

**Maryland Workers' Compensation  
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 22, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Chairman R. Karl Aumann called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 established a quorum.

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

**Closed Session: At 9:18 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Martin and second of Commissioner Evans 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 purpose of discussing self-insured employers' financial information.**

Steven Jones, Director of the Insurance, Compliance & Regulation Division reported that Yellow Transportation has requested a decrease in security deposit. After discussion and a motion from Commissioner Quinn with a second from Commissioner Martin, and unanimous consent, the motion was approved.

Mr. Jones also reported that Peninsula Regional Medical Center has requested that McCready Foundation, Inc. be added as a subsidiary to their self-insurance program. After discussion and a motion by Commissioner Forrester and a second by Commissioner Metz, and unanimous consent, the motion was approved.

**The meeting was reopened at 9:29 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Parker-Warren and second of Commissioner Evans and upon unanimous vote.**

**The meeting reconvened at 9:30 am on an open meeting line allowing the public to attend the remainder of the meeting.**

**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, Jerome Reichmister, M.D., Scott Curtis, 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 October 8, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting were reviewed and, upon motion of Commissioner Metz and second of Commissioner Forrester, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that a waiver for the current hiring freeze has been approved for two Commissioner Assistant positions. The hiring process has begun with the positions listed on the Department of Budget & Management website, which closes on November 3, 2020, and remote interviews will take place after the initial application review process is completed. The Chairman urged the Commissioners to put the word out if they know of someone who would be a good candidate.

The Budget Advisory Committee has signed off on the proposed budget for FY 2022. The budget will be sent to the Governor on December 1, 2020. The Chairman also reported that the

Over 30-day cases are starting to back-up again. He asked the Commissioners' to review requests for continuances carefully before automatically approving the request.

The Chairman reminded the Commissioners that the IT Security trainings are required for all and monthly completion is mandated by the Office of the Governor. Please complete the online trainings in a timely manner.

**Old Business:** No Report

**New Business:** Commissioner Metz discussed the calculation of attorney's fees. The Chairman suggested that Commissioner Metz and Principal Counsel, Scott Curtis determine and present recommendations to be discussed by the Commissioners at a later date.

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

**Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Parker-Warren and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02a.m.:

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R. Karl Aumann, Chairman

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Stacey L. Roig, Secretary

Public Attendees to Commissioners' Meeting  
October 22, 2020

Name	Law Firm, Company or Other Affiliation
Antonio R. Lopez	Schenker, Krause & Lopez (employees of Zurich
Douglas M. Gross, Esq.	* American Insurance)
	* Law Offices of Douglas M. Gross LLC