

## **House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Interim Session  
December 1, 2021

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter, chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter, chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman  
Representative Valarie Hodges  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Laurie Schlegel

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Neil Riser, vice chairman

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jurissa McGuire, attorney  
Johnna Johnson, committee administrative assistant  
Nevonda S. Reed, division director

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

### III. BUSINESS

#### **To inquire and investigate the status of the Louisiana Workforce Commission and Fair Health's progress on updating the Louisiana Workers' Compensation fee schedule**

Cynthia Urbach, Louisiana Workforce Commission-Office of Workers Compensation Administration (OWCA), 1001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7561, presented information on the APA process of any revisions of the Louisiana state rules that are found in Title XL of the Louisiana Administration Code.

Sheral Kellar, OWCA, 1001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7561, presented information on the worker's compensation fee schedule.

Ava Dejoie Cates, Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), 1001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-3001, presented information in regards to the contract that was placed with Fair Health nonprofit organization in February 2020 and information on the status of where we are in the process as it refers to the worker's fee compensation schedule.

Ms. Cates addressed questions from Representatives Carpenter, Echols and Frieman regarding the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code, the fee schedule process, and the collaboration with Fair Health.

Representative Larvadain questioned Ms. Kellar about the compensation workers' compensation medical fee reimbursement schedule and the selection process of Fair Health.

Representatives Crews, Cox and Echols questioned Ms. Cates, Ms. Kellar, and Ms. Urbach about the medical reimbursement schedule, ways to simplify the process, what information the fiscal office provided the OWC, and the return of certain funds to LWC.

Representative Frieman and Representative Amedée questioned Ms. Kellar and Ms. Cates about the reimbursement of the CPT codes, the outpatient facility reimbursement issue, the LWC report, and the updating of the CPT codes.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carpenter offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives, Amedée, Carpenter, Cormier, Cox, Crews, Echols, Frieman, Hodges, Larvadin, Owen, and Schlegel voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Barbara W. Carpenter  
House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

Date adopted: