

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2024

Call to Order: Chairwoman Maureen Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Chairwoman Quinn and Commissioners James Forrester, Asha Joseph-Jefferson, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Delia Schadt and Tracey Parker-Warren.

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

Special Guest: Michael Burns, Esq. – Executive Director of the MD Uninsured Employers Fund

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Commission meeting on December 14, 2023, were reviewed by the Commissioners. Upon motion of Commissioner Metz and second by Commissioner Forrester, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.


Chair's Report: Chairwoman Quinn discussed the opening of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly in Annapolis. Senate Bill 216, a departmental bill presented by the Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF) could have some impact on the Commission and the Employer Compliance Orders issued by the Commission. The main point of the bill is to raise the amount of the fine in Commission Orders resulting from an Employer Compliance hearing. Chairwoman Quinn invited Mr. Michael Burns, Esq. to join the meeting and discuss SB 216 and what value he believes it could have for the UEF. Mr. Burns provided a short biography for the benefit of those in attendance who may not know Mr. Burns. The discussion continued with information about much stronger penalties for failure to insure in most of the states surrounding MD. Mr. Burns discussed the potential impact of stronger penalties for failure to insure on the financial stability of the UEF. Enforcement and collection challenges were also discussed.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Commissioner Martin announced that the next Bowling Event to benefit Kids' Chance of MD will be held on March 13, 2024 6:00pm – 8:30pm at the Timonium Bowlero. Commissioner Martin asked that the Commissioners mark their calendars and try to attend the event.

Medical Alerts: Dr. Reichmister discussed several medical alerts of interest to the Commissioners, including cannabis, including medical cannabis, usage by younger people, the short-term success of the use of weight loss drugs, blood brain barriers and Zosurabalpin, a new antibiotic on the market.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Martin and upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



Maureen Quinn, Chairwoman



Stacey L. Roig, Secretary