

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

Present: Chairwoman Quinn, Kathleen A. Evans, James R. Forrester, Asha J Jefferson, Allan Kittleman, Morrisann Martin, Delia T Schadt, and Tracey Parker-Warren

Staff Members Present: Theresa A. Cornish, Chief Executive Officer, Scott Curtis, Assistant Attorney General, Stacey Roig, Director of IC&R Division, Amy Lackington, Administrator and Elizabeth Fletcher, Secretary of the Commission.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Commission meeting on February 13, 2025 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Upon motion of Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Kittleman, the minutes as amended were approved with a unanimous vote.

Closed Session: At 9:33 am, upon motion of Commission Martin and seconded by Commission 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 into a closed session for the purpose of discussing self-insured employers' financial information.

ICR Report: Stacey Roig, Director of the Insurance, Compliance and Reporting Division, discussed her recommendation of increasing Federal Express Corporation's (FedEx) security deposit.

After discussion, Commissioner Kittleman made a motion to approve the merger of Federal Express Corporation's (FedEx) and the increase in the security deposit, which was seconded by Commissioner Forrester. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

Open Session: At 9:59 a.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Kittleman and seconded by Commissioner Martin and upon unanimous vote, the Commission re-opened the meeting.

Chair Report: Chair Quinn discussed an upcoming report to the Budget Committees of the Legislature due December 2025 from the Uninsured Employers Fund and the Department of Budget and Management. The report shall explore the feasibility of relying on a Third-Party Administrator. Chair Quinn proposed an outside monitor regarding the long-term solvency of the Uninsured Employer Fund for the entirety of the 5-year contract period.

She announced that Stephane Romano and James MacAllister have received emails from the Governor's Appointment Office directing them to report to the Senate Executive Nominations Committee on March 17th. Additionally, their former law firms plan to host a post-hearing event. Once the details are finalized, the Commissioners will receive an invitation.

Chair Quinn provided an overview of the "Workers' Compensation Bill Day," which took place in the Senate on Tuesday and the House on Wednesday. She was pleased to report that the hearing for SB0830 – Claims Application Form and Authorization of Release of Information was highly successful, with all stakeholders' support. However, she acknowledged potential challenges in integrating the new process into the CompHub system, stressing the importance of establishing the necessary infrastructure before proceeding. The Commissioners also discussed the mixed feedback surrounding the prescription bill and the hypertension bill, the latter has been introduced for a third year.

Chair Quinn welcomed Angela Koslowski of MWCEA and expressed gratitude for her attendance as she presented the draft agenda for the 2025 Ocean City Conference. The Commissioners reviewed potential presentation topics, and each volunteered to lead different sessions at the event.

New Business: Chair Quinn discussed the ongoing changes within the United States Postal Service (USPS) and the potential impact on the court system's ability to serve legal notices.

The Commissioners addressed difficulties in accessing and reviewing court transcripts, exploring potential solutions.

Old Business: Commissioner Martin reminded the Commissioners of the Kid's Chance bowling event as well as the golf tournament. She stated that updated information will be sent out.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and seconded by Commissioner Parker-Warren, and upon a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.