INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Minutes

August 6, 2026

Members Present:
Dave Anderson
Jamie Arnold, Committee Chair
Stephanie Butler
Shellie Martin
Kelly Paananen
Mark Petterson
Kelli Segroves

Members Absent:
Alex Garcia
Dr. Cody Heiner
Joe Maloney
Andrew Marcham
Joe Maloney
Matt Pappas
Michael Kessinger
Ex-Officio: Representative James Hotlzclaw
Ex-Officio: Senator Tammy Nichols

Industrial Commission:
Claire Sharp, Chair
Aaron White, Commissioner
George Gutierrez, Director
Amy Berg, Public Information Officer

Opening Remarks and Introductions:
Mr. Arnold led the meeting and opened it at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Arnold reminded attendees to sign in, then requested introductions from Committee members and public attendees.

Minutes of May 20, 2026:
The minutes of the May 20, 2026, meeting were presented for review and approval. Upon the motion of Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the minutes of May 20, 2026, were approved. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Industrial Commission Report:

- Industrial Commission Update
    a. Director Gutierrez provided an update on the In-N-Out Burger incident in Twin Falls and how the Industrial Commission and the Crime Victims Compensation Program were responding.

b. Chair Sharp informed the committee that the University of Idaho externship program was concluding, and it had been a successful experience for everyone involved.
c. Ryan Linnarz informed the committee that the original IRIS Modernization Project development contract had been completed, and the team is currently finalizing the enhancements and shifting into an ongoing support phase.
d. Sonnet Robinson presented the updated JRP, which was a result of the Miklos ruling and the Subcommittee on Miklos' discussions. Patti Vaughn explained the proposed changes to the JRP regarding the disputes between providers and payors. Following some concerns expressed by the Committee, Ms. Vaughn will take the feedback back to the Commission for consideration and then post the updated JRP on the Commission's website for a public comment period.

Subcommittee Report:

- Subcommittee on Peace Officer & Detention Officer Temporary Disability Fund
    a. Subcommittee Chair Chris Wagener provided an update about the subcommittee's recent meetings regarding the current statutory language, and from the meetings, the subcommittee was proposing that the Advisory Committee approve and submit the subcommittee's proposed language to the Legislative Services Office (LSO) on August 7, 2026. After receiving feedback and suggested changes from the Committee, Ms. Paananen moved to approve the language changes as discussed and submit them to LSO. Committee Chair Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Subcommittee on I.C. 72-602
    a. Subcommittee Chair Wagener advised that the subcommittee worked to update 72-602 to remove outdated language and bring the statute into compliance with EDI. Mr. Peterson moved to approve the proposed language to I.C. 72-602 as presented to the Committee and to submit it to LSO, with Mr. Anderson seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Subcommittee on Miklos
    a. With the Commission making the necessary changes to its JRP, there is no additional action needed.
- Subcommittee on Referee Pay
    a. Rachel Misnik reported that with the support of the Department of Financial Management, the Industrial Commission will be submitting a line-item budget request to increase all seven referee positions.
    b. Dana Ryden explained the ongoing recruiting challenges the Adjudication Department has faced in trying to fill the vacant position. She also announced

that the Commission has expanded its current job posting to allow the successful candidate to work from Boise, Pocatello, or Idaho Falls, thereby increasing the candidate pool.

c. With no further business to discuss, Ms. Martin made the motion to dissolve the Subcommittee on Referee Pay, and Ms. Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Subcommittee on Neel & Court Reporters
    a. With no further business to discuss, Mr. Anderson made the motion to dissolve the Subcommittees on Neel & Court Reporters, and Ms. Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Issues/Announcements:

- ISIF FY Report
    a. Lea Kear, Manager of the Industrial Special Indemnity Fund, provided an update on ISIF's 2026 Fiscal Year Report.
- Elections
    a. The Advisory Committee currently has five positions, plus the chairmanship, up for reelection. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the quorum could confirm four of the five candidates who wanted to retain their seats. Ms. Martin made the motion to nominate Mr. Pappas to serve as committee chair, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    b. Ballots were then distributed for the members to vote, and will be tallied by Ms. Berg and reported to the Commissioners at a later date.

Preparation for Future Meetings:

- Topics for Discussion:
    a. Committee Chair Arnold suggested that a Subcommittee needed to be formed to discuss Statutory Employers, and per Committee Chair Arnold's recommendation, Mr. Peterson made the motion to form the committee, with Ms. Martin seconding. Motion carried unanimously.
        i. Members expressing interest in serving on the subcommittee include Committee Chair Arnold, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wagener, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Kessinger, and Ms. Martin.
    b. Mr. Wagener suggested that a subcommittee needed to be formed to discuss physician-dispensed medication, and per the recommendation, Ms. Martin made the motion to form the subcommittee, with Ms. Segroves seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

        i. Members expressing interest in serving on the subcommittee include Mr. Wagener, Ms. Martin, Ms. Segroves, Dr. Heiner, Ms. Butler, Ms. Vaughn, Ms. Young, and Committee Chair Arnold.
- November 18 Next Meeting
    a. Committee Chair Arnold reminded the committee members of the next meeting date.

Adjourn

- With no further business to discuss, Ms. Butler made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. with Mr. Peterson seconding. Motion carried unanimously.