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COMMISSION ON HEALTH AND SAFETY AND
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Meeting Agenda & Notice

Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 9:30AM

Elihu Harris State Building

1515 Clay Street, 2nd Floor, Room 1

Oakland, California

Remote Access (Click on link to register):

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1. Roll Call
2. Public comment: Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on matters within the Commission's authority
3. Discussion, recommendation and possible action to approve minutes of the June 26, 2026, meeting
Nicholas Roxborough, Chair
4. Presentation of the Division of Workers' Compensation
Nicole Richardson, Acting Administrative Director and River Sung, Attorney IV, Division of Workers' Compensation, DIR
 - a. Administrative Director's Update
 - b. DWC's role in Medical Provider Networks, Utilization Review, Independent Medical Review & Independent Bill Review
5. Updates on Division of Workers' Compensation Contracted Studies
Michael Dworsky, PhD, Senior Economist, RAND Corporation
 - a. Medical Access to Care Year 1 Annual Report
 - b. Examining the Impact of Senate Bill 1160 on Utilization Review and Medical Treatment in California Workers' Compensation
 - c. Qualified Medical Evaluators and the Medical-Legal Process in California Workers' Compensation

6. Report from the Executive Officer
Melissa Flores, Executive Officer
7. Standing Written Reports
 - a. Legislative update
 - b. Mandated Reports & Other Studies Status
8. Other Commission matters
9. Adjournment

Location Details

Parking: No On-Site Parking for Visitors.

Additional Parking:

Dalziel Garage: 250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94608

1431-1471 Jefferson St., Oakland, CA 94612 (parking lot)

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