

DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting, Tuesday, April 04 ,2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 10:00 a.m. on April 04, 2023, the meeting of the Advisory Council for the Division of Industrial Relations (DIR) was called to order by chairman Paul McKenzie. Roll Call was taken by Marisa Santizo. Paul McKenzie, Maureen Ostby, Robert Benner, Susan Martinez, Jeff Seavey, Vincent Saavedra, and Ian Langtry attended via WebEx. It was determined a quorum was present. DIR staff present at the Las Vegas Office were Victoria Carreon, Valerie Hall, Todd Schultz, Christopher Eccles, Brennan Paterson, William Gardner, and Marisa Santizo. Rodney Neils and Valerie Hall attended via WebEx. Sam Taylor from the Attorney General's Office attended via WebEx.

2. Public Comment on items to which actions may be taken

No items for public comment were raised.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 04, 2023. Robert Benner made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 04, 2023, meeting as presented. Maureen Ostby seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. FOR DISCUSSION: Division of Industrial Relations Activity Update

a. Administrator's Update (Victoria Carreon)

Administrator Carreon discussed how the State is currently in Legislative Session. She also discussed three budget enhancements with CARDS, new positions, and salary increases to help with recruitment in 2023.

b. Mechanical Compliance Section-MCS (Brennan Paterson)

Brennan Paterson discussed some of the major accomplishments for the Mechanical Compliance section such as pressure vessel enforcement, stairway chairlifts in Nevada, and elevator safety enforcements.

c. Mine Safety and Training Section-MSATS (Rodney Neils)

Rodney Neils gave an update on the Mine Safety and Training Sections inspections and training accomplishments.

d. Occupational Safety and Health Administration-OSHA (William "Bill" Gardner)

William addressed the key issues in OSHA and mentioned the outreach and training highlights of 2022.

e. Safety Consultation and Training Section-SCATS (Todd Schultz)

Todd shared the accomplishments and training highlights for SCATS in FY 2023.

f. Worker's Compensation-WCS (Valerie Hall)

Valerie spoke about upcoming conferences being held in Las Vegas. She also shared current WCS accomplishments in FY 2023.

5. Regulations Update

a. Mechanical Compliance Section-MCS

Senior attorney Chris Eccles addressed regulation updates for R034-21RP2 and announced that a regulation hearing was held on March 15, 2023.

b. Occupational Safety and Health Administration-OSHA

Senior attorney Chris Eccles addressed regulation updates for R053-20RA related to heat illness.

c. Worker's Compensation-WCS

Senior attorney Chris Eccles presented regulation updates for R134-20RA, R032-21RP2, and the temporary regulation on lump sum permanent partial disability payments. He also provided status on the regulation review required by Executive Order 2023-003.

6. Legislative Update

a. AB165

Senior Attorney Chris Eccles provided updates and explained that AB165 was approved by Governor Lombardo on March 22, 2023.

b. AB441

Senior Attorney Chris Eccles explained how AB441 affects the Workers compensation Section by expanding the ability to do claims administration outside of Nevada.

c. SB274

Senior Attorney Chris Eccles provided an update on SB274 and stated that there was a hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor on 3/29/23.

d. SB427

Senior Attorney Chris Eccles explained the workplace safety standards for exposure to heat and poor air quality.

7. Review and comments on OSHA quarterly complaint report for October – December 2022 (NRS 618.336 and NRS 232.600) (William Gardner)

No questions or comments.

8. Review of OSHA quarterly report on violations of NRS 618.375 for October- December 2022 (NRS 618.347) (William Gardner)

No questions or comments.

9. FOR DISCUSSION: Discussion of items requested for follow-up from the January 10, 2023, meeting:

a) City of Sparks firefighter staffing and safety concerns (William Gardner)

William Gardner stated that this inspection was done by both OSHA Safety and Health teams at Fire Stations One and Three. The inspection included interviews with employees and management. Inspectors reviewed work orders, training records, and safety committee

minutes. OSHA also had their Industrial Hygienist collect a mold sampling that was sent to the lab. At this time OSHA did not find a reason for citation and the inspection has been closed.

10. Agenda items for next scheduled meeting. (Chair)

No recommendations at this time.

11. Discussion on possible investigations or studies to be conducted (NRS 232.600). (Chair)

No recommendations at this time.

12. Public Comment (Chair)

No items for public comment were raised.

13. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 10:35 am by Susan Martinez and seconded by Vincent Saavedra.