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To: 'officeofgeneralcounsel@wcb.ny.gov'
Subject: **Jan 21, 2025 FOIL Request -- The salaries & other compensation/"fringe benefits" of the Chair, Vice-Chair, & Members of the Workers' Compensation Board**

TO: Administrative Assistant Mary Landor

Following up our phone conversation, just concluded (518-486-9564), below is the January 21st FOIL request, to which I have received no response, as yet – and which you stated you would forward to the person handling it.

Thank you.

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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.

Thank you.

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