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Subject: FOIL Records Request :: F00025-012125



Dear Elena Sassower:

This message acknowledges receipt of your request. Your request was received in this office on 1/21/2025 and given the reference number F00025-012125 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: TO: Workers' Compensation Board Records Access Officer/Office of General Counsel The Workers' Compensation Board webpage about itself states, under the heading "Members of the Board": "The Chair, Vice Chair, and Board Members are eligible for payment of expenses and annual compensation in the performance of their duties pursuant to NYS Workers' Compensation Law, Section 148. Specifically, the Chair's annual compensation (salary plus fringe benefits) is \$337,641 (\$198,926 salary), the Vice Chair's annual compensation is \$286,994 (\$169,087 salary), and the annual compensation of each Board Member is \$268,762 (\$158,345 salary)." (hyperlinking and underlining added). This does not appear to be consistent with Executive Law §169, as modified by the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation (at pp. 6-7, 17-18, 20-21) and thereafter by the Governor pursuant thereto. Consequently, this is to request, pursuant to FOIL (Public Officers Law, Article VI):

- records as to the basis of the Chair's \$198,926 salary, the Vice Chair's \$169,087 salary, and the Member salaries of \$158,345;
- records as to the specific "fringe benefits" that increased the Chair's compensation to \$337,641, the Vice Chair's compensation to \$286,994, and the Members' compensation to \$268,762;
- records confirming that the salaries of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Members were respectively increased, as of January 1, 2025, to \$225,000, \$200,000, and \$190,000, pursuant to the November 14, 2024 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation (at pp. 11-13).
- records as to the resulting new compensation levels and the specifics of the "fringe benefits" comprising same.

We will provide you with a status update on or before 2/19/2025.

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