MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA
Telephonic Meeting
Held at 800 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

Present: Dale L. Schultz Chairman (Telephonic)

Joseph M. Hennelly, Jr. Vice Chair (Telephonic)
Scott P. LeMarr Commissioner (Telephonic)
Steven J. Krenzel Commissioner (Telephonic)
James Ashley Director (Telephonic)
Gaetano Testini Chief Legal Counsel (Telephonic)
Jason M. Porter Deputy Director (Telephonic)
Trevor Laky Legislative Affairs Chief/Public Information Officer (Telephonic)
Renee Pastor Self Insurance (Telephonic)
Kara Dimas Commission Secretary (Telephonic)

Chairman Schultz convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Also in attendance on the telephone, confirmed by roll call were Susan Strickler (Arizona Counties Insurance Pool); Alan McVay and Scott Kessler (Dignity Health).

Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Krenzel moved to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2021 regular session meeting and Vice Chair Hennelly seconded the motion. Chairman Schultz, Vice Chair Hennelly and Commissioner Krenzel voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner LeMarr abstained. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

All items following under this agenda item are consent matters and will be considered by a single motion with no discussion unless a Commissioner asks to remove an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. The Commission may move into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) to discuss records exempt by law from public inspection. Legal action involving a final vote or decision shall not be taken in Executive Session. If such action is required, then it will be taken in General Session.

a. Approval of Proposed Civil Penalties Against Uninsured Employers.

1. 2CNP-20/21-0374 On Time Medical Trans, Inc. $1,000
2. 2C-20/21-0028 Sun State Home Improvements LLC $1,000

b. Approval of Requests for Renewal of Self-Insurance Authority.

1. Arizona Counties Workers’ Compensation Pool
2. Dignity Health
Vice Chair Hennelly requested that the Arizona Counties Workers’ Compensation Pool be heard separately.

Commissioner LeMarr moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Krenzel seconded the motion. Chairman Schultz, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner LeMarr and Commissioner Krenzel voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Requests for Renewal of Self-Insurance Authority.

1. Arizona Counties Workers’ Compensation Pool

Vice Chair Hennelly wanted to address the equities to total liability ratio given it is still pretty low.

Ms. Pastor explained that because the pool accounts for their losses at a 75% confidence level they have low equity ratios. In the following year hopefully you will see a higher ratio.

Ms. Strickler noted the pool was small which plays into some of the numbers.

Vice Chair Hennelly noted the other numbers are good and the revenue is up and expenditures are way down, the other ratios look good and the bond looks good.

Ms. Pastor agreed things are looking up.

Ms. Strickler added that since the last renewal the Cochise County Board of Supervisors has been authorized to work with the PEPP program. Some of the other counties are looking into working with PEPP as well.

Vice Chair Hennelly feels it is great that the pool is working with the PEPP program and that Ms. Strickler is working with the pool.

Chairman Schultz, Ms. Strickler and Ms. Pastor discussed the reduction in expenditures in losses, noting there were a couple of bad years which are now starting to drop off and anticipate it will look better in 2021.

Chairman Schultz and Ms. Strickler discussed the COVID claims, and asked Ms. Strickler to present to the Commission, to show how an insurance program, particularly self-insurance, can be a part of addressing a major risk and public health risk.

Vice Chair Hennelly moved to approve the self-insurance renewal for the Arizona Counties Workers’ Compensation Pool and Commissioner LeMarr seconded the motion. Chairman Schultz, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner LeMarr and Commissioner Krenzel voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements, Scheduling of Future Meetings and Retirement Resolutions.

Ms. Dimas confirmed Commission meeting dates through May 2021.

Public Comment.
There was no other public comment.

Commissioner Krenzel moved to adjourn and Commissioner LeMarr seconded the motion. Chairman Schultz, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner LeMarr and Commissioner Krenzel voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

By James Ashley, Director

ATTEST:

Kara Dimas, Commission Secretary