

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Call to Order: Acting Chairman, Maureen Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. after establishing a quorum.

Present: Acting Chairman Quinn and Commissioners Kathleen Evans, James Forrester, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Maureen Quinn and Tracey Parker-Warren.

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

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the October 28, 2021 Commission meeting were reviewed and, upon motion of Commissioner Metz and second of Commissioner Parker-Warren, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Closed Session: At 9:33 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Evans 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 Commission entered a closed session for the purpose of discussing self-insured employers' financial information.

Steven Jones, Director of the Insurance, Compliance & Regulation (ICR) Division discussed with the Commissioners the following increases to security deposits. After discussion of each entity, votes were held for each entity and the motions and results are reflected in the following chart:

SELF-INSURED	Motion	Motion by:	Second	Action
MD General Hospital	Sec dep	Evans	Forrester	motion approved
Costco Wholesalers	Sec dep	Forrester	Martin	motion approved
Dollar General Corporation	Sec dep	Parker-Warren	Martin	motion approved
FedEx Ground Package Systems, Inc.	Sec dep	Metz	Parker-Warren	motion approved
Trinity Health Corporation	Sec dep	Martin	Forrester	motion approved

The meeting was reopened at 9:44 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Parker-Warren and second of Commissioner Martin and after unanimous vote.

Acting Chair's Report: Acting Chairman Quinn discussed changing the procedure at the beginning of the docket of calling in the attorneys to the courtroom to include attorneys and pro se claimants. Commissioner Quinn had a situation where the Employer/Insurer attorney just requested an Order and left to get to another hearing site, and the pro se claimant was left sitting in the waiting area and was never called to the hearing room. Commissioner Quinn also discussed a situation with an uncertified interpreter who did not interpret a five-minute conversation that was supposed to be on the record. Mary Ahearn advised that the Department of Budget and Management is investigating the ability of Ad-Astra to fulfill the contract with the State. Commissioner Quinn also discussed non-compliance with Commission orders and if an Emergency Hearing is requested to enforce an Order of the Commission, it should be granted, as non-compliance with an order is an emergency.

Old Business: Commissioner Quinn asked Commissioner Metz to discuss the status of attorney fee changes. Commissioner Metz reported that he is still looking at increases and caps and may have something to report at a future meeting. Scott Curtis reminded the Commissioners of the regulation moratorium as the new legislative session opens.

New Business: Commissioner Martin reported that Kids' Chance has scheduled another Bowlarama night for February 9, 2022 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. The Gala is scheduled for April 30th at the B&O Museum, from 6:00 until 10:00pm. Tickets will be \$200 and include dinner and open bar. Chairman Aumann is the honoree for the evening
Commissioner Evans discussed questions about the statute of limitations post-COVID. Scott Curtis explained the suspension of the statute of limitations, which was under the authority of the Governor, and the effective date of the lifting of the limitations.

Medical Alerts: None.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Evans and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02a.m.

Maureen Quinn, Acting Chairman

Stacey L. Roig, Secretary