

**Massachusetts Workers' Compensation
Advisory Council Minutes**

November 19, 2007

Department of Industrial Accidents
600 Washington Street, 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02111

Present: Chairman Edmund C. Corcoran, Jr.; Acting Vice-Chairman Mickey Long.

CM: John Regan; John Pulgini; Tony Frias (Ines Leonardo); John D. Boyle (Teri McHugh); Peter A. Cook (Karen Shanley); Kenneth Paradis (Andrea Keyo); Tom Jones (Department of Labor).

Also Present: DIA: William C. Tattan, Deputy Commissioner/General Counsel; Martine Carroll, Senior Judge.

Advisory Council Staff: Andrew Burton; Evelyn Flanagan.

Absent: CM: Robert Banks (William Corley); Jeanne-Marie Boylan; Jill Brown; Department of Business & Technology.

Agenda:

Chairman's Welcome

- Judicial Nomination Update - Martine Carroll, Senior Judge

Miscellaneous

Executive Session

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Chairman Edmund C. Corcoran, Jr., began today's meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Chairman recognized Senior Judge Martine Carroll who spoke briefly on the judicial nomination process.

Judicial Nomination Update

Senior Judge Martine Carroll updated Advisory Council Members on the judicial nomination process and the procedures employed by the Judicial Nominating Committee during the review of judicial applicants. Senior Judge Carroll stated that the Judicial Nominating Committee interviewed 29 applicants in November. The Senior Judge explained that during the interview process, one of the applicants withdrew their application.

Senior Judge Carroll stated that the interview process was very competitive. The Senior Judge noted that the candidates forwarded to the Advisory Council represented a diverse background in both ethnicity and geography.

MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Director Burton reviewed with Council Members the interview and voting procedures (see attached). The Executive Director explained that each candidate would be given a 15 minute interview in which both voting and non-voting members could ask questions. Mr. Burton stated that the statute allows the Advisory Council to rate the qualifications of any candidate as either "qualified," "highly qualified," or "unqualified." Executive Director Burton noted that a candidate must receive seven affirmative votes for any motion to pass. In the event a candidate is unable to receive seven affirmative votes on any of the qualifications, the Executive Director stated that he would indicate in the letter to the Governor's Chief Legal Counsel that the Advisory Council could not reach a consensus on the qualifications for that candidate.

Chairman Corcoran thanked all parties for attending today's meeting and then requested a motion to move into Executive Session.

Motion made to move into Executive Session.

MMS - Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for Wednesday,

December 12, 2007, at 9:00 AM, at the Division of Industrial Accidents, 600 Washington Street, 7th Floor Conference Room, Boston, MA 02111.