

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION

APPEALS

Friday, March 27, 2026
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 Special Appeals Meeting of February 27, 2026, were considered for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs made a motion to approve the Special Appeals Meeting of February 27, 2026, 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. Tracy Wallace v. Oasis Outsourcing LLC, Discovery Woodlands Leasing LLC D/B/A and American Zurich Ins. Co., File #CM3-2020-00993R

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Arthur Adams appeared for the Claimant. Nick Crews and Jim Cassody appeared for the Respondents.

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. Carlotta Scarborough v. Northeastern Health System and Oklahoma Health Care Association, File #CM3-2021-03910K

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Arthur H. Adams is the attorney of record for the claimant and Donald A. Bullard is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to continue this case to the next available docket.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: CASE CONTINUED

3. Phillip Mendell v. City of Bartlesville, File #CM3-2021-04713A

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Kathryn Black appeared for the Claimant and Travis Colt appeared for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Tilly moved to take preliminary action reversing the finding that there were no compensable injury and remanding for additional evidence to determine if Respondent rebutted the presumption of compensability.

Second: Commissioner Biggs

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: ALJ ORDER REVERSED

4. **Michael Burnette v. MITF, File #CM3F-2021-05731X**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Ray Lahann is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Connor E. Brittingham is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to dismiss the appeal.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: APPEAL DISMISSED

5. **Andra Carter II v. Whataburger Restaurants LLC and American Zurich Ins. Co., File #CM3-2024-01571Q**

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Blodgett. Allyson Knox appeared for the Claimant and John 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. **Tonya Smith v. Smith Home Care LLC and Amtrust Insurance Co., File #CM3-2024-06698H**

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Allyson Knox 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

7. **Chris Mangum v. Riverside Transport Inc. and Cowell Insurance Services Inc., File #CM3-2024-03437Y**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Michael Green appeared for the Claimant and Nicole Bryant 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

8. **Laurel Reynolds v. Galt Foundation Inc. and COMPSOURCE Mutual Insurance Company, File #CM3-2024-02404F**

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Elliott Yaffe appeared for the Claimant and John Valentine 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

9. **Daniel Schlickbernd v. Trader Joe's Co. and Indemnity Ins. of N. America, File #CM3-2025-01177K**

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Jay T. Chaney is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Donald A. Bullard is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Motion: After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to continue this case to the next available docket.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: CASE CONTINUED

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

1. Brock Clark v. City of Tulsa, File #CM3-2024-01855R

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. April Spurgeon appeared for the Claimant and Travis Colt appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on February 6, 2026. 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 take this case under advisement.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. Bernardino Valadez v. BECCO Contractors, Inc., File #CM3-2023-03637F

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

This case came on for Oral Argument on December 12, 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.

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 1:00 p.m.

Second: Chairman Russell

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

THE MOTION CARRIED: MEETING ADJOURNED