MINUTES OF THE 1058TH MEETING OF THE FULL NEW YORK STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

October 20, 2026
Held in Schenectady, New York
Live Webcast

IN ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chair Freida Foster
Vice Chair Renee Delgado
Board Member Mark Higgins
Board Member Samuel Williams
Board Member Steven Crain
Board Member Clarissa Rodriguez
Board Member Pamela Caggianelli
Board Member Martin Dilan
Board Member Gloribelle Perez
Board Member Bob Bergin
Board Member Peter DeJesus Jr.
Board Member Maria Matos
Board Member Gina Sillitti

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

Laura Inglis

GENERAL COUNSEL

Quinn Rapp-Ellis

GUESTS

Executive Director Steve Scotti
Deputy General Counsel Keith Longdon
Advocate for Injured Workers Joe Cavalcante
Associate Attorney Heather Justice
Director of Public Information Missy Stewart
Michelle Murphy
Meghan McKenna
Sophonie Pierre-Michel
Chief Security Officer Shawn Turner
Meredith Hartman
American Sign Language Interpreter

The Board meeting was webcast live for members of the public. The Chair called the 1058th meeting of the Full Board to order. All members were present.

The first order of official business was the approval of the September 15, 2026, meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as submitted.

General Counsel Quinn Rapp-Ellis presented the statistical and informational report of the three divisions of the Office of General Counsel responsible for deciding cases for September 2026.

The Full Board voted unanimously to accept the statistical & informational reports of the Office of General Counsel.

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LICENSING APPLICATIONS

SECTION 24-a — Claimant Representatives

Louis Hawkins

Recommendation: 3-year renewal period

Thomas Murray

Recommendation: 1-year approval

SECTION 50(3-b) — Domestic TPA

Emerald Claims Management of New York

William Jones, Esq. - Qualifying Officer

Recommendation: 3-year renewal period

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES

Amy Sassenhausen, Esq. - Qualifying Officer

Recommendation: 3-year renewal period

SECTION 50(3-d) — Foreign TPA

Wright Risk Management

Fern Pruett Rankin, Esq. - Qualifying Officer

Recommendation: 1-year approval

The Mutual Group Insurance Services LLC

Matthew Mead, Esq. - Qualifying Officer

Recommendation: 3-year renewal period

The Board voted unanimously to approve the licensing application recommendations.

General Counsel Quinn Rapp-Ellis presented the Legal Appeals' recommendations concerning decisions by the Appellate Division, Third Department.

After discussion and consideration, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of General Counsel.

RESOLVED, that the Orders of the Appellate Division, Third Department, in the cases:

4A. William Alexander v. New York City Department of Homeless Services, et al.

CASE #: G2901836

4B. Gisell Rosario v. The William Carter Company, et al.

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CASE #: G3743042

4C. Bernardo Castillo Gonzalez v. Expo Concrete LLC, et al.

CASE #: G3580605

4D. Gerard Mulligan v. Moy Construction Corporation, et al.

CASE #: G3327998

4E. Julius W. Brown v. New York City Transit Authority, et al.

CASE #: G2855021

4F. Aaron Buscemi v. Prime Care Coordination, et al.

CASE #: G1307587

4G. Michelle L. Greek, as Executor of the Estate of Walter E. Greek, Deceased v. Dansville Central School District, et al.

CASE #: G3039721 & G1309155

4H. Jose Rendon v. Cosan Construction Corporation, et al.

CASE #: G3608914

be there and the same, hereby are made Orders of the Board.

MANDATORY FULL BOARD (WCL § 23)

Nothing to Consider

DISCRETIONARY FULL BOARD (WCL §142)

6A. Matter of Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center

Case #: G3506937

RESOLVED, that Full Board review is granted, the decision filed on January 2, 2026, is rescinded and the case is referred to the Board Panel for further consideration.

6B. Matter of CTA Stucco & Plastering LLC

Case #: G3372163

RESOLVED, that Full Board review is granted, the decision filed on July 31, 2025, is rescinded and the case is referred to the Board Panel for further consideration.

6C. Matter of Manhattan & Bronx Surface Tran

Case #: G3713315

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RESOLVED, that Full Board review is granted, the decision filed on April 2, 2025, is rescinded and the case is referred to the Board Panel for further consideration.

6D. Matter of The State Group Industrial

Case #: G3147509

RESOLVED, that Full Board review is granted, the decision filed on February 11, 2026, is rescinded and the case is referred to the Board Panel for further consideration.

6E. Matter of Lake Construction Corporation

Case #: G3528656

RESOLVED, that Full Board review is granted, the decision filed on July 10, 2025, is rescinded and the case is referred to the Board Panel for further consideration.

6F. Matter of DXB Cargo LLC

Case #: G3459600

RESOLVED, that Full Board review is granted, the decision filed on July 23, 2025, is rescinded and the case is referred to the Board Panel for further consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

GUEST SPEAKER

New York State Workers' Compensation Board, Ombudsman/Advocate for Injured Workers, Joseph Cavalcante shared the experience of the World Trade Center claims in the Workers' Compensation system with the Board.

CONCLUSION

The Board adjourned.

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