

Council on Worker's Compensation
Hybrid Meeting (in-Person and via WebEx)
Meeting Minutes
201 E. Washington Avenue
GEF-1 Building
Madison, Wisconsin
November 15, 2023

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) provided public notice of the meeting under Wis. Stat. § 19.84.

Members present: Ms. Bloomingdale, Mr. Buchen, Ms. Frank, Mr. Kent, Mr. Large, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Nettum, Mr. Peters (Chairperson), Mr. Schwanda, Mr. Streff, Mr. Tindall, and Ms. Ver Velde.

Excused: Mr. Fugina and Ms. Zarecki.

Staff Present: Mr. Aiello, Mr. Brockman, Ms. Brown, Ms. Lake, Ms. McCormick, Mr. O'Malley, and Mr. Spencer.

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions:** Mr. Peters convened the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m. in accordance with Wisconsin's open meetings law and called roll of the WCAC members.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Bloomingdale to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023 meeting. Mr. Buchen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved without correction.
- 3. Correspondence:** Mr. O'Malley advised that one item of correspondence was received since the meeting.

A letter dated November 15, 2023 was received from Senator André Jacque, Senator Van Wanggaard, Senator Kelda Roys, and Representative Jeffrey Mursau. As sponsors of 2023 Senate Bill 113, these legislators requested that the WCAC consider including provisions changing conditions of liability for worker's compensation benefits to recognize post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) similar to that provided in 2021 Wisconsin Act 29 for all emergency medical service practitioners and fire fighters, regardless of their level of employment or volunteer status.

- 4. Motion to Caucus:** A motion was made by Mr. Buchen to go into a closed session under s. 19.85 (1) (eg), Wis. Stats., to deliberate items on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bloomingdale. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Peters announced the closed session, statutory authority, and the nature of business to be considered. The open session of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:22 a.m. The open session of the meeting was reconvened at 4:40 p.m.
- 5. Labor and Management Proposals:** The WCAC members indicated their intent to adjourn for the day and return to caucus and deliberate on November 29, 2023 and December 1, 2023.

- 6. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Bloomingdale to adjourn the meeting for the day. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buchen. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m. The Worker's Compensation Advisory Council's next meetings are scheduled for November 29, 2023 and December 1, 2023.