

**Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2022**

Call to Order: Chairman Aumann called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and did a Roll Call to establish that there was a quorum.

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, Steven Jones, Amy Lackington and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary of the Commission.

Closed Session: At 9:18 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Metz and second of Commissioner Forrester 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 & Regulation (ICR) Division discussed with the Commissioners the following request. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded and with a unanimous vote with Chairman Aumann abstaining, the results are noted in the following chart:

SELF-INSURED	Motion	Motion by:	Second	Action	Special Notes
Ryder Systems, Inc.		Martin	Metz	motion approved	Chairman Aumann abstaining

The meeting was reopened at 9:22 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Evans and second of Commissioner Martin and after unanimous vote.

Call to Order: The meeting was reconvened after the closed session and Chairman Aumann called the meeting to order at 9:32 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, Steven Jones, Amy Lackington, Jerome Reichmister, M.D., and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary of the Commission.

Members of the public present for the meeting were Doug Gross and Antonio R. Lopez

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Commission meeting were reviewed and, upon motion of Commissioner Martin and second of Commissioner Evans, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Aumann discussed the return to stricter COVID precautions for the next few weeks. The Commission meetings will be fluid and a decision on virtual vs. in person meetings will be made meeting to meeting. The Chairman reported that the Budget Committee meetings are coming up and all will be virtual. The Economic Matters Committee will be chaired by Delegate CT Wilson of Prince Georges County. Derrick Davis, former Chair of ECM has become State Treasurer and Laura Atas, former Committee Liaison, has moved to the State Treasurer's Office with Derrick Davis. A new Staff Liaison for Economic Matters has not been named. Delegate Wilson is anxious to learn about all matters that will come before his committee. There are some pre-filed bills that are workers' compensation related and the Oversight Committee is looking at all of them. A meeting of the Oversight Committee is expected to be set soon. Chairman Aumann asked Commissioner Morrisann Martin to report on upcoming Kids' Chance events and activities. Commissioner Martin reported that the Bowling event scheduled for February 9th has been postponed until May 4th, and the Anniversary Gala has been moved from April 30th until July 23rd. The Gala will be held at the B&O Museum from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Commissioner Martin asked all the Commissioners to please put these events on their calendars. Finally, the Chairman reported that the backlog of cases has almost disappeared, and he thanked all members of the workers' compensation community for their help in making this happen. Chairman Aumann also announced that one of the longest serving Commissioners, Stephen Rosenbaum, passed away on January 7th.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

Medical Alerts: Dr. Reichmister reminded all in attendance that COVID variants present risks and to be diligent about wearing masks and avoiding crowds. Dr. Reichmister reported that he has been collecting data from his colleagues around the country on IME no-show costs and he will present his findings at the January 27, 2022 meeting. Dr. Reichmister also presented several interesting 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 9:54 a.m.

R. Karl Aumann, Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary