

**Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Aumann called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Present:** Chairman Aumann and Commissioners James Forrester, Allan Kittleman, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Maureen Quinn and Delia Schadt.

Staff members attending were Mary Ahearn, Scott Curtis, Steven Jones, Amy Lackington, Jerome Reichmister, M.D. and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary of the Commission.

**Closed Session: At 9:31 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Forrester and second of Commissioner Martin and upon unanimous vote, pursuant to GP §§3-305(13), LE §§9-402, 9-403, 9-405, 9-406 and 9-1104, and COMAR 14.09.13.12, the Commission entered a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing self-insured employers' financial information.**

Steven Jones, Director of the Insurance, Compliance & Reporting (ICR) Division reported on self-insured requests. After discussion, motions were made and seconded and, with a unanimous vote, the results are noted in the following chart:

<b>SELF-INSURED</b>	<b>Motion by:</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Action</b>
UMMS-Charles Regional Health	Kittleman	Metz	approved
Safeway, Inc.	Forrester	Martin	approved

**The meeting was reopened at 9:39 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Quinn and second of Commissioner Kittleman and after unanimous vote.**

Mr. Jones also reported that a new Compliance Officer was hired by ICR. Kristy DuBose has started strong and is a good fit in the Division.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 14, 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Kittleman and second of Commissioner Quinn, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Aumann announced that the backlog has been effectively eliminated, which has impacted the speed of cases coming up to the point that some are scheduled and come up before all the parties are ready. The Chairman also noted that continuance requests should continue to be reviewed carefully by the Commissioners. The Chairman mentioned that the community is working hard to keep cases moving and finding common ground. The Chairman also discussed priorities on the dockets and cases that may need to be taken first and accommodating when possible.

Chairman Aumann asked Commissioner Martin to discuss Kids' Chance upcoming events. Commissioner Martin discussed the following events: Kids' Chance Gala on July 23, 2022; OC Fun Run at the MWCEA Convention and May the 4<sup>th</sup> be With You Bowling Event on May 4, 2022.

Chairman Aumann also discussed the Porth Award recipient, Nancy Harrison, who continues to contribute and be a resource to the workers' compensation community. The award was presented to Nancy Harrison on April 21, 2022. The Chairman discussed several upcoming conferences and the opportunity for everyone to participate in discussions and learning sessions regarding current trends in workers' compensation. He suggested that the Commissioners explore the opportunities to attend and participate. Several members of the Commission are presenting at conferences with SAWCA, IAIABC and the MWCEA. The topics for Breakfast with the Commissioners at the MWCEA have not yet been assigned but will be assigned by the Program Chair in the coming weeks.

Chairman Aumann asked Stacey Roig to discuss the upcoming painting and carpeting project in our Baltimore Office. Please begin reviewing personal items in offices and preparing to pack and move out of offices while they are being painted and carpeted. The timeline is still fluid but, the target is June to begin the work.

The Chairman commented that the legislative session is now complete and there were no changes that directly impact the WCC.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Schadt discussed the MSBA Program, which will be virtual with live Q&A on May 12, 2022. Commissioner Schadt asked the Commissioners to please mention the program at hearing sites before beginning their dockets. The program will be very informative.

**New Business:** Commissioner Quinn discussed the differences between Medical Cost Projection and Medical Set Aside.

**Medical Alerts:** Dr. Reichmister presented several interesting medical alerts of interest to the Commissioners. Dr. Reichmister is also working on a resource /course for new lawyers similar to the Primer he provides to new Commissioners. In addition, Dr. Reichmister is preparing a separate resource for Commissioners that will focus on the correct nomenclature for Disc Pathology seen on imaging studies.

The Chairman discussed the upcoming European Forum, which was to be held in Moscow and has been moved to Berlin in June 2022.

**Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Quinn and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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R. Karl Aumann, Chairman

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Stacey L. Roig, Secretary