

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 27, 2023

Call to Order: Chairwoman Maureen Quinn, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

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

Staff members attending were Mary Ahearn, Scott Curtis, and Jerome Reichmister, M.D. David Jones attended via telephone to record notes for the Minutes on behalf of the Secretary of the Commission.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Commission meeting were reviewed. Upon the motion of Commissioner Kittleman and second of Commissioner Martin the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chair Report: Chairwoman Quinn reported she was attending the IAIABC conference in Clearwater, FL this week. Chairwoman Quinn also reported that the property manager for the 10 e. Baltimore Street building will no longer be the property manager effective April 30, 2023. The pending case load is terrific, around 2,500 cases. Priority level 2 cases are a little off (46%) and should be about 30%. Chairwoman Quinn will start taking dockets in May and June. Each Commissioner will have one case added to each of their dockets. A new court reporter (stenographer) has been hired and will begin on May 3; she is a former federal court reporter. As of July 1, all hearings for Baltimore County Government cases will be moved to Baltimore City and no longer in Abingdon. This change will not change the number of days the Commission will hold hearings in Abingdon.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Commissioner Evans discussed settlements that are contested and the need to have medicals in the file for these types of settlements. The Commissioners discussed different scenarios where they would deny the settlement and send it back for medical information.

Commissioner Kittleman discussed the importance of exhibits being uploaded at least three days in advance of the hearings. The consensus among the Commissioners is that it is consistent across most cases that exhibits are not uploaded at least three (3) days in advance of the hearing. Dr. Reichmister suggested the Commission develop a checklist for attorneys about what is needed for the hearing.

Chairwoman Quinn reminded the Commissioners that Ethics Filings are due April 30th and MWCEA conference accommodations and meals must be reported.

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

Maureen Quinn, Chair

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary