

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2014
11:00 A.M.

TYPE OF MEETING Commission Meeting

ATTENDEES Chairman Thomas H. Bainbridge
Commissioner Jodie M. Taylor
Commissioner Karen L. Gillmor
Tom Connor, Executive Director
Rachael Rentas-Black, Chief Legal Counsel
Kerry Mackin, Hearing Officer Trainer
Debbie Fodey, Administrative Assistant
Kim Ferkany, Administrative Assistant
Genevieve Hoffman, Administrative Assistant
Greg Hickman, Administrative Assistant
Keith Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bainbridge.

ACTION BY

Mr. Connor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Present
Commissioner Taylor	Present
Chairman Bainbridge	Present

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Bainbridge moved to table the meeting minutes of May 19, 2014, and June 17, 2014, as these minutes are still pending review. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2014

After a brief discussion about making corrections (“present” changed to “yes”), Chairman Bainbridge moved to approve the meeting minutes (as amended) of April 3, 2014. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

MOTION

OAC 4121-3-34 Permanent Total Disability

Chairman Bainbridge moved to approve the original filing for rule OAC 4121-3-34. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

ACTION BY

Mr. Connor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

DISCUSSION

Agenda for Day Two of the Statewide Hearing Officer Meeting

Ms. Mackin presented the draft version of the agenda for day two of the Statewide Hearing Officer Meeting. Ms. Mackin suggested that we could recognize the employee

of the month, Lisa Davidson, using some of the time allotted for the Commission Members, and asked if the Members were willing to give up time for that. If Ms. Davidson would like a celebration, then we can do so (to a bigger audience). Chairman Bainbridge suggested that we could kick-off the morning with ten minutes for Ms. Davidson.

Ms. Mackin noted that she decided to include an internal ethics program. She spoke to Jim Goodrich who agreed to prepare and present the program.

Ms. Mackin also indicated that Mr. Tanner would like to have 45 minutes for his presentation. Commissioner Taylor indicated that she would like to review any handouts and/or slides prior to Mr. Tanner's presentation.

Commissioner Gillmor pointed out that it was strange that we are spending as much time on Mr. Tanner's presentation as we are with Dr. Welsh's presentation. Ms. Mackin noted that Dr. Welsh did not want that much time. Commissioner Gillmor indicated that she would like to know more—is he having trouble finding people to speak? Now that he is not spending as much time here, Commissioner Gillmor would like to know what Dr. Welsh is doing. Ms. Mackin indicated that she will ask. Chairman Bainbridge indicated that he would also like to know. Commissioner Taylor indicated that Dr. Welsh could discuss recertification of doctors. Commissioner Gillmor also suggested that he could talk about decertification—has he decertified anyone?

Ms. Mackin indicated that the final slots are just ten-minute updates, and that she did not know who from Claims Support would be presenting their update. Mr. Connor noted that he will talk to Jill Bell and Ben Sapp.

Commissioner Taylor indicated that Ms. Sinha only wants 15 minutes and doesn't want 30. Ms. Sinha informed Commissioner Taylor that she would like to discuss "Case Manager." Commissioner Taylor suggested that we firm up the presentation for Claims Support. Mr. Connor indicated that we just identify things that good hearing officers are doing. Ms. Mackin indicated that someone suggested more guidance on loss of vision, and someone also indicated that it would be nice to employ breakout sessions. Commissioner Taylor indicated that breakout sessions are not as effective as a training tool.

Ms. Mackin asked if there is anything that she needs to cover. Commissioner Taylor asked about interest in revamping the hearing officer manual. Commissioner Gillmor and Chairman Bainbridge agreed. Ms. Mackin indicated that it is on her list.

Chairman Bainbridge asked if there were any other thoughts. Commissioner Taylor asked for the name of the doctor that will be speaking. Ms. Mackin indicated the doctor is Dr. Perkins.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bainbridge moved to adjourn. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

ACTION BY

Mr. Connor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Connor
Executive Director