

**HART-MILLER-PLEASURE ISLAND  
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE**

*Chairperson:* Arnold F. Petersen

Appointed by Governor: William E. Claridge; Randall P. Cogar; Robert Cullison; Samuel J. Demjen; Pearl L. Gintling; John Gontrum; Charles G. Greason; Thomas G. Kroen; Vera Reiner.

Staff: Keith Tate

c/o Maryland Environmental Service  
2020 Industrial Dr.  
Annapolis, MD 21401 974-7276

The Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee was created in 1981 (Chapter 587, Acts of 1981). The Committee monitors the redeposit of spoil and Baltimore County tributary spoil within five miles of the Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island chain in Baltimore County. It also hears complaints lodged by individuals affected by this spoil.

The Governor appoints the Committee's twelve members. They include two trustees from the Maryland Environmental Trust; one individual each from the North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council, Essex Middle River Civic Council, Inc., Baltimore County Waterman's Association, Greater Dundalk Community Council, and Hart and Miller Island Area Environmental Group, Inc.; and one representative each of the pleasure boating industry and of the sport fishing or crabbing industry in Baltimore County. The Committee also includes two interested citizens who reside in the 6th and 7th Legislative Districts respectively (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 8-1602.2).

**MARYLAND HEALTH AND HIGHER  
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES  
AUTHORITY**

*Chairperson:* Paul B. Meritt, 1989  
*Vice-Chairperson:* Sheila K. Riggs, 1993

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair & vice-chair): Owen Daly II, 1989; Leonard I. Frenkil, 1990; Robert D. H. Harvey, 1990; Walter D. Pinkard, 1991; Richard W. Phoebus, Sr., 1992; Paige T. Davis, 1993.

Ex officio: Lucille Maurer, *State Treasurer*.

Donald P. Carter, *Executive Director*  
1 S. Calvert St., Suite 550  
Baltimore, MD 21202 837-6220

*Annual Report to Governor due within first ninety days of each fiscal year.*

The Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority was created in 1970 (Chapter 408, Acts of 1970). The Authority helps hospitals and institutions of higher education with construction, site acquisition, financing, and refinancing. Private nonprofit health and higher educational facilities may 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. Eight are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor. The State Treasurer serves ex officio. The Governor annually designates the chairperson and vice-chairperson. The Authority, with the Governor's approval, appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 43C).

**HEALTH CLAIMS ARBITRATION  
OFFICE**

Walter R. Tabler, *Director*

118 N. Howard St., Room 610  
Baltimore, MD 21201 333-4018  
toll free: 1-800-492-1951

Budget (Code 23.01.05.07)	
FY1989 Total Appropriation .....	\$1,073,793
General Funds .....	\$1,073,793
FY1989 Total Authorized Positions .....	15

**DIRECTOR**

Walter R. Tabler (appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent) ..... 333-4018

**ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE**

Patricia M. Rinehart ..... 333-4043

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY & DOCKET  
CLERK SUPERVISOR**

Robin L. Ryan..... 333-4020

**TELEPHONE INTERVIEWER SUPERVISOR**

Bernice Bell ..... 333-4079

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 must determine who is liable with respect to the claim and, if a health care provider is liable, must consider and assess damages. The decision of the arbitration panel is final, unless rejected by any party, in which case the rejecting party must file an