Workers' Compensation Board
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
10 a.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
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
Parbeen Gill, Legal Intern
Sebastian Krueger, Legal Intern

In-Person/By Zoom Attendees:
Ivo Trummer, SAIF Corporation
Jodie Phillips Polich, Jodie Phillips Polich AAL
Aaron Clingerman, Dunn & Roy PC
Roger Pearson, Retired Managing Attorney
Willa Perlmutter, Stoel Rives LLP

Call to Order
Chair Dougherty called the meeting to order. The public and Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) staff members participated in the 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 added division reports to the agenda and then asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda and order of business. Member Curey moved for approval of the agenda and order of business. Member Ogawa seconded. The Members voted as follows: Dougherty, aye; Ousey, aye; Ceja, aye; Ogawa, aye; Curey, aye. Motion passed; 5-0.

Approval of Past Minutes
Chair Dougherty asked for a motion to approve the May 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Member Ogawa moved for approval of minutes from the May 8, 2025, meeting. Member Ceja seconded. The Members voted as follows: Dougherty, aye; Ousey, aye; Ceja, aye; Ogawa, aye; Curey, aye. Motion passed; 5-0.

Division Reports/Updates
Kerry Anderson, WCB project manager, provided the update for WCB IT Services. WCB IT has been busy with the agency's modernization project. Stage Gate 1 has been completed and Stage Gate 2 is in progress. They are preparing to purchase software. The DCBS IT&R Project Management Team has been helpful throughout this process. WCB IT has also been busy with assisting with IT needs during the remodels to the Salem and Portland offices.

Lauren Eldridge, managing attorney, provided the update for Board Review. This summer Board Review has two legal interns. Parbeen Gill is a third year law student at Willamette Law School, and Sebastian Krueger is a second year law student at Willamette Law School. During their internship they will be assisting with memos, and legal research in Board Review.

Amanda Pletcher, Administrative Services manager, provided the update for the Administrative Services Division. The remodel of the Salem office is complete. The remodel of the Portland office is projected to be completed in early July. Chair Dougherty added that both remodel projects were under budget and on time. The Salem remodel was completed ahead of schedule. She thanked Amanda Pletcher and Jacqueline Jacobson for their help with managing these remodel projects.

Jacqueline Jacobson, presiding administrative law judge, had no updates for the Hearings Division.

New Business
Five-year rule review of OAR 438-015-0115 "Fees for Attorneys Representing Insurers and Self-Insured Employers" under ORS 183.405
Notification of the Board's review of OAR-438-015-0115 "Fees for Attorneys Representing Insurers and Self-Insured Employers" was sent out to the public requesting comment. No public comment was received. There was no Board discussion.

Member Ogawa then moved to approve the five-year rule review report for OAR-015-0115. Member Ousey seconded. The Members voted as follows: Dougherty, aye; Ousey, aye; Ceja, aye; Ogawa, aye; Curey, aye. Motion passed; 5-0. With the motion passing, Lauren Eldridge will file this report with the Oregon Secretary of State.

Statutory minor corrections to chapter 438 rules
With the recent passing and signing of Senate Bill 166, Board Review Coordinator Autumn Blake prepared a memorandum for the Board that outlines proposed minor changes to the chapter 438 rules. One minor change was the term "member" of the Oregon State Bar has been changed to "licensee" in various statutes, including ORS 656. The other change was the Rules for Admission of Attorneys that are referenced in chapter 438 were renumbered. To comply with the statute and rules, minor changes have been proposed to the chapter 438 rules. There was no public comment or Board discussion on the matter.

Member Ogawa then moved to approve the proposed minor statutory changes to chapter 438. Member Curey seconded. The Members voted as follows: Dougherty, aye; Ousey, aye; Ceja, aye; Ogawa, aye; Curey, aye. Motion passed; 5-0. These statutory minor changes will be filed

at the beginning of January 2026.

General Public Comment

No public comments were made in person or online, or submitted prior to the meeting.

Announcements

The meeting was Member Ogawa's last Board meeting. She will be retiring on June 30. Chair Dougherty thanked Member Ogawa for all of her contributions and work for WCB over the years.

Adjournment

Chair Dougherty asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Ogawa moved to adjourn. Member Ceja seconded. The Members voted as follows: Dougherty, aye; Ousey, aye; Ceja, aye; Ogawa, aye; Curey, aye. Motion passed; 5-0. Meeting was adjourned.