

Workers' Compensation Full Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Location: 328 State St., Schenectady, NY
Room 324
Webcast Live

Time: 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Freida Foster, Chair
Renee Delgado, Esq., Vice Chair
Mark Higgins (excused)
Samuel Williams (excused)
Steven A. Crain, Esq.
Clarissa Rodriguez, Esq.
Pamela Caggianelli
Martin M. Dilan
Gloribelle Perez, Esq.
Bob Bergin, Esq.
Peter DeJesus, Jr.
Maria Matos, Esq.
Gina Sillitti

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

Laura Inglis

DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

Keith Longden, Esq.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Heather Justice, Esq.

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

8 I now have the honor of calling the 1056th
9 meeting of the Full Board to order. Madam Secretary,
10 will you please call attendance?

11 LAURA INGLIS: Vice Chair Delgado.

12 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Here.

13 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member Crain.

14 STEVEN CRAIN: Here.

15 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member Rodriguez.

16 CLARISSA RODRIGUEZ: Here.

17 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member Caggianelli.

18 PAMELA CAGGIANELLI: Here.

19 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member Dilan.

20 MARTIN DILAN: Here.

21 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member Perez.

22 GLORIBELLE PEREZ: Here.

23 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member Bergan.

24 BOB BERGIN: Here.

1 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member De Jesus.
2 PETER DEJESUS, JR.: Here.
3 LAURA INGLIS: Board Member Matos.
4 MARIA MATOS: Here.
5 LAURA INGLIS: And Board Member Sillitti.
6 GINA SILLITTI: Here.
7 LAURA INGLIS: Madam Chair, Board Member
8 Williams is, asked to be excused, and Board Member
9 Higgins is experiencing some technical difficulties,
10 so we're asking to, for him to be excused as well.
11 FREIDA FOSTER: Understood, thank you. And
12 may I have a motion to approve the absence of Board
13 Member Williams and Board Member Higgins?
14 UNIDENTIFIED BOARD MEMBER: So moved.
15 MARTIN DILAN: -- Board Member Dilan.
16 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you. And second,
17 thank you very much, Board Members. Is there any
18 opposition? All in favor?
19 ALL: Aye.
20 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I am also a
21 yes, that motion is passed. Agenda Item 1, you have
22 all received a copy of the June 16, 2026 meetings to
23 review, are there any questions or need for a
24 discussion? Is there a motion to approve?

1 MARIA MATOS: Board Member Matos, I move to
2 approve, Madam Chair.

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

5 GLORIBELLE PEREZ: Second. Board Member
6 Perez.

7 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member
8 Perez. Is there any opposition? All in favor?

9 ALL: Aye.

10 FREIDA FOSTER: All opposed? I'm also a
11 yes, that motion is passed. Agenda Item 2, Deputy
12 General Counsel Longden will present the Office of
13 General Counsel's Departmental Report for June. Good
14 morning.

15 KEITH LONGDEN: Good morning, Chair Foster,
16 Vice Chair Delgado, members of the Full Board. The
17 following are statistics for the month of June, 2026
18 of the three divisions in the Office of General
19 Counsel responsible for deciding cases.

20 During that period the Adjudication Division held
21 17,218 hearings, resolved 10,883 cases at hearings,
22 issued 284 Reserve Decisions, held 1,543 pre-hearing
23 conferences, and finalized 2,041 §32 Waiver
24 Agreements. And of those, 1,456 were finalized at a

1 hearing, and the remaining 585 were approved off
2 calendar by desk decision.

3 The Administrative Review Division during that
4 time received 931 applications for review, processed
5 955 applications, for an end-of-month inventory of
6 7,380 cases.

7 And finally, the Legal Affairs Division received
8 94 applications for Full Board Review, processed 101
9 applications, for an end-of-month inventory of 249
10 cases. Thank you. That's my report.

11 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you very much. Are
12 there any questions or need for discussion? Hearing
13 none, may I have a motion to accept the Office of
14 General Counsel's Departmental Report?

15 PAMELA CAGGIANELLI: Yes, Madam Chair, this
16 is Board Member Caggianelli, and I move that we
17 approve the Office of General Counsel's Departmental
18 Report.

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

21 CLARISSA RODRIGUEZ: I'll second that
22 motion.

23 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member
24 Rodriguez. Is there any opposition? Hearing none,

1 all in favor?

2 ALL: Aye.

3 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I'm also a
4 yes, motion is passed. Agenda Item 3, Associate
5 Attorney Heather Justice will now present Licensing
6 Applications. Good morning.

7 HEATHER JUSTICE: Good morning, Madam Chair,
8 Madam Vice Chair, Board Members, and Colleagues, you
9 have before you the recommendations from the Assigned
10 Board Panel regarding the Licensing Applications
11 listed in Part 3 of today's agenda. All of the
12 applications are for three-year renewals.

13 Under Section 24-a, Teresa Baerga, and Judith
14 Ramos Meier.

15 Under Section 50(3-b), Claims Service Bureau of
16 New York, Qualifying Officer, Bill Jones; FutureComp,
17 Qualifying Officer, Daniel Conley; GCG Risk
18 Management, Inc., Qualifying Officer, Amy Levitt; NCA
19 Comp, Qualifying Officer, Melissa Habberfield.

20 Under Section 50(3-d), Acrisure Claims Service
21 LLC, Qualifying Officer, Tim Bocek; and Sedgwick
22 Claims Management Services Inc., Qualifying Officer,
23 Matthew Mead.

24 I present these recommendations to the Full Board

1 for your consideration.

2 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you very much for
3 your report. Are there any questions or need for
4 discussion? Hearing none, may I have a motion to
5 accept the recommendations of Panels as presented?

6 GINA SILLITTI: Board Member Sillitti, I
7 move we approve the Licensing Application
8 Recommendations.

9 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member
10 Sillitti. And may I have a second?

11 STEVEN CRAIN: Second. Board Member Crain.

12 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member
13 Crain. Any opposition? All in favor?

14 ALL: Aye.

15 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I am also a
16 yes, that motion is passed. Agenda Item 4, Deputy
17 General Counsel will come back again and present the
18 recommendations concerning decisions of the Appellate
19 Division.

20 KEITH LONGDEN: Thank you, Chair Foster. On
21 this month's agenda there's one decision on the
22 Appellate Division Third Department, which is agenda
23 item 4A. It is the recommendation of the Office of
24 General Counsel that that decision be adopted as the

1 decision of the Full Board.

2 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you very much. May I
3 have a motion to accept the recommendations of the
4 Office of General Counsel?

5 BOB BERGIN: I move it.

6 FREIDA FOSTER: And second.

7 PETER DEJESUS, JR.: Madam Chair, I'll
8 second that motion.

9 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you very much. Is
10 there any opposition? Hearing none, all in favor?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I'm also a
13 yes, that motion is passed. We have no Mandatory Full
14 Board items to review, therefore, I turn this portion
15 of the agenda over to Vice Chair Delgado. Good
16 morning.

17 VICE CHAIR DELGADO: Good morning. Thank
18 you, Madam Chair. For the cases listed in Item 6 on
19 your agenda it has been recommended that Full Board
20 Review be granted. Those cases are 6A, G3776356,
21 Matter of Cardoza Plumbing Corporation; 6B, G3777137,
22 Matter of Skycore Builders Inc.; 6C, G1828036, Matter
23 of DOCCS Ulster Correctional Facility; 6D, G3779228,
24 Matter of Greek Coffee Taxi LLC; and 6E, G3347220,

1 Matter of DOCCS Coxsackie Correctional Facility. I
2 move to refer the cases back to the respective Panels
3 for further consideration.

4 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you very much, Vice
5 Chair. Is there a second?

6 PAMELA CAGGIANELLI: Board Member
7 Caggianelli, I second that motion.

8 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member
9 Caggianelli. Does anyone need to be recused from any
10 of these cases? All right. Is there any opposition?
11 Hearing none, all in favor?

12 ALL: Aye.

13 FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I'm also a
14 yes, that motion is passed. All right, Agenda Item 7,
15 is there any other business that we need to discuss?
16 Hearing none, may I have a motion to adjourn the
17 meeting?

18 STEVEN CRAIN: Motion to adjourn, Board
19 Member Crain.

20 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member
21 Crain. Is there a second?

22 PAMELA CAGGIANELLI: Board Member
23 Caggianelli, I second that motion.

24 FREIDA FOSTER: Thank you, Board Member

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Caggianelli. Any opposition? All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

FREIDA FOSTER: Any opposed? I'm also a
yes. Good job. Meeting adjourned.

(Whereupon, meeting was adjourned.)