

MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 24, 2015

Department of Industrial Accidents
1 Congress Street, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02114-2017

Council Members Present: Stephen Joyce; John Regan; Stephen Falvey; Frank Ruel; Bernie Mulholland; Teri McHugh; Michael Kelley; Todd Johnson.

Also Present: Linda Turner, Acting Director; Bill Tattan, General Counsel; Jessica Muradian, Legislative Director (EOLWD); Melissa Butts, Program Coordinator, Underground Economy; Sira Grant, Office of Senator Bruce Tarr; Logan Trupiano, Office of Senator Bruce Tarr.

Advisory Council Staff: William S. Monnin-Browder; Evelyn Flanagan.

Agenda:

Chairman's Welcome
Legislative Discussion
Miscellaneous

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Chairman Stephen Joyce welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Director Linda Turner to update members on the FY'16 assessment rate.

FY'16 ASSESSMENT RATE

Director Linda Turner stated that the FY'16 assessment rate would be set at 5.75%, below the 5.8% discussed at the meeting earlier this month. She noted that this represents a .05% decrease from the FY'15 rate and that she expects the rate to remain steady over the next few years.

LEGISLATION

The Chairman asked the Executive Director to provide an overview of workers' compensation bills filed this session, noting which bills the Advisory Council has supported in the past.

Executive Director William Monnin-Browder noted that members should have received a bill summary packet prepared by Advisory Council staff. Mr. Monnin-Browder noted that the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (JCLWD) held a hearing on most of the workers' compensation-related bills on May 26th and that the committee had reported a number of bills favorably. The Executive Director reviewed each of the bills included in the summary packet.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 9:00 A.M., at the Department of Industrial Accidents, 1 Congress Street, Suite 100, Conference Room #10-140, Boston, MA 02114-2017.