Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 – 10:30 a.m. 30 West Spring Street, 30th Floor, Conference Room A

Present:

Gary DiCeglio, Chairman

Jodie M. Taylor, Commissioner Kevin Abrams, Commissioner

Attendees:

Christa Deegan, Executive Director

Tom Connor, Director, Hearing Services

Paul Walker, Legal Counsel

Robin Hossfeld, Administrative Assistant Susan Murnane, Administrative Assistant Joe Nemec, Administrative Assistant Debbie Fodey, Administrative Assistant

Chairman DiCeglio called the meeting to order. Ms. Deegan called the roll.

Roll Call:

Chairman DiCeglio

Present

Commissioner Taylor

Present

Commissioner Abrams

Present

Old Business:

October 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Abrams moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2010 meeting. Chairman DiCeglio seconded the motion. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman DiCeglio

Yes

Commissioner Taylor

Yes

Commissioner Abrams

Yes

New Business:

(1) Resolution No. R10-1-01: The Commission members and staff discussed proposed Resolution R10-1-01 which sets forth continuance guidelines. Chairman DiCeglio moved to adopt Resolution No. R10-1-01, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, to be effective for requests for continuance of hearings filed on or after January 17, 2011. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman DiCeglio

Yes

Commissioner Taylor

Yes

Commissioner Abrams

Yes

Docketing Policy: The Commission members and staff discussed the proposed Docketing Policy to be adopted in conjunction with Resolution No. R10-1-01. Commissioner Taylor stated for the record that she believed offering 42 days of hearing blocks per year is too many and that it will greatly impact timeframes and docketing of hearings, especially in some of the district offices. However, Commissioner Taylor stated that she is willing to give the policy, as suggested by the Kaizen Group, a chance to succeed. Chairman DiCeglio stated that staff will closely monitor the impact of the Docketing Policy. Chairman DiCeglio moved that the Ohio Industrial Commission Docketing Policy dated January 17, 2011, attached hereto and made a part hereof, be adopted by the Ohio Industrial Commission to be effective January 17, 2011. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman DiCeglio

Yes

Commissioner Taylor
Commissioner Abrams

Yes Yes

(3) Ohio Administrative Code Rules 4121-3-31, Waiver for Recreational Activities, 4121-3-12, Suspension of the Processing of Claims, and 4125-1-02, Electronic Submission of Documents: The Commission members and staff discussed rules 4121-3-31, 4121-3-12 and 4125-1-02. Chairman DiCeglio moved that notice be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review that after the review required pursuant to Section 119.032 of the Revised Code the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code be continued without change: 4121-3-12 Suspension of the processing of claims; 4121-3-31 Waiver for recreational activities; and 4125-1-02 Electronic submission of documents. Chairman DiCeglio further moved that the next rule review date for rule 4121-3-12 be February 1, 2014. Chairman DiCeglio further moved that the next rule review date for rule 4121-3-31 be February 1, 2016. Chairman DiCeglio further moved that the next rule review date for joint rule 4125-1-02 be February 1, 2012. Commissioner Abrams seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman DiCeglio

Yes

Commissioner Taylor

Yes

Commissioner Abrams

Yes

Chairman DiCeglio moved to adjourn. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

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Roll Call Vote: Chairman DiCeglio

Yes

Commissioner Taylor

Yes

Commissioner Abrams

Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Christa D. Deegan

Executive Director