

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION

APPEALS

Friday, May 16, 2025
8:30 a.m.
Commission en Banc Courtroom
1915 N. Stiles Ave.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER.....Commission’s Chair, Chairman Russell
ROLL CALL.....Presiding Appellate Officer, Commissioner Tilly
BUSINESS.....Presiding Appellate Officer, Commissioner Tilly

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE BY CHAIRMAN

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION

A. MINUTES:

- The drafted Minutes of the Regular Appeals Meeting of April 25, 2025, were considered for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs made a motion to approve the Regular Appeals Meeting of April 25, 2025, minutes.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: MINUTES APPROVED

B. Appeal Hearings before the Commission En Banc from Orders Issued by the Commission's Administrative Law Judges

1. Joseph Stone v. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the State of Oklahoma, File #CM3-2024-03226N

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Joseph Stone represented himself, pro se and Bradley J. McClure appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

Item was revisited

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's order and authorized the Commission's Presiding Appellate Officer to sign and file an order on behalf of the Commission.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: ALJ ORDER AFFIRMED

2. John Voegeli v. Schlumberger Technology Corp. and Farmington Casualty Company, File #CM3-2023-06994H

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. James G. Devinney appeared for the Claimant and Jill R. Fidelie appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. Michele McBride v. Tulsa Bone & Joint Associates and Zenith Ins. Co., File #CM3-2024-01094J

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. John Evans Jr. appeared for the Claimant and Lee Endicott appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's order and authorized the Commission's Presiding Appellate Officer to sign and file an order on behalf of the Commission.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: ALJ ORDER AFFIRMED

4. **Pamela Stone v. TTCU Federal Credit Union Integrity Title and Chubb National Ins. Co., File #CM3-2022-01807P**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Craig R. Armstrong appeared for the Claimant and Clark P. Busyhead appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's order and authorized the Commission's Presiding Appellate Officer to sign and file an order on behalf of the Commission.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: ALJ ORDER AFFIRMED

5. **Mark Etchison v. A. Bors Properties LLC and Old Glory Insurance Co., File #CM3-2024-04302P**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Blodgett. Gregg G. Fuller appeared for the Claimant and Kelly Bodell appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's order and authorized the Commission's Presiding Appellate Officer to sign and file an order on behalf of the Commission.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: ALJ ORDER AFFIRMED

C. Commission Consideration of Adoption of Final Order in the Following Cases:

1. Manuel Deal v. Oklahoma Forensic Center and the State of Oklahoma, File #CM3-2024-00211W

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Phillip C. Hawkins appeared for the Claimant and Cynthia J. Braly appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on March 7, 2025. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to continue this case to the next appeals meeting.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: CONTINUED

2. Mark Brossett v. MITF, File #CM3F-2023-03606G

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Ray Lahann appeared for the Claimant and Michael A. Fagan appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on March 7, 2025. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to adopt the order as proposed and circulated.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: ORDER ADOPTED

3. Gilbert LaPorte v. MITF, File #CM3F-2023-04184G

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Susan H. Jones appeared for the Claimant and Connor E. Brittingham appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on March 7, 2025. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to adopt the order as proposed and circulated.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: ORDER ADOPTED

4. Melia Robertson v. Oklahoma Employment Security and the State of Oklahoma, File #CM3-2023-04568L

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Melia Robertson appeared representing herself, pro se and Robbie Simpson appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on April 25, 2025. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's order and authorized the Commission's Presiding Appellate Officer to sign and file an order on behalf of the Commission.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: ALJ ORDER AFFIRMED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:23 p.m.

Second: Chairman Russell

Those Voting Aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

THE MOTION CARRIED: MEETING ADJOURNED