



CIRCULAR LETTER 1249—SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

WISCONSIN GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Wisconsin Governing Board meeting held virtually and in-person from the premises of the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau, 20700 Swenson Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186 on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

A list of attendees at the September Rating Committee and Governing Board meetings follows. The Chair of the Rating Committee was Scott Beaver from West Bend Mutual Insurance Company. Chair of the Governing Board was Diana Trent from Employers Insurance of Wausau.

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE	GOVERNING BOARD	RATING COMMITTEE
American Home Assurance	Ira Feuerlicht	X	X
Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee	Dan Burazin	X	X
Employers Insurance of Wausau	Diana Trent	X	X
Employers Mutual Casualty Co.	Mike Lester	O	X
	Gail Ostaszewski	O	X
	Craig Sanford	O	X
General Casualty Co	George Busche	X	X
SFM Mutual Insurance Co.	Brian Bent	X	X
Secura Insurance Co.	Steve Miller	X	O
Sentry Insurance A Mutual Co.	Scott Lange	X	X
	Bev Beigel	X	X
Society Insurance Co.	Tim Riedl	X	X
Travelers Indemnity Co.	Eric Belk	X	X
United Wisconsin Insurance Co.	Pat Williams	X	X
West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.	Scott Beaver	X	X
	Brian McEvoy	X	X
Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau	Bernie Rosauer	O	O
	Tad Cleveland	O	O
	Nancy Kierzek	O	O
	Michael Mann	O	O
	Beth Nickel	O	O
	Jaclyn Medici-Bruneau	O	O
	Donna Knepper	O	O
	Stephanie Staring	O	O
	Andrew Stoughton	O	O

X = Committee member
O= Non-committee member

Also Present:

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Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company	Jeff Brey	O	O
	Paul Emerick	O	O
Aegis	Terry Falls	O	O
Badger Mutual Insurance Co	Tyler Protz	O	O
Department of Workforce Development (DWD)	Joe Moreth	O	O
	Aaron Galarowicz	O	O
	Steve Peters	O	O
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI)	David Haushalter	O	O
	Rebecca Rebholz	O	O
	Eric Schoene	O	O
Riegel Law	Paul Riegel	O	O
Rural Mutual Insurance Company	Sara Grade	O	O
	Sara Leach	O	O
Western National Insurance Co	Richard Kalina	O	O
	Peter Corning	O	O

WCRB Rating Committee Meeting

Antitrust Statement - "This Board meeting has been called to discuss the items of mutual interest and concern to the members of the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau. In accordance with both Federal and Wisconsin State Anti-trust Laws, this Committee is prohibited from any discussion or action which constitutes any form of boycott, coercion, or intimidation."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- COVID-19 Amendments – General discussion of the current state and potential impact of COVID-19. This item continues on the agenda.
- WCPAP Postcard Notifications – The Committee was updated on the status of the postcard notification cessation and public information efforts by the WCRB. This item continues on the agenda.
- AIM Cleaning Services LLC- Hearing - The employer did not appeal the decision of the Committee within 30 days to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This item is removed from the agenda.

Pending Filings

- 2021 Rate Revision – The Committee was updated on the approval of the 2021 Rate Revision filing by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. The ELF portion of the filing remains pending approval. This item is continued on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- ITEM R-1414-B—Revisions to Retrospective Rating Plan Manual Appendix B and All Related Rules and Endorsements – this item proposes an amendment to filed and approved Item R-1414 providing revisions to the methodology and table lookups in the Retrospective Rating Plan Manual. The Committee voted to approve filing the item with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance with an effective date upon approval. This item continues on the agenda.
- ITEM P-1418—Revisions to Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism Premium Endorsement- this item revises the definition of Catastrophe in the Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement. The Committee voted to approve filing the item with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance with an effective date of 08/01/2022. This item continues on the agenda.
- Estimated USR Fining Proposal – general discussion of a WCRB proposal to include Estimated USR letters in the established fining procedure promulgated in the Unit Statistical Plan Manual. The Committee voted to approve filing these changes with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance with an effective date of 4/01/2022. This item continues on the agenda.

WCRB Governing Board Meeting

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- Approval of the Minutes for the June 15, 2021 meeting.
 - Bureau Operations – Industry Issues
- A. Budget Update - The Board members were presented with the following budget reports and were given the opportunity to ask questions on the information presented.
- 2021 Estimated Year-End/2022 Preliminary Budget
 - 2021 Approved IT Budget/2021 Estimated Year-End Summary
 - 2022 IT Proposed Budget
 - Income Report that included years 2019 through 7/31/2021
 - Notice to Carrier Fine Comparison
 - Unit Stat Fine Comparison

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The Board voted to levy an assessment in the amount of \$2,064,380 for the general operating expenses for the WCRB for the fourth quarter of 2021.

B. Administrative affairs, occupancy, general expenses, personnel, etc. The Board was updated on several items:

- Chris Reader, the Governor's appointee to the Governing Board and Rating Committee, resigned his position. A request has been sent to the Governor's office to appoint a replacement.
- The WCRB office will remain work-from-home with all staff reporting in person every other Wednesday with full COIVD precautions.
- The WWCIP servicing carrier audits will move from scheduled annually to a targeted, as needed basis.
- Legislative Update - general discussion among the Board over pending and potential upcoming legislative issues.
- WC Hearings/OWCH- general discussion on a proposal to reinstitute preliminary hearing requirements. This item continues on the agenda.
- WWCIP Activity – The usual Pool activity reports were provided.

All votes taken at the Rating Committee and Governing Board meetings were unanimous unless otherwise noted.