

Council on Worker's Compensation  
Meeting Minutes  
201 E. Washington Avenue  
GEF-1 Building, Room F305  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703  
September 10, 2019

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. Fugina, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Kent, Mr. Nettum, Mr. Peters (Chair), Mr. Reader, Mr. Redman, Mr. Schwanda, Mr. Tindall and Ms. Thomas

**Excused:** Mr. Streff

**Staff Present:** Ms. Brown, Mr. Dipko, Ms. Lake, Ms. McCormick, Mr. Moreth and Mr. O'Malley

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions:** Mr. Peters convened the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Wisconsin's open meetings law. Members of the WCAC, the audience, and Worker's Compensation Division (WCD) staff introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Reader to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting. Ms. Bloomingdale seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved without correction.
- 3. Correspondence:** Mr. O'Malley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

A letter dated August 14, 2019 that was sent by e-mail was received from Attorney Stephen J. McManus, McManus & Associates, LLC. Attorney McManus proposed a change in the worker's compensation law to require both the applicant and the applicant's attorney to sign any authorization or document dealing with Social Security, Medicare, CMS and MSA documents.

A letter dated August 15, 2019 that was sent by e-mail was received from Attorney Stephen J. McManus, McManus & Associates, LLC. Attorney McManus proposed a change in the worker's compensation law to require applicants and their attorneys to provide medical authorizations using DWD's authorization form. He suggested that respondents should be allowed the power to use subpoenas if applicants are not required to provide authorizations.

- 4. Motion to Caucus:** Ms. Bloomingdale moved that the Labor and Management members go into closed caucus. Mr. Reader seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the members approved the motion and went into closed caucus at about 10:07 a.m.

The Council reconvened at 3:31 p.m.

- 5. Labor and Management Proposals:** The Council reported that negotiations were ongoing. Mr. Reader expressed an interest in entering a working draft of proposals into the record and reconsidered at Labor's urging. The members representing Labor and Management agreed to resume negotiations at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**6. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Reader to adjourn. Ms. Bloomingdale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:38 p.m.

The next Worker's Compensation Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019.