

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2022

Call to Order: Acting Chairman Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Acting Chairman Quinn and Commissioners Kathleen Evans, James Forrester, Allan Kittleman, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, and Tracey Parker-Warren.

Staff members attending were Mary Ahearn, Scott Curtis, Amy Lackington, Dr. Jerome Reichmister and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary

No members of the public attended this meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the March 10, 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Forrester and second of Commissioner Evans, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: Acting Chairman Quinn discussed the promotion of her Assistant, Cindy Cauthorne to Director of the Hearing Division. Tara Bates will move to the position of Assistant to Commissioner Quinn.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Commissioner Forrester reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Maryland Association for Justice and will be discussing the importance of being prepared for Hearings. Dr. Reichmister suggested an introductory class for new lawyers to help them learn and better understand the medical conditions most common to workers' compensation. The Commissioners discussed a possible workshop at the MWCEA Convention in September. Mary Ahearn reported that about 7% of all settlements submitted are returned for mistakes that could easily be corrected before submitting. Commissioner Kittleman discussed a Request for Withdrawal of Counsel that he plans to deny. Commissioner Metz discussed a 911-operator PTSD case. Commissioner Parker-Warren discussed parking requests. Commissioner Martin discussed challenges with viewing documents in our current document system. The Commissioners generally discussed several cases.

Medical Alerts: Dr. Reichmister discussed several medical alerts of interest to the Commissioners.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Evans and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Maureen Quinn, Acting Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary