Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 24, 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, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Maureen Quinn, and Delia Schadt.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Evans and second of Commissioner Forrester, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Aumann reported that Senator Klausmeier and Delegate Valderrama will again Co-Chair the Oversight Committee and Senator Feldman will also return to the committee. A meeting for review of workers' compensation bills has not been scheduled but is expected to be held in the near future. Chairman Aumann also reported that the Commission budget for FY2023 has been approved. Personnel vacancies continue to be a challenge but, of the 17 vacancies there have been 6 offers, and several have been accepted. Chairman Aumann also discussed the challenges with the building and asked Stacey Roig to update the Commissioners on the upcoming paint and carpet project that will be taking place in our Baltimore offices this Spring. The Chairman announced that masks are no longer required in state offices and the changes were implemented in accordance with the Governor's announcement.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Commissioner Metz discussed the procedures for subpoenas for employment records from the MD Department of Labor.

Medical Alerts: Dr. Reichmister discussed several medical alerts of interest to the Commissioners, including some long-term mental and physical effects of COVID reported by those who were hospitalized for COVID.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Evans and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

R. Karl Aumann, Chairman	Stacey L. Roig, Secretary