

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 & HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Paul B. Meritt, *Chairperson*, 1994
 Sheila K. Riggs, *Vice-Chairperson*, 1993

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair & vice-chair): Walter D. Pinkard, 1991; Richard W. Phoebus, Sr., 1992; Paige T. Davis, 1993; Owen Daly II, 1994; Leonard I. Frenkil, 1995; Robert D. H. Harvey, 1995.

Ex officio: Lucille Maurer, State Treasurer
 Donald P. Carter, *Executive Director*

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MANDATED REPORTS

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 assists hospitals and institutions of higher education with financing for construction, site acquisition, and capital equipment. 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*

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 Baltimore, MD 21201 333-4018
 toll free: 1-800-492-1951
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BUDGET (CODE 23.01.05.07)

FY1991 Total Appropriation	\$1,102,248
General Funds	\$1,102,248
FY1991 Total Authorized Positions	15

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

DIRECTOR

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE

Patricia M. Rinehart 333-4047

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY & DOCKET CLERK SUPERVISOR

Robin L. Ryan 333-4021

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWER SUPERVISOR

Bernice Bell 333-4237

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 appeal with the Circuit Court to reverse or modify the award.

The Office is headed by a Director appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. 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).