Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 23, 2023

Call to Order: Chairwoman Maureen Quinn, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members attending were Mary Ahearn, Scott Curtis, Amy Lackington, Steven Jones and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the March 9, 2023 Commission meeting were reviewed. Upon the motion of Commissioner Evans and second of Commissioner Kittleman, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote as amended to correct a typographical error in the vote count in "Old Business".

Closed Session: At 9:04 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Kittleman and second of Commissioner Parker-Warren 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 Commissioners entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing self-insured employers' financial information.

ICR Report: Steven Jones, Director of the Insurance, Compliance and Reporting Division, reported that LifeBridge Health has requested to add Practice Dynamics as a subsidiary to their self-insurance program. After discussion and motion by Commissioner Kittleman and second of Commissioner Martin and with a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Open Session: At 9:06 a.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Metz and second from Commissioner Kittleman and upon unanimous vote, the Commission re-opened the meeting.

Closed Session: At 9:06 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Kittleman and second of Commissioner Martin and upon unanimous vote, pursuant to GP §§3-305(7), the Commissioners entered into a closed session for the purpose of conferring with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Legal Advice of Counsel: Scott Curtis, Principal Counsel provided legal advice to the Commission.

Open Session: At 9:14 a.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Kittleman and second from Commissioner Forrester and upon unanimous vote, the Commission re-opened the meeting.

Chair Report: Chairwoman Quinn reported that in approximately six to eight weeks CompHub will be ready to deploy. The process will mean a shutdown of the system from Wednesday until the following Monday morning. Everyone will be working hard during those days to keep the transition as smooth as possible. The Annual MWCEA Conferences have been set for the next two years. Please add September 15-17, 2024 and September 14-17, 2025 to your calendars. The Workers' Compensation Oversight Committee will be appointing Commissioner Ju Oh as the Commission Ex Officio representative on the Oversight Committee. Commissioner Oh will be replacing Chairwoman Quinn in that role. Defibrillators are in the process of being delivered and installed at all Regional sites and in Baltimore.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Parker-Warren and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.	
Maureen Quinn, Chair	Stacey L. Roig, Secretary
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