



CIRCULAR LETTER 1256—JUNE 20, 2022

WISCONSIN GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Wisconsin Governing Board meeting held at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, 7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. The Rating Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, June 14 and the Governing Board meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. The meetings were called to order at 9:30 AM.

A list of attendees at the June Rating Committee and Governing Board meetings follows. The Chair of the Rating Committee was Diana Trent from Employers Insurance of Wausau. Chair of the Governing Board was Brian Bent from SFM Mutual Insurance Co.

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE	GOVERNING BOARD	RATING COMMITTEE
American Home Assurance	Ira Feuerlicht	X	X
Employers Insurance Co of Wausau	Diana Trent	X	X
Employers Mutual Casualty Co.	Mike Lester	O	X
General Casualty Insurance Co	George Busche	X	X
SFM Mutual Insurance Co.	Brian Bent	X	X
	Nick Marino	X	
Secura Insurance, A Mutual Co.	Steve Miller	X	O
Sentry Insurance Co.	Scott Lange	X	X
	Bev Beigel	X	X
Society Insurance, A Mutual Co.	Dennis Saldana	X	X
Travelers Indemnity Co.	Eric Belk	X	X
	Peter Gunn	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
	Laura Vande Hey	O	O
	Donna Knepper	O	O
	Andrew Stoughton	O	O
	Michelle Swessel	O	O

X = Committee member
O = Non-committee member

Also Present:

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE	GOVERNING BOARD	RATING COMMITTEE
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI)	David Haushalter	O	O

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Riegel Law	Paul Riegel	O	O
Rural Mutual Insurance Company	Sara Grade	O	O
	Sara Leach	O	O

Member Absent or Excused:

Dan Burazin – Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee
United Wisconsin Insurance Co

WCRB Rating Committee Meeting

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- COVID-19 Amendments – There were no new issues or topics of discussion related to COVID. Since it has been some time since there was any discussion related to COVID, this item is removed from the agenda.
- NCCI Item P-1419 – Revisions to the Premium Due Date Endorsement (WC 00 04 19) – this item has been filed countrywide. Not all states have approved this item and some are reconsidering their approval. Since language within the endorsement is contrary to WI law, this item will not be filed with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This item is removed from the agenda.

PENDING FILINGS

- WCPAP Rule Changes –The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance approved changes to WCPAP effective 10-1-22, applicable to new and renewal business. This item is removed from the agenda.
- Aggravated Inequity – The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance approved the Aggravated Inequity language in the WI Experience Rating Plan Manual Rule III.D.4(f) effective April 12, 2022. This item is removed from the agenda.

WCRB Governing Board Meeting

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- Approval of the Minutes for the March 3, 2022 meeting.
- Bureau Operations – Industry Issues

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- Baird presented investment information and strategy for the Pool Fund.
- 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 Audited Year-End/2022 Adjusted Proposed Budget
 - 2021 Audited IT Budget vs 2021 Audited Year-end Summary
 - 2022 Status Report / 5-31-22
 - Income Report that included years 2020 through 5-31-22
 - Notice to Carrier Fine Comparison
 - Unit Stat Fine Comparison

The Board voted to levy an assessment in the amount of \$2,216,493 for the general operating expenses for the WCRB for the third quarter of 2022.

- Administrative affairs, occupancy, general expenses, personnel, etc. The Board was updated on several items:
 - The Board was provided an organization chart outlining many of the internal and external committees that the WCRB has some degree of participation.
 - KanBan- no updates were provided.
- Legislative Update - general discussion among the Board over pending and potential upcoming legislative issues.
 - WC Hearings/OWCH- general discussion on conflicting direction being provided between DWD and OWCH.
- WWCIP Activity
 - The board was presented with proposed changes to the Pool Handbook with regard to audit frequency and type. Hybrid audits were discussed. WCRB staff will incorporate suggestions made by the Board and present a proposal at the September meeting.
 - Milliman provided an evaluation of the Pool as of December 31, 2021. Included in the evaluation was a history of the Pool assessments and disbursements. The last assessment was levied in 1987. There has been a disbursements of excess funds for the past three years with another proposed for 2022.
 - The usual Pool activity reports were provided.

Following adjournment, the Board met in Executive Session.

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