



STATE OF MAINE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
Board of Directors Business Meeting

June 9, 2026

A business meeting of the Maine Workers' Compensation Board of Directors was conducted remotely via Teams and in person at the Board's Central Office at 442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Augusta, on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rohde (*Executive Director/Chair*), Glenn Burroughs, Ronnie Green, Penny Picard, and Lynne Gaudette (*Directors*), and Richard Hewes (*General Counsel*) attended in person.

CALL TO ORDER

Executive Director Rohde called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with over 30 people participating in person and via Teams. Board members introduced themselves for the recording.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Business Meeting of the Board of Directors

Director Gaudette MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2026 BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN; Director Green SECONDED. **MOTION PASSED 4-0-1.** (*Director Picard abstained as she was not in attendance at the May meeting.*)

II. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee is preparing for the biennial budget process. They will be meeting with senior managers to review department budgets and needs. Director Gaudette will cover for Management as Director Gendreau's seat has not been filled yet.

2. IME Subcommittee

The IME Subcommittee has begun conducting interviews with four randomly selected doctors and reviewing the annual questionnaires sent to examiners. Interviews have gone very well and the feedback from the examiners has been very helpful to the Board.

3. Personnel Subcommittee

The Personnel Subcommittee will also be meeting with senior managers later this month.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Augusta Regional Office

Executive Director Rohde noted the regional and advocate offices will need to be mold tested before staff can return to their spaces. Augusta Regional Office and Advocate Division staff have been working in the Augusta Central Office since the break in a cooling tower valve that flooded the hearing room and adjoining office spaces in May.

2. Active Threat Training

All offices will be conducting active threat training. Capitol Police will be visiting Bangor, Portland, and Augusta offices to conduct the training.

IV. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Personnel

The Advocate Division continues to work on filling vacancies and training new staff members. Malin McWalters has resigned to take a position with the Attorney General's office. Larry Brann and Marc St. Pierre continue to work on cases in the Advocate Division.

2. EOB Motion

General Counsel Hewes advised that the hearing on the §213(1)(B) Petition for Extension of Benefits in *Lena Vasquez v. Southern Maine Medical Center* will be held immediately following this Board meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Rulemaking Update

The Board's rulemaking package has been sent to the Attorney General's office for legal pre-review. We have not received a time frame for when this examination will be completed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Picard MOVED TO ADJOURN. Director Burroughs SECONDED. **MOTION PASSED 4-1.** (*Director Burroughs opposed.*)

The meeting formally adjourned at 10:24 a.m.