

Commission Special Meeting -
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Transcript

Chairman Jim Hughes: This is Chairman Jim Hughes. The special meeting of the Ohio Industrial Commission is now being called to order. This meeting is being conducted in person, being held in the main hearing room of the William Green Building, which is located at 30 West Spring Street in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting is also being livestreamed on the Ohio Industrial Commission's YouTube channel. The link to listen to this meeting is available on the Industrial Commission's public website. The purpose of the special meeting is to approve amendments to memos D8, G3, G2, J1, M2, M5, M6, M7, O1, O2, P2, P4, and R6. The agenda of the special meeting is as follows: Meeting call to order. Roll call. Review, discuss, and vote on amendments to the memos D8, G3, G2, J1, M2, M5, M6, M7, O1, O2, P2, P4, and R6, and adjournment. During this meeting, it's important that prior to speaking the first time, each participant introduce themselves by stating their name and title. This is to ensure the audio recording accurately reflects the proceedings and the public is properly informed. For those of you who are listening to Industrial Commission's YouTube channel, please be aware that if during a special meeting the commissioners vote to enter executive session, you will not be able to hear a live recording during that time. When the commissioners exit executive session, if they go into that, the recording will resume. I now ask executive director Jim Burkhart to call the roll, please.

Jim Burkhart: Commissioner Massie.

Commissioner Massie: Commissioner Massie here.

Jim Burkhart: Commissioner Hottinger.

Commissioner Hottinger: Commissioner Hottinger present.

Jim Burkhart: Chairman Hughes.

Chairman Jim Hughes: Chairman Hughes present. We do have a quorum. The first on our agenda is review, discussion, and voting on memos D8, G3, G2, J1, M2, M5, M6, M7, O1, O2, P2, P4, and R6. Um, it's my

understanding is there any discussion or question regarding the proposed amendments to any of the memos just stated here? I understand there is one individual who wants to be a witness. If that individual would please identify themselves um and come forward. Always happy to have witnesses. So, we appreciate you coming in today.

J. Michael Reidenbach: Yes, absolutely. Is this is this okay?

Chairman Jim Hughes: Sure.

J. Michael Reidenbach: All right. Thank you so much. Um Chairman Hughes, Commissioner Massie, Commissioner Hottinger, just thank you for uh hosting this meeting and the opportunity to speak here this afternoon. So, my name is J. Michael Reidenbach. It's good to see you all again. I'm with the law of Reidenbach Law Group. I'm here today specifically on behalf of the Ohio Self-Insurers Association as their counsel. Um, with regards to these issues that the hearing is for today, I just want to thank you. Well, I guess before we get, I just want to thank all of you for the work that you guys do every day, everyone working very hard. Also want to thank these the updates of the memo there's a lot of transparency always very much appreciated with that so just thank everybody for their work including Mr. Burkhart and the entire staff with regards to the memos that you just listed for us. Um the self-insurers association is fully supportive of the updates. I know some of these are I don't know if clerical is the right word but they are not all you know substantive changes but they're important changes to be made that also provides clarity on some of the issues particularly so we think that these are good changes and the self-insurers are asking coming today to express our support for all the changes that are being considered I do want to add that while the commission looking at these memos. I know this obviously will not be addressed or decided today but self-insurers does want to encourage the commission to take a look at obviously you guys are well versed with and we would encourage commission I know there's pending litigation in the 10th District Court there's nothing to change that and the reason why this is even brought up is we're seeing I think not somewhat meaningful inconsistency across the state. So again, this is great to our membership self-insurers at large as well. So again, I just thank you for your time for the changes that

are being made. They're fully supported. Any update feedback with regards to D2 is appreciated but nothing else we want to publicly express our appreciation for everything that you do.

Chairman Jim Hughes: Thank you Mr. Reidenbach for coming in today. We appreciate it. Um, as you mentioned, yes, we're doing ones on the agenda today regarding D2. You also mention there is pending litigation. So, it's been usually been the custom here of this commission to wait until that was resolved before we changed that. So, we didn't have to change it a couple times depending on what the higher courts did. Um, I'll ask any of my colleagues to see if they have any questions. But, thank you for coming in. Thank you for bringing in. We do appreciate the self-insured as well as all your members and you taking the time out of your busy schedule to come in with that. Do any of the members have any questions to Mr. Reidenbach?

Commissioner Massie: No, just thank you for your attendance today.

Chairman Jim Hughes: So, all right. Um, thank you again. You may, it's a public matter. You can stay here if you so choose or you want to go out play in the rain, you can do that, too, or get ready for uh Beggars' Night. Um, also, it's my understanding that our director of adjudication, Mr. Kramer has um something he wanted to share regarding one of the memos too. I think it's M7.

Steve Kramer: Yes, that's correct. Uh I'm Steve Kramer, director of adjudication. Um there's just a scrivener's error um on memo 7. Memo M7. It says clinical nurse midwife. It should be certified nurse midwife and that's the only recommendation to make

Chairman Jim Hughes: Just on M7. Correct.

Steve Kramer: Just on M7.

Chairman Jim Hughes: Okay. Any questions of Mr. Kramer on that? Okay. Is there anybody else that has anything they want to discuss regarding these um proposed amendments to these memos?

Amanda Brown: Chairman, if I may, just to clarify based on what Stephen said, building on um if you approve these, you will be approving them to we need to confirm that you will be approving them with his correction to the scrivener's error. So, we can make that adjustment, please.

Chairman Jim Hughes: And just for the record, that was Amanda Brown, who is our chief legal counsel. Anything else anybody wants to share? If not, I Jim Hughes, chairman, will now make a motion to approve the amendments to memos D8, G3, G2, J1, M2, M5, M6, M7 as corrected by Mr. Kramer. 01 02, P2, P4, and R6. Do I have a second for the said motion?

Commissioner Massie: This is Commissioner Massie. I second.

Chairman Jim Hughes: Thank you, Commissioner Massie. Thank you, Commissioner Massie, for your second. Having properly received a proper second, I now ask Jim Burkhart, executive director, to call the roll. After Mr. Burkhart calls the roll, um I will announce the vote for what happens in terms of the motion if approved or if it did not fail to carry. With that, Mr. Burkhart, would you please call the roll of the commissioners regarding these amendments?

Jim Burkhart: Yes, chairman. Commissioner Massie.

Commissioner Massie: Yes.

Jim Burkhart: Commissioner Hottinger.

Commissioner Hottinger: Yes.

Jim Burkhart: Chairman Hughes.

Chairman Jim Hughes: Yes. It does have the proper votes. The motion will carry on all those. Is there anything else to come before the commission of the special meeting? Seeing none, we have considered all the items on our agenda for the special meeting. I, Chairman Jim Hughes, move to adjourn. Do I have a second to adjourn this meeting?

Commissioner Hottinger: I'll second. Commissioner Hottinger.

Chairman Jim Hughes: Thank you, Commissioner Hottinger for a second. Mr. Jim Burkhart, executive director, would you please call the roll?

Jim Burkhart: Commissioner Massie.

Commissioner Massie: Yes.

Jim Burkhart: Commissioner Hottinger.

Commissioner Hottinger: Yes.

Jim Burkhart: Chairman Hughes.

Chairman Jim Hughes: Yes. Motion does carry. We are adjourned.