

Workers' Compensation Section Council-State Bar of Michigan
Minutes of the meeting of the Council of May 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea Hamm

Attendees: **Andrea Hamm, Rosa Bava, Jayson Chizick, Jack Nolish, Luke McMurray, Chris Westgate, Jessica Stark, Sam Larrabee, Sean Shearer, Jeff Kirschner, John Combs and Dan Zolkowski**

Covid-19 Proposed Rules: Chief Magistrate McMurray provided the council a copy of the proposed rules being considered to return the Board of Magistrates back to business. Chief Magistrate McMurray advised the council that his interest remains in safety and a return to business. Members discussed their individual interests in getting back to work, recognizing the importance of limitations of people at the Agency sites, safety and a balance to the practice with an ability to appear for hearings. Members discussed the importance of reliance on each other for safety and the desire to sustain the practice. The Board of Magistrates is looking to be safe and consistent with the rules and the Governor's executive Orders. Members raised concern about local rules superseding the general rules. Discussion was held about masks and other options for appearing in person. A member raised concerns about the nature of our practice and personalities, and of the need to return to a reasonable regular course of appearance in courtrooms. Director Nolish clarified that every Agency site represents unique challenges. The goal of the Director and the Agency is also to keep people safe. Members of the Board of Magistrates are generally in the at-risk population. All options are being evaluated for forward progress to return to business, including video options and there will be local variations as many of the sites are in shared space offices.

Combs ***Moved*** that the Council endorse the proposed rules presented by Magistrate McMurray.
Bava ***Seconded*** the motion.

The motion carried without objection.

Report of the Secretary: The secretary presented the minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2020
Kirschner ***moved*** to approve the minutes of the meetings.
Bava ***seconded*** the motion.
Motion passed unanimously

New Business: None

Adjournment: Bava ***moved*** council adjourn the meeting.
Shearer ***seconded*** the motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayson Chizick, Secretary