

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2022

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

Present: Chairman Aumann and Commissioners Kathleen Evans, James Forrester, Alan Kittleman, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Maureen Quinn, Delia Schadt and Tracey Parker-Warren.

Staff members attending were Mary Ahearn, Scott Curtis, and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary
Guest attending: Harmony Aumann, Law School Intern from Germany

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the February 24, 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Metz and second of Commissioner Evans, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Aumann discussed proposed workers' compensation legislation and Committee meetings in Annapolis during the legislative session. The Chairman also asked the Commissioners to share any names of workers' compensation attorneys who might be interested in being nominated for induction to the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers. All conferences scheduled for 2022 are presenting good programs with significant and timely information. The Chairman reminded everyone to see Amy Lackington about registering for upcoming conferences. The Chairman thanked all Commission staff for their hard work on addressing the personnel challenges and serving on interview panels to bring good candidates to the Commission.

Old Business: Commissioner Forrester discussed the Statute of Limitations and asked for clarification of the pertinent dates. Scott Curtis, Principal Counsel, confirmed that the State of Emergency and subsequent Executive Order began on March 12, 2020 and ended on June 30, 2021. The Executive Order allowed for an additional 30 days after the State of Emergency was lifted, which makes the last day to file any action that would have expired between March 12, 2020 and June 30, 2021 to be filed by July 30, 2021 and be within the Statute of Limitations.

New Business: Commissioner Martin provided the following updates on Kids' Chance events:

- "May the 4th Be with You" Bowling Event is postponed until May 4, 2022 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. If you want to bowl, please talk to Commissioner Martin to register to bowl as a team.
- Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 18, 2022 from Sunrise until 12:00 noon.
- The Kids' Chance Gala is July 23, 2022 at the B&O Museum outdoor pavilion. Please plan to wear cocktail attire for the event.
- Walk for Kids' Chance is scheduled for September 20, 2022 in Ocean City, MD

Commissioner Schadt suggested making sure the retired or recall Commissioners know about the dates for the various Kids' Chance events.

Commissioner Schadt also discussed the MSBA Spring Outreach Event to be held virtually on April 14, 2022 at 12:00 noon. Chairman Aumann and Commissioners Schadt, Quinn, Metz and Parker-Warren are scheduled to participate.

Commissioner Forrester asked about cases being set with less than 30 days' notice. In addition, questions arose regarding the number of interpreter cases on UEF and SIF dockets. Mary Ahearn, Chief Executive Officer, will look into the issues for correction.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Parker-Warren and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

R. Karl Aumann, Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary