

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 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, 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.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the January 27, 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Forrester and second of Commissioner Evans, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Closed Session: At 9:31 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Parker-Warren and second of Commissioner Forrester and upon unanimous vote, pursuant to GP §§3-305(7) and (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 and legal advice of Counsel.

Steven Jones, Director of the Insurance, Compliance & Reporting (ICR) Division made a report to the Commissioners. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded and, with a unanimous vote, the results are noted in the following chart:

SELF-INSURED	Motion by:	Second	Action
Yellow Transportation	Evans	Quinn	Approved

Legal Advice of Counsel: Scott Curtis, Principal Counsel, provided legal advice on the Statute of Limitations under a declared State of Emergency and calculations of missed IME fees.

The meeting was reopened at 9:45 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Quinn and second of Commissioner Evans and after unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Aumann discussed the budget meetings in the House and Senate subcommittees. The meetings are now complete and were smooth with no discussions or concerns. The Chairman discussed some legislation that has been introduced and is on the radar. A presumption for 911 Operators for PTSD has been introduced and medical marijuana is also a topic of discussion. The Chairman asked the Commissioners to continue to keep track of cases where medical marijuana is raised as an issue. The Chairman also reported that personnel challenges continue but, our HR department is working hard to get the positions filled and progress is being made in IT and other areas.

Old Business: Commissioner Evans requested an update on judicial salaries and the Chairman provided the update.

New Business: Commissioner Quinn requested a remembrance for Commissioner Stephen Rosenbaum of a posting of his obituary on the Commission’s website. Commissioner Rosebaum was a member of the Commission, both active and recall, for 35 years.

Commissioner Kittleman discussed transcripts on appeal and non-payment for the transcripts to the Court Reporters.

Commissioner Metz requested a review of the number of cases on the dockets and the length of dockets.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Parker-Warren and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

R. Karl Aumann, Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary