

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION

APPEALS

Friday, November 21, 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 October 3, 2025, were considered for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs made a motion to approve the Regular Appeals Meeting of October 3, 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. Joseph James v. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse and the State of Oklahoma, File #CM3-2019-03259J

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Blodgett. April Spurgeon appeared for the Claimant and Michael Fagan 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

2. Haley Howell v. Nicoles Gymnastics Academy LLC and Employers Preferred Insurance Co., File #CM3-2020-01505J

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Randy L. Wagner 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

3. Brandon Henry v. Town of Ramona and Compsource Mutual Insurance Company, File #CM3-2023-03681G

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Kathryn Black appeared for the Claimant and David Custer 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. **Daniel Wilske v. Bartlesville Redi-Mix Inc. and Zurich American Ins. Co., File #CM3-2024-05512G**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Micah Felton 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

5. **Joshua Vanzant v. St. Louis Well Servicing Co. LLC and Compsource Mutual Insurance Company, File #CM3-2023-06343Q**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Randy D. Edmonson appeared for the Claimant and John A. McCaleb 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

6. **James Dawson v. Guardian Pharmacy Services Management and Sompo America Insurance Company, File #CM3-2024-00429G**

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Pamla Cornett 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

7. William Dallis v. Tahlequah Stockyards Inc. and Compsource Mutual Insurance Company, File #CM3-2024-01505R

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Brian R. Berry appeared for the Claimant and Blake I. Whitten 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. 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 Nichole S. Bryant appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on August 15, 2025. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the order as circulated.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: ORDER APPROVED

2. Johnny Schmidt v. Spartan Nash Co. and Indemnity Ins. Co. of N. America, File #CM3-2024-06356J

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Joe Farnan appeared for the Claimant and R. Jay McAtee appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 3, 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 APPROVED

3. Jeremy Lewis v. City of Moore/Moore Public Schools, File #CM3-2025-01063P

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Brandon J. Burton appeared for the Claimant and Jon L. Derouen Jr. appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 3, 2025. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take preliminary action to reverse and remand the ALJ's order.

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: ORDER CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:29 p.m.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: MEETING ADJOURNED