

Vice-Chairperson: Walter D. Pinkard, 1991

Richard W. Phoebus, 1987; Sheila K. Riggs, 1987; Paige T. Davis, 1988; Owen Daly II, 1989; Leonard I. Frenkil, 1990; Robert D. H. Harvey, 1990.

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The Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority was created in 1970 (Chapter 408, Acts of 1970). The Authority was established to enable private non-profit health and higher educational facilities to use the Authority as a vehicle to issue tax-exempt bonds and thereby pay a lower rate of interest.

The Authority consists of nine members. One serves *ex officio* and eight are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor. The Governor designates the chairperson and the vice-chairperson. The Authority appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 43C).

HEALTH CLAIMS ARBITRATION OFFICE

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The Health Claims Arbitration Office was established in 1976 (Chapter 235, Acts of 1976). Any person asserting a claim due to medical injury against a health care provider for damages in excess of \$10,000 must file the claim with the Health Claims Arbitration Office. The Director is responsible for notifying all affected parties and for supplying a list of qualified arbitrators, six from each of three categories. From each of these categories one mutually agreed upon arbitrator is chosen to sit on a three-person arbitration panel. That panel then must determine the issue of liability with respect to the claim and, if it determines that a health care provider is liable, it must consider and assess appropriate damages. The decision of the arbitration panel is final, unless rejected by any party, in which case the rejecting party must file an appeal action with the Circuit Court to reverse or modify the award.

The Office is headed by a Director appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director is responsible for preparing three lists of qualified persons willing to serve as arbitrators of health-care malpractice claims. One list consists of attorneys, one of health care providers, and one of persons from the general public who are neither attorneys, health care providers, nor in the employ of insurance interests (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, sec. 3-2A-03).

HERRING RUN PUBLIC WATERSHED ASSOCIATION COMMISSION

Chairperson: John Carroll Byrnes

Vacancy, Secretary of the Environment: Michael J. Nelson, *Department of Natural Resources;* Constance Lieder, *Secretary of State Planning;* Mary Dolan, *Regional Planning Council;* Jody Landers, *Baltimore City;* Norman W. Lauenstein, *Baltimore County Council;* Samuel R. Martin, *Regional Planning Council;* Kenneth C. Montague, Jr., *House of Delegates;* Paul Solomon, *Baltimore County.*

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The Herring Run Public Watershed Association Commission was formed in 1978 to provide for regional cooperation of the State, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County on flood control, water quality, and watershed management of the Herring Run Public Watershed (Chapter 992, Acts of 1978). The Watershed is the land and water area from which all water drains to and from the Herring Run. It includes the Herring Run, West Herring Run, Chinquapin Run, Moores Run, and Armistead Creek.

The Commission consists of nine members. They include the Secretaries of the Environment, Natural Resources, and State Planning, or their designees; two members from Baltimore City selected by the Mayor; two members from Baltimore County chosen by the County Executive; and two members named by the Baltimore Regional Planning Council. Of the six county and city members, at least one is from the county or city legislative body, and at least one is a General Assembly member.

The Commission is authorized to appoint an advisory committee of interested citizens (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-1701 through 8-1706).