

Commission Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023
NC Department of Insurance
Raleigh, NC

In Person:

Jackie Ireland Michelle O'Connor

Present Via Zoom Call:

James Avens Owen Thomas
Will Polk Robert Broome
Tom Anderson

Not Present:

Charlie Eaton Tommy Sutton
Dan Johnson Kelly Chambers
Sheriff Hagaman

Others Attending:

Latarsha Silver (NC DOI-In Person) Elizabeth Hale (NCAIA-In Person)
Tim Johnson (NC DOI-In Person)

Please note that this a summary of the minutes. An exact recording of minutes is housed at the NC Department of Insurance Risk Management division and can be provided at your request.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was Called to Order at 10:03 by Jackie Ireland.

Roll was called by Latarsha Silver. See above for attendance. Quorum requirements have been met.

Minutes

Motion made by Michelle O'Connor to approve September 19, 2023 minutes. Motion 2nd by James Avens. No objections or corrections; all in favor to approve; motion carried.

NC Department of Insurance

Latarsha introduced Chief of Risk Management Division Tim Johnson to Commission. Tim Johnson explained career background with the state. Latarsha gave update on appointment dates for Sherriff Hagaman, Michelle O'Connor, and Owen Thomas. Appointments have been extended to 2027. Jackie Ireland and Tom Anderson were contacted about snail mail letter, mailed out Friday, for reappointment.

Latarsha updated the Commission that the letter to the Commissioner, the letter was sent off twice and invited the Commissioner to join the meeting at this time there has been no response.

NCAIA

Liz updated the Commission on excess liability renewal. There was a meeting with Ambridge in July, Ambridge does not foresee any changes in the renewal process or renewal rating.

Liz explained that we have begun the process of gathering position counts and claims information. Meeting is set in place with Ambridge and underwriter for all the losses that have been reserved over \$250K. Only want to see the claims that our DOJ adjourn believe that may end up settling or judgments over \$250K.

Our claims adjuster and manager will be present for the meeting with Ambridge.

Jackie question: Has the wording in the State Budget been shared with the underwriters? Do we need to share it with our 6 legislatures to get a backing on where we stand?

Sharing the wording may give leverage and talking points with them while giving the idea of where the underwriters would stand.

Liz explained we may not need this insurance policy due to the cap at \$1 million if the legislation passes. There will be a need of discussion for any gaps that the insurance policy would need to cover. The language reads what the POELIC Commission want or needs once the new law is established. Comparative to the TORT and state agency where there is not an excess policy. Along with there being an actual \$1 million cap on the organization, state agency.

Attorney General's Office

Kelly Chambers provide the report for the Attorney General's office. Latarsha read report. Notification means number of cases that the office notified the excess carrier. Meaning there may be a possibility that the excess coverage might be triggered possibly a \$1 million claim.

Total notifications:

- June 10, 2023, to September 13, 2023, is 2.
- For the year of 2023 is 10.
- Total dismissed or settled from the same dates is 0.
- Total dismissed or settled for the year of 2023 is 1.

Jackie explained that when the letter was sent to the Commissioner from the committee the expectation was that we would receive wording for legislation would back the Department of Insurance. To consider the cap the liabilities of TORT for North Carolina employees.

After similar issues the North Carolina Department of Transportation had the legislation introduced and was going to have it attached to the State Budget. Hoping that the language of the budget is more secured to the budget to prevent removal.

NC Association of County Commissioners

No report.

NC League of Municipalities

Tom Anderson has no declinations to report. Risk management team is in engaging with members regarding policy and training. New training has been implemented. Helping the city hire new police chiefs.

NC Police Chiefs & NC Police Executives Association

No report. Chief Avens agreed with Tom Anderson regarding the difficulty to get positions filled.

NC Sheriffs' Association

No report.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

James Avens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Will Polk 2nd.

All in favor to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting stands adjourned @ 10:22.