

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 7, 2022

Call to Order: Chairman Aumann called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Present: Chairman Aumann and Commissioners James Forrester, Allan Kittleman, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Maureen Quinn and Delia Schadt.

Staff members attending were Scott Curtis, Amy Lackington and Stacey Roig, Secretary.

The Commissioners welcomed Chairman Aumann back from his vacation.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the June 28, 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Quinn and second of Commissioner Kittleman, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Aumann discussed the European Forum, which was held in June as a 2-day conference in Berlin, Germany. The discussions included similar topics to what are being discussed in the US and Canada. Finland will be the President of the Forum in the coming year and a program is being developed for the Forum in Helsinki in 2023. The Chairman reminded the Commissioners that Early Voting has started, and the Primary Election Day is July 19, 2023. The Chairman also discussed the 25th Anniversary Gala celebrating 25 years of Kids' Chance of MD. The Commission has three tables reserved for those who have purchased tickets in support of this very worthy cause. He thanked Commissioner Martin for coordinating the tickets for the Commission. The Chairman asked Stacey Roig to provide an update on the carpet and paint project in the Baltimore Offices. The Chairman discussed several upcoming conferences and the opportunity for staff to attend. The Chairman was also very pleased to announce that the case backlog is essentially gone, putting the Commission in a unique position amongst its judicial peers in MD.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: The Commissioners discussed logistics and coordination of cases in Beltsville when all three hearing rooms have dockets that include a particular Employer/Insurer and only one lawyer is on hand to defend all of the cases on the dockets. The Commissioners continue to coordinate their dockets as much as possible but, it is an on-going issue that impacts all of the parties in the cases.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Kittleman and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

R. Karl Aumann, Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary