

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION REGULAR OPEN MEETING
Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Chicago, Illinois

Met pursuant to notice at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

MR. DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, Chairman

MICHAEL T. CARRIGAN, Commissioner

CONRAD REDDICK, Commissioner

STACEY PARADIS, Commissioner

ANN McCABE, Commissioner

MAGNA LEGAL SERVICES

BY: Michael Marciniak, CER

Notary Public

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Good morning.
2 Under the Open Meetings Act I call the January 31, 2024
3 Regular Open Meeting to order.

4 Commissioners Carrigan, McCabe, Reddick, and
5 Paradis are with me in Chicago; we have a quorum.

6 We'll now move on to the Transportation agenda.

7 There are edits to the January 3rd,
8 Regular Open Meeting minutes.

9 Are there any objections to approving the
10 minutes as edited?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the minutes are
13 approved as edited.

14 There are no edits to the January 17th
15 Regular Open Meeting minutes.

16 Are there any objections to approving the
17 minutes?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the minutes are
20 approved.

21 Turning to our Railroad items.

22 Items RR-1 through RR-8 concern

1 various public safety improvement projects at railway
2 crossings in Illinois. The orders extend deadlines,
3 approve projects, and approve project cost
4 apportionment.

5 Are there any objections to considering these
6 items together and approving the orders?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the orders are
9 approved.

10 Item RR-9 concerns a citation
11 proceeding for failure to comply with part 1535(c) of
12 the Commission's rules requiring the maintenance of
13 highway-rail grade crossing surfaces and approaches.
14 The citation order requires the Company to show cause
15 for why it should not be ordered, create a schedule for
16 repairs, and develop a plan to respond to future Staff
17 inquiries more expeditiously.

18 Are there any objections to approving the
19 order?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the order is
22 approved.

1 Moving on to Motor Carrier items.

2 Items MC-1 and MC-2 concern
3 stipulated agreements of alleged violations of the
4 Illinois Commercial Transportation Law. The orders
5 accept the stipulated agreements.

6 Are there any objections to considering these
7 items together and approving the orders?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Hearing none, the orders are
10 approved.

11 This concludes our agenda.

12 Judge Teague Kingsley, do we have any
13 other matters to come before the Commission today?

14 JUDGE KINGSLEY: No, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you. Do the Commissioners
16 have any other business to discuss before we adjourn?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: I'd like to take this
19 opportunity to pay tribute to a remarkable ICC employee
20 who recently passed away. Blanche Weigand worked at
21 the ICC for almost 50 years. You could not think of
22 the ICC police without thinking of Blanche. The ICC

1 has changed greatly over the years from novel
2 regulatory changes to changes in leadership and
3 staffing, and Blanche was here to see it all. She was
4 dedicated to providing excellent customer service to
5 consumers and the industry alike. She wanted everyone
6 to have a positive interaction with the ICC.

7 She worked for many police
8 chiefs over the years and it didn't take long for them
9 to realize who the real chief was. I'd like to read an
10 online tribute, which sums up the way many felt when
11 working with Blanche. It reads, "anyone who complained
12 about Illinois government was not dealing with Blanche.
13 She gave heart and soul to help any member of the
14 public who asked her for assistance or even needed it
15 without asking, working hours into the evening after
16 everyone else had gone home. I remember calling her on
17 numerous occasions at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. expecting to
18 leave a message for the next day, only to hear her
19 voice on the other end of the line; Still at work for
20 so many people. She was the face of the Illinois
21 Commerce Commission and its best ambassador."

22 We wish to express our sincere

1 condolences to the Weigand and Nia Wozniak families. We are
2 forever grateful that Blanche dedicated her life to the
3 Commission and the citizens of the state of Illinois.
4 Blanche and her famous carrot cake will be greatly
5 missed. If there are no further comments and without
6 objections, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

7 (Which were all the proceedings had in
8 the above-entitled cause on this
9 date.)

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11 STATE of ILLINOIS.)

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12 COUNTY of COOK)

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14 I, Michael Marciniak, CER, Notary Public,
15 electronic reporter doing business in the State of
16 Illinois; reported the proceedings that were held on
17 the date, time and place set out on the title page
18 hereof; and that the foregoing is a true and correct
19 transcript of report of proceedings so taken aforesaid.

20 I further certify that I am not related
21 to any of the parties, and I have no financial interest
22 in the outcome of this matter.

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