

**Maryland Workers' Compensation
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2020**

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

Present: Chairman Aumann and Commissioners Kathleen Evans, James Forrester, Allan Kittleman, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Maureen Quinn, Delia Schadt and Tracey Parker-Warren. Staff members attending were Mary Ahearn, Scott Curtis, Amy Lackington and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary of the Commission,

The Chairman reminded all outside guests who were attending via telephone to please mute their phones and reminded them that this is a meeting of the Commissioners and not an open forum for questions, comments, etc.

A list of guests who called in to this Open Meeting is attached to the Minutes.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the August 27, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting were reviewed and, upon motion of Commissioner Metz and second of Commissioner Quinn, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman Reported that the Commission is moving ahead with the change for dockets beginning in November 2020. Dockets will run from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm with no mid-day break. The Chairman thanked all those in the Commission who worked on the adjustments to the dockets. The Chairman announced that Retired Commissioner Jeffrey Weinberg will be joining the Warnken law firm, removing him as an eligible Recall Commissioner. The Chairman asked the Commissioners to try to keep last minute requests to take leave to a minimum, given the shrinking pool of Recall Commissioners. The Chairman had no updates on the budget. The Chairman also reported that there is discussion around a possible presumption bill due to COVID-19. Commissioner Forrester commented that a draft copy of a possible presumption bill was posted on the MD Association for Justice website. The Chairman asked, Scott Curtis, Principal Counsel, to discuss a recent opinion published by the MD Court of Special Appeals in *Ashley N. Downer v. Baltimore County, Maryland*. The Chairman reported that the 106th IAIABC Convention opened this week as a virtual event and will extend through the end of the month. Stacey Roig will attend as Chair of the Regulation Committee along with Mary Ahearn, a former President of the IAIABC and the Chairman as Chair of the International Committee. The SAWCA 2020 All Committee Conference will also be a virtual event taking place in November.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Commissioner Evans raised some questions regarding the scheduling of vocational rehab special hearings. The Commissioners discussed their thoughts. The Chairman asked that the staff look at some possible procedures and report back at a future date. The Commissioners all agreed that the QR scan for contact tracing is great and thanked Kevin Nauman (CIO) for putting it together so quickly

Medical Alerts: No Report

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Martin and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

R. Karl Aumann, Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary

Public Attendees to Commissioners' Meeting
September 10, 2020

Name	Law Firm, Company or Other Affiliation
Antonio R. Lopez	Schenker, Krause & Lopez (employees of Zurich
Douglas M. Gross, Esq.	Law Offices of Douglas M. Gross LLC
Steven J. Meltzer	Schenker, Krause & Lopez