

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION

APPEALS

Friday, August 15, 2025
9:00 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 June 20, 2025, were considered for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs made a motion to approve the Regular Appeals Meeting of June 20, 2025, minutes.

Second: Commissioner Tilly

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. Ryan Hennessey v. CSI Fire Equipment, File #CM3-2024-00553M

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Blodgett. Ryan Hennessey represented himself, pro se and Matthew J. Graves appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take preliminary action to remand ALJ's order for an IME.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: PRELIMINARY ACTION TAKEN

2. Carlissa Ruff v. FYDAQ Transport Inc. and Firemens Ins. Co. of Washington D.C., File #CM3-2022-05123G

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Pamla Cornett appeared for the Claimant and Nicole S. Bryant appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take preliminary action to include the other body parts and affirm the order.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: PRELIMINARY ACTION TAKEN

3. Brent Smith v. Groendyke Transport Inc. and Great West Casualty Company, File #CM3-2023-05175W

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Susan H. Jones appeared for the Claimant and Nicole S. Bryant 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

4. **Samuel Cox v. Berry Global Inc. and Safety National Casualty Corp., File #CM3-2023-01118L**

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. James G. Devinney 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

5. **Gunner Wendel v. Walmart Associates Inc., File #CM3-2023-05795A**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Joe Farnan appeared for the Claimant and Steven E. Hanna 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. **Antonio Weathersby v. Latshaw Drilling Co. LLC and American Zurich Ins. Co., File #CM3-2023-02722R**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Antonio Weathersby represented himself, pro se and Kymberly J. Watt appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on June 20, 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

2. Raul Olvera v. Capital Assets Inc. and Zenith Ins. Co., File #CM3-2023-07361G

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Bret A. Unterschuetz appeared for the Claimant and Angelica Ortiz appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on June 20, 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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: MEETING ADJOURNED