WSR 22-24-092 AGENDA BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE APPEALS

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Pursuant to RCW 34.05.314, the board of industrial insurance appeals (BIIA) is submitting its semi-annual agenda of rules under development for publishing in the Washington State Register. For questions regarding this report, contact Brian Watkins at 360-753-6823 or brian.watkins@biia.wa.gov.

The following report describes current BIIA rules under development. Additional rule making may be deemed necessary to meet legal requirements, unforeseen circumstances, or evolving agency needs.

Agenda for Rules Under Development

January 1 - July 1, 2023

WAC	Subject	Purpose	Estimated Filing Date of Proposed Rule (CR-102)	Estimated Filing Date of Permanent Rule (CR-103)
263-12-015(4)	Clarify dates of board meetings.	The board regularly meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Amend the rule to state this.	June 21, 2023	To be determined
263-12-115(1) and chapter 263-117(2)	Modernize rule on the format of hearings and depositions.	Current BIIA rules treat the in-person format as the default format for BIIA hearings and depositions. Experience with remote and hybrid proceedings since March 2020 shows that remote and hybrid appearances can be effective. Amend the rule to make it easier for judges to permit remote or hybrid appearances by participants, while still requiring criteria for such determinations.	June 21, 2023	To be determined
263-12-118 (2)(d) and 263-12-059(4)	Numbering changes (housekeeping)	Due to legislative renumbering in RCW 49.17.140, our current rules refer to incorrect subsections. This numbering change will be consistent with the statute.	June 21, 2023	To be determined