

**OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 26, 2026
10:00 a.m.
En Banc Courtroom
1915 N. Stiles Ave.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

STATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Notice of this Special Business Meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. The agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. It was posted on the Commission website and at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Commission's principal office.

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2026, REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

The members of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., in the En Banc Courtroom, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on March 26, 2026.

Members present: Chairman Jordan Russell, Commissioner Megan Tilly, and Commissioner Scott Biggs were present.

Others Present: (from WCC) Lauren Hammonds Johnson, Carla Jacobs, Tava Jones, Alexander Watkins, Katrina Warden, Ian Steedman, Becky Foreman, Andrea Delling, Valerie Reed, Nichole Davis, Stephen Colburn, Teresa McNeely, Judge Egan; James Lutter; (virtually- FairHealth) Joel Brill, Lydia Muna, Pauline Williams; Cindy Compton Sims, Glen Tolentino, Carla Drain, Thomas Fondren, Randy Hulin, Jamie Longacre.

Chairman Russell expressed appreciation for those in attendance. After the roll was taken, Chairman Russell found a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

A sign-in sheet was available at the door for guests and individuals who wished to speak. The Commission requested that each speaker provide a written summary of oral comments by Friday, March 27, 2026. Speakers were afforded 5 minutes to make comments.

1. Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on Proposed 2026 Medical Fee Schedule

The Commission discussed the draft Proposed 2026 Medical Fee Schedule, Report, and the written comments received during the March 2026 comment period. One speaker, Randy Hulin, gave oral comments regarding durable medical equipment costs.

Commissioner Tilly moved to continue this item to the next meeting on March 31 to consider comments and vote on the fee schedule. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Jordan Russell, Commissioner Megan Tilly, and Commissioner Scott Biggs. The motion carried.

II. BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Minutes

The drafted minutes of the February 5, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission were considered for approval.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Commissioners Jordan Russell, Megan Tilly, and Scott Biggs. The motion carried.

2. Introduction of New Medical Liaison & Counselor, Becky Foreman

Chairman Russell introduced and welcomed Becky Foreman, the Commission's new Medical Liaison and Counselor.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Consent Agenda for Travel Vouchers Currently Outstanding

Title 85A O.S. § 23 states, [a]ny Commissioner or employee of the Commission shall be entitled to receive his or her necessary traveling expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The expenses shall be certified by the person who incurred them and shall be allowed and paid on presentation of vouchers approved by the Commission." In accordance with this section, the Commission will consider a vote to approve the currently outstanding vouchers.

All travel vouchers listed within this Consent Agenda were made available to each Commissioner prior to the meeting, were routine, and were enacted by one motion of the Commission.

Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the travel vouchers. Chairman Russell seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Commissioners Jordan Russell, Megan Tilly, and Scott Biggs. The motion carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve List of Independent Medical Examiners and Independent Case Managers

Commission Operations Director Ian Steedman was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission regarding recommended IME, Dr. Tyson Allard, and recommended Nurse Case Manager, Jaima Carder.

Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the recommended IME and Nurse Case Manager. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Commissioners Jordan Russell, Megan Tilly, and Scott Biggs. The motion carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Modification and Renewal of the expiring 5-Year Contract with Insurance Services Office (ISO) from an EDI Implementation/Maintenance Agreement to a 5-Year Sole Source Maintenance Agreement commencing 5/28/2026.

The Commission discussed and considered modification and renewal of the EDI contract with ISO from an implementation/maintenance agreement to a sole source 5-year maintenance contract commencing 5/28/2026, at a rate of \$76,015 for the initial year and 2% increase per year over the next 4 years, as detailed in the following schedule:

COST BY YEAR (5-YEAR TERM)

5/28/26 - 5/27/27 (Initial Year)	\$76,015
5/28/27 - 5/27/28 (Year 2)	\$77,536
5/28/28 - 5/27/29 (Year 3)	\$79,087
5/28/29 - 5/27/30 (Year 4)	\$80,668
<u>5/28/30 - 5/27/31 (Year 5)</u>	<u>\$82,282</u>
Total 5-Year Contract	\$395,588

ISO maintenance services of EDI will continue to be classified as sole source until such time as modified or terminated.

Chief Financial Officer Andrea Delling was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Tilly moved to continue to the next business meeting. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Commissioners Jordan Russell, Megan Tilly, and Scott Biggs. The motion carried.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Request for Partial Distribution of Surplus Monies to Members of the Metropolitan Health Care Self-Insured Group (#75220)

Rule 810:25-11-10 of the Workers' Compensation Commission provides that any distributions of surplus funds back to the members of a group self-insurance association shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commission. The Metropolitan Health Care Self Insured Group (“the Group”) requested to make a partial distribution in the amount of \$801,000.00. The distribution is payable from the surplus of the fiscal fund years as follows. \$89,000.00 from each of the contract years from 2015 to 2017 and 2020 to 2025.

The Group submitted the most recent audited financial statements and actuarial review, as of September 30, 2025, as part of their request. Attached is documentation showing how the group's surplus would change as a result of the requested distribution.

Permitting Services Director Carla Jacobs presented the self-insured group's request for a partial distribution in the amount of \$801,000.00.

Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the distribution as requested in the amount of \$801,000.00. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Commissioners Jordan Russell, Megan Tilly, and Scott Biggs. The motion carried.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Request for Full Release of Security Deposit for Empire District Electric Co. (Own Risk Permit #07584)

Permitting Services Director Carla Jacobs presented the request for the full release of the surety bond in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Commissioner Tilly moved to release the security bond in full, as requested. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Commissioners Jordan Russell, Megan Tilly, and Scott Biggs. The motion carried.

8. Legislative Update and Discussion

Commissioner Biggs presented and answered questions of the Commission.

9. New Business

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tilly seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Chairman Jordan Russell, Commission Megan Tilly, and Commissioner Scott Biggs. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.