

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 12:18 PM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Subject: **FOIL Request -- The salaries & other compensation/"fringe benefits" of the Chair, Vice-Chair, & Members of the Compensation Board**

officeofgeneralcounsel@wcb.ny.gov

TO: [Workers Compensation Board Records Access Officer/Office of General Counsel](#)

[Executive Law §169](#) includes the Workers Compensation Board in THREE places:

- its ¶C: “chair of the workers’ compensation board” – for a salary of \$127,000;
- its ¶E: “vice-chairperson of the workers’ compensation board” – for a salary of \$101,600;
- its ¶F: “members of the workers’ compensation board” – for a salary of \$90,800.

This was modified by the [December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation](#) – and, thereafter, pursuant thereto, by the Governor.

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).

Pursuant to FOIL ([Public Officers Law, Article VI](#)), this is to request:

- records reflecting the basis of the identified salaries of \$198,926, \$169,087, and \$158,345;
- records reflecting the particulars of the “fringe benefits” that raise the identified compensation to \$337,641, \$286,994, and \$268,762;
- records confirming that the new salaries resulting from the [November 14, 2024 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation](#) are \$225,000, \$200,000, and \$190,000.
- records reflecting the resulting new compensation levels and the particulars of the “fringe benefits” for each.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

www.judgewatch.org

914-421-1200

elena@judgewatch.org