

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 23, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Maureen Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

Staff Members Present: H. Scott Curtis, Assistant Attorney General, Theresa Cornish, Chief Executive Officer, Stacey Roig, Director of Insurance, Compliance, and Reporting Division, and Amy Lackington, Acting Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of January 9, 2025, Commission meeting was reviewed by the Commissioners. It was noted that Angela Kozlowski's name was misspelled in the Chair Report and that in Old Business Commissioner Forrester inquired about an e-notice tab in CompHub, not Commissioner Martin. Upon the motion of Commissioner Metz and seconded by Commissioner Forrester, January 9, 2025, Minutes as amended were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chair's Report: Chair Quinn gave an update on the legislative session to date. Scott Curtis has assembled stakeholders who have all agreed to amend LE § 9-707 to allow CompHub users access to more claims. The proposed Bill is sponsored by Senator Hayes. The MWCEA Al Porth Award ceremony is being held at 2:30 p.m. on March 20, 2025, at the Commission. All Commissioners were asked to participate if they were available. Chair Quinn thanked Commissioner Parker-Warren and Commissioner Martin for taking extra dockets considering the number of recent inclement weather days. Senator Beidle has introduced a prescription fee guide Bill which the Commission is monitoring. Chair Quinn gave a brief synopsis of its intent. Chair Quinn passed out several articles regarding RX pricing and PBMs and will provide materials to the Commissioners at each upcoming Commission Meeting to ensure everyone is working together and is aware of current issues which may impact the Commission if a pharmacy fee guide is enacted.

Closed Session: At 10:13 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Forrester and upon unanimous vote, pursuant to GP §§3-305(13), LE §§9-402, 9-403, 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.

ICR Report: Stacey Roig, Director of Insurance, Compliance and Reporting, advised the Commissioners of the need to increase the security deposit of Nordstrom Inc. After discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Parker-Warren and seconded by Commissioner Martin and upon a unanimous vote, an increase in the security deposit of Nordstrom Inc. was approved. The next matter involved an increase in security deposit for Johns Hopkins Health System Corporation. After discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Metz and seconded by

Commissioner Evans and upon unanimous vote, an increase in the security deposit of Johns Hopkins Health System Corporation was approved.

Open Session: At 10:22 a.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Kittleman and second from Commissioner Schadt, and upon a unanimous vote, the Commission re-opened the meeting.

Old Business: Theresa Cornish provided an update on the docket composition, explaining that during the data migration from AS400 to CompHub, the priority types for claims transferred exactly as they existed in the AS400 database. However, it was noted that these priority classifications likely had not been reviewed in many years prior to the migration to CompHub. This issue is now being assessed. A listing of the current priority levels and the issues associated with them was provided to the Commissioners for review and discussion. Based on the results of the discussion, Theresa will have the EM team update the priority levels as agreed upon. Once the priority levels are updated a review of the full docket composition will take place to ensure the creation of balanced dockets. Commissioner Martin gave an update on Kids' Chance. Commissioner Kittleman brought up the issue of settlements being filed with no medical information attached and a discussion was held. Commissioner Parker-Warren discussed the issue of third parties helping with the billing process for Order Nisi's. Discussion was held as to who was responsible for payment to the third party.

New Business: Commissioner Shadt updated the Commissioners on MSBA events. MSBA members may begin wearing a lapel pin as an indicator to new attorneys that they are available to assist them if needed. Commissioner Evans raised a concern regarding a global settlement that was filed under only one claim, despite covering three claims. After discussion, the Commissioner's confirmed that global settlements must be filed in all claims they encompass to ensure proper documentation and processing. Theresa Cornish will present this system error to the EM team for correction.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and seconded by Commissioner Kittleman and upon a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Maureen Quinn, Chairwoman

Amy S. Lackington, Acting Secretary