

1 **Workers' Compensation Full Board Meeting Minutes.**

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4 **Date:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
5 **Location:** 328 State Street, Schenectady, NY  
6 Room 324  
7 Webcast Live

8 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.

9 **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

10 Freida D. Foster, Chair  
11 Renee L. Delgado, Esq., Vice Chair  
12 Robert Bergin  
13 Peter De Jesús, Jr.  
14 Martin M. Dilan (Appeared remotely per Public Officers Law  
15 § 103-a[2][c])  
16 Steven A. Crain, Esq.  
17 Clarissa M. Rodriguez, Esq. (Appeared remotely per Public  
18 Officers Law § 103-a[2][c])  
19 Pamela Caggianelli  
20 Maria Matos  
21 Gloribelle Perez, Esq.  
22 Gina Sillitti  
23 Samuel G. Williams  
24 Mark Higgins

**SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

Laura Inglis

**DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL**

Keith Longden, Esq.

**ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**

Heather Justice, Esq.

1                   FREIDA FOSTER:        Good morning, everyone, and  
2                   welcome. Thank you for joining us. I'm  
3                   Freida Foster, Chair of the New York State Workers'  
4                   Compensation Board. Today's Full Board meeting is  
5                   being webcast live for members of the public. It is  
6                   also being facilitated by the American Sign Language  
7                   interpreter. Thank you for joining us.

8                   I now have the honor of calling the 1,051st  
9                   meeting of the Full Board to order. Madam Secretary,  
10                  will you please (audio fades) roll call?

11                  LAURA INGLIS:        Vice Chair Delgado.

12                  RENEE DELGADO:        Here.

13                  LAURA INGLIS:        Board Member Higgins.

14                  MARK HIGGINS:         Here.

15                  LAURA INGLIS:        Board Member Williams.

16                  SAMUEL WILLIAMS:     Here.

17                  LAURA INGLIS:        Board Member Crain.

18                  STEVEN CRAIN:         Here.

19                  LAURA INGLIS:        Board Member Rodriquez.

20                  CLARISSA RODRIGUEZ:   Here.

21                  LAURA INGLIS:        Board Member Caggianelli.

22                  PAMELA CAGGIANELLI:   Here.

23                  LAURA INGLIS:        Board Member Dilan.

24                  MARTIN DILAN:         Here.

1                   LAURA INGLIS:       Board Member Perez.  
2                   GLORIBELLE PEREZ:       Here.  
3                   LAURA INGLIS:       Board Member Bergin.  
4                   ROBERT BERGIN:       Here.  
5                   LAURA INGLIS:       Board Member De Jesús.  
6                   PETER DE JESÚS:       Here.  
7                   LAURA INGLIS:       Board Member Matos.  
8                   MARIA MATOS:       Here.  
9                   LAURA INGLIS:       And, Board Member Sillitti.  
10                  GINA SILLITTI:       Here.  
11                  LAURA INGLIS:       Madam Chair, Board Members  
12                  Dilan and Rodriguez will be joining us remotely today.  
13                  FREIDA FOSTER:       Thank you very much. Agenda  
14                  Item 1, approval of the January 13th, 2026 meeting  
15                  minutes. You have all received a copy of the  
16                  January 13th, 2026 meeting minutes to review. Are  
17                  there any questions or need for discussion? Is there  
18                  a motion to approve?  
19                  MARK HIGGINS:       Yes, Madam Chair. Board  
20                  Member Mark Higgins. I move to approve the minutes of  
21                  the last meeting.  
22                  FREIDA FOSTER:       Thank you, Board Member  
23                  Higgins. May I have a second?  
24                  GLORIBELLE PEREZ:       Board Member Perez. I

1 second that motion.

2 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member  
3 Perez. Is there any opposition? All those in favor?

4 ALL: Aye.

5 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I'm also a  
6 yes. That motion is passed. Agenda Item 2, Office of  
7 General Counsel's Departmental Report. Deputy General  
8 Counsel Keith Longden will present the Office of  
9 General Counsel (audio fades).

10 KEITH LONGDEN: Thank you very much, Chair  
11 Foster, Members of the Board. I'm going to present  
12 the statistical analysis for the month of January 2026  
13 of the three divisions within the Office of General  
14 Counsel that are responsible for deciding cases.

15 During that month the Adjudication Division held  
16 16,974 hearings, resolved 1,173 cases at hearing and  
17 issued 309 Reserve Decisions. They also held 1,569  
18 Pre-Hearing Conferences and finalized 1,764 Section 32  
19 Waiver Agreements.

20 The Administrative Review Division received 871  
21 applications for administrative review, processed 934  
22 cases with an end-of-month inventory of 7,801.

23 And finally, the Office of Legal Affairs received  
24 101 applications for Full Board review in the month,

1 processed 119 applications for an end-of-month  
2 inventory of 258 cases. That concludes my report.

3 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you very much. Are  
4 there any questions? Hearing none, may I have a  
5 motion to approve the Office of General Counsel's  
6 Departmental Report?

7 PAMELA CAGGIANELLI: Madam Chair, this is  
8 Board Member Caggianelli, and I move that we approve  
9 the Office of General Counsel's report.

10 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member  
11 Caggianelli. May I have a second?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam Chair --

13 STEVEN CRAIN: Board Member Crain, I second.

14 FREIDA FOSTER: Okay. Thank you, Board  
15 Member Crain. Any opposition? Hearing none, all in  
16 favor?

17 ALL: Aye.

18 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I am also a  
19 yes. That motion is passed. Agenda Item 3, License  
20 Applications. Associate Attorney Heather Justice will  
21 now present Licensing Applications. Good morning.

22 HEATHER JUSTICE: Good morning. Good  
23 morning, Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair, Board Members.  
24 You have before you the recommendations from the

1 Assigned Board Panel regarding the Licensing  
2 Applications listed in Part 3 of today's agenda.  
3 Section 24-a, Robert King, three-year renewal;  
4 Section 50(3-b), ESIS, qualifying officer William  
5 Jones, three-year renewal; and under Section 50(3-d),  
6 Omaha National Underwriters, Inc., QO Gregory Lois,  
7 three-year renewal; and PMA Management Corporation, QO  
8 Brian Barry, three-year renewal.

9 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you very much. Are  
10 there any questions? Hearing none, may I have a  
11 motion to accept the recommendation of the Panel as  
12 presented?

13 MARIA MATOS: Madam Chair, Board Member  
14 Matos, I so move.

15 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member  
16 Matos. May I have a second?

17 PAMELA CAGGIANELLI: Madam Chair, this is  
18 Board Member Caggianelli. I second that motion.

19 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member  
20 Caggianelli. Is there any opposition? Hearing none,  
21 all in favor?

22 ALL: Aye.

23 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I am also a  
24 yes. That motion is passed. Agenda Item 4, Legal

1 Appeals. (Inaudible).

2 KEITH LONGDEN: Thank you very much, Chair.  
3 This month's agenda there are three decisions of the  
4 Appellate Division, Third Department. In Items 4A, 4B  
5 and 4C of your agenda, it's the recommendation of the  
6 Office of General Counsel that the decisions be  
7 adopted as the decisions of the Board.

8 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you. May I have a  
9 motion to accept the recommendations of OGC?

10 PETER DE JESÚS: Madam Chair, Board Member  
11 De Jesús, I make that motion.

12 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member  
13 De Jesús. May I have a second?

14 SAMUEL WILLIAMS: Board Member Williams. I  
15 second that motion.

16 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member  
17 Williams. Is there any opposition? Hearing none, all  
18 in favor?

19 ALL: Aye.

20 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I am also a  
21 yes. That motion is passed. Agenda Item 5, we have  
22 no Mandatories to discuss this month. Agenda Item 6,  
23 Discretionary Full Board Review. I turn this portion  
24 of the agenda over to Vice Chair Delgado.

1                   RENEE DELGADO:       Thank you, Madam Chair. For  
2 the cases listed in Item 6 on your agenda, it has been  
3 recommended that Full Board Review be granted. Those  
4 cases are 6A, G3559490, Matter of CEC Steel Limited  
5 Liability; 6B, G3508786, Matter of MS Erectors  
6 Corporation. I move to refer these cases back to  
7 their respective Panels for further consideration.

8                   FREIDA FOSTER:       Thank you, Madam Vice Chair.  
9 Is there a second?

10                  SAMUEL WILLIAMS:       Madam Chair, Board Member  
11 Williams. I second that motion.

12                  FREIDA FOSTER:       Thank you, Board Member  
13 Williams. Does anyone need to be recused from any of  
14 these cases? Okay. Is there any opposition? All  
15 right. Hearing none, all in favor?

16                  ALL:            Aye.

17                  FREIDA FOSTER:       Any -- any opposed? I am  
18 also a yes on that motion. Agenda Item 7, is there  
19 any other business we need to discuss? Hearing none,  
20 I will take a motion to adjourn.

21                  PAMELA CAGGIANELLI:     Madam Chair, this is  
22 Board Member Caggianelli. I take -- I make the motion  
23 to adjourn.

24                  FREIDA FOSTER:       Thank you very much, Board

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Member Caggianelli. May I have a second?

GINA SILLITTI: Board Member Sillitti, I second the motion.

FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member Sillitti. Any opposition? Hearing none, all in favor?

ALL: Aye.

FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I'm also a yes. That motion is passed. Have a wonderful day.

WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.