

Meeting Minutes

Worker's Compensation and Employer Liability Trust Board

Regular Meeting



September 11, 2024, | 4:00 pm
Council Chambers Conference Room
88 East Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Huppenthal at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call

Board Attendance

Chair Jennifer Huppenthal
Board Member Terry Bond
Board Member Zachary Cummand
Board Member Carson Mohr

Absent

Vice Chair Mark Wright

Other Attendance

Kristin Maier, Human Resources Manager
Ginger Schell, CorVel
Nichole Bombard, Medical Leave Coordinator
Anthony Dominguez, Safety Program Coordinator
Julie Goucher, Accounting Senior Manager
Rowena Laxa, Assistant City Attorney
Kristi Smith, Financial Services Director
Becky Soter, Safety Program Coordinator
Sarah Meland, HR Management Assistant

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Consent Agenda and Discussion

1. June 12, 2024 City of Chandler Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Trust Board Meeting Minutes

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Board Member Bond moved to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2024 Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Trust Board Meeting; Seconded by Board Member Cummand. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Briefing

2. Stewardship Report – Ginger Schell, CorVel

Ms. Schell of CorVel presented the fiscal year 2024 Stewardship Report which is attached to the meeting agenda.

Discussion included Ms. Schell saying that the HR team had done a great job of finding light duty opportunities to keep the indemnity claim count down. Chair Huppenthal agreed with her assessment. Ms. Schell said that on average, 55% of claims are closing in the first year. Chair Huppenthal asked if that percentage was based on the last five years which Ms. Schell confirmed. Ms. Bond asked what a non-injury claim is. Ms. Schell explained it could be seizures, heat exposures, or mental health. Chair Huppenthal asked for examples of savings pursued by CorVel. Ms. Schell explained they were soft savings resulting from getting claimants back to work against official disability guidelines.

3. Annual Safety Update – Anthony Dominguez, Becky Soter, and Nichole Bombard

Ms. Maier introduced Tony Dominguez, Becky Soter, and Nichole Bombard, and thanked them for another year of hard work with excellent results. Mr. Dominguez, Ms. Soter, and Ms. Bombard presented the Annual Safety Update for fiscal year 2024 which is attached to the meeting agenda.

Ms. Bond asked what the city was doing to prevent future injuries. Mr. Dominguez explained that he and Ms. Soter reviewed data giving the example that they noticed drivers of fire apparatus were having increased exposure to smoke. He went on to explain that they trained the drivers to don their SCBA before they started to engage with their duties on the truck to help mitigate future injuries. Mr. Dominguez, Ms. Soter, and Ms. Cummar discussed this and other mitigation efforts.

4. Financial Statements and Investment Report – Julie Goucher, Accounting Senior Manager

Ms. Goucher presented the Financial Statements, and Investment Report which are attached to the meeting agenda. There was no discussion or questions about the presentation.

5. Review Calendar Year 2025 Meeting Dates – Kristin Maier

Ms. Maier asked everyone to review the proposed calendar year 2025 meeting dates which are attached to the meeting agenda. There were no objections to the dates.

Member Comments/Announcements

None.

Calendar

The next regular meeting, a joint meeting with the Health Care Benefits Trust Board, will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 4:00 pm, in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 East Chicago Street.

Informational Items

None.

Adjourn

Board Member Bond motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Cumard and passed unanimously, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Carson Mohr, Secretary

Jennifer Huppenthal, Chair