes from the November 19, 2024, meeting. Member Ceja seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Division Reports/Updates
There was no report for the Administrative Services Division.

Presiding Administrative Law Judge Jacqueline Jacobson provided the update for the Hearings Division. The Hearings Division is preparing to make renovations to the reception areas in the

Portland and Salem offices. Renovations to the Portland office are scheduled to begin at the end of March. The hearings will still be happening in the same spaces, but there will likely be changes to where people enter and exit. Until the renovations are completed, they are working on changes to heighten security protocols in both offices.

Managing Attorney Lauren Eldridge provided the update for Board Review. Autumn Blake has joined the Board Review team as the Board Review Coordinator. Autumn was formerly the Board's Transcription Coordinator from 2015-2022 and most recently spent two-and-a-half years on the Workers' Compensation Division's communications team. She will be the legislative and rules coordinator for WCB. She will also be responsible for responding to public records requests, writing case summaries for the Board's News and Case Notes newsletter, and helping to update processes and guidelines for Board Review.

There was no report for WCB IT.

New Business

Five-year rule review of OAR 438-015-0115 "Fees for Attorneys Representing Insurers and Self-Insured Employers" under ORS 183.405
The Board will begin its five-year rule review of OAR 438-015-0115 under ORS 183.405. Details on how to submit public comments will be outlined in the Board's monthly newsletter. They will also be sent through the Board's email notifications, and to the members who served on the 2020 advisory committee. Comments will be reviewed by the Board at a later date.

General Public Comment
No comments from the public.

Announcements
Governor Kotek had issued new guidelines for rulemaking procedures. The Board believes it is already compliant with the majority of those guidelines, but will review the governor's requirements to ensure the Board is in complete compliance.

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