

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 26, 2022

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the May 12, 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Metz and second of Commissioner Evans, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Acting Chair Report: Acting Chair Maureen Quinn opened with a brief acknowledgement of the induction of new officers to the MSBA Board at a recent MSBA dinner meeting. Commissioner Quinn also briefly reopened the long-distance docket discussion with a request that if a Commissioner is going to accommodate a long-distance docket request, please clear the decision with any other Commissioner who may be impacted by the decision.

Old Business: Commissioner Martin again thanked everyone for attending the May the 4th Be With You Bowling event to benefit Kids' Chance Maryland. The event raised \$10,000 for Kids' Chance. Commissioner Martin also reminded the Commissioners that the Gala is scheduled for July 23, 2022. It is going to be a significant event and she asked all Commissioners to add it to their calendars. Flyers were handed out as reminders and the opportunity to order tickets. Commissioner Parker-Warren discussed some questions regarding new parties entered in claims. Commissioner Parker-Warren also requested that AAG Scott Curtis research an Uber case that may be on appeal at the circuit court.

New Business: Commissioner Quinn discussed an occupational disease case in Prince Georges County.

Medical Alerts: Dr. Reichmister presented several studies and other medical alerts of interest to the Commissioners. Dr. Reichmister also praised the Commissioners for their diligence in keeping current and expanding their medical knowledge.

Mary Ahearn reported that the Commissioners have a choice of using the Language Line when an interpreter is not available, and they need to hear a case. All choices have their positives and negatives, but the Language Line remains an option when needed.

Commissioner Schadt expressed her thanks and gratitude to the Commissioner Assistants and Director, Cindy Cauthorne, for their help while her Assistant has been out of the office.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Evans and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Maureen Quinn, Acting Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary