

2024 Annual NCCMP Lawyers and Administrators Meeting

9:00 am to 5:00 pm
September 24, 2024

National Press Club
529 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

MODERATOR

Mariah Becker
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AGENDA

	Topic
9:00 – 9:15	<i>Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks</i> Michael D. Scott Executive Director, NCCMP
9:15 – 9:45	<i>Keynote Remarks: The Honorable Lisa Gomez</i> Department of Labor Assistant Secretary for Employee Benefits Security, the Honorable Lisa Gomez will discuss DOL’s current and upcoming priorities impacting multiemployer plans, including the recently released final rule on mental health parity The Honorable Lisa Gomez Assistant Secretary for Employee Benefits Security, DOL
9:45 – 10:15	<i>Keynote Remarks: Ann Orr</i> PBGC Acting Director, Ann Orr, will provide an update from the PBGC including discussion of PBGC’s priorities, the special financial assistance program, and PBGC’s multiemployer program Ann Orr Acting Director, PBGC
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	<i>Multiemployer Perspective on the Election</i> NCCMP’s expert Hill strategists will discuss the upcoming elections and their potential impact on multiemployer pension and health plans. Becca Alcorn Director, Mindset Missy Edwards Founder, Missy Edwards Strategy Kendra Isaacson Principal, Mindset

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11:30 – 12:30

PBGC Update

PBGC staff will discuss status of the Special Financial Assistance program for deeply troubled multiemployer pension plans, including program updates, and best practices, as well as new and pending issues before PBGC, including the status of final withdrawal liability regulations and other issues.

Elizabeth Coleman

Attorney, PBGC

Jim Donofrio

Director, Negotiations & Restructuring Actuarial Department, PBGC

John Ginsberg

Assistant General Counsel, PBGC

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch Session: Understanding Missing Participants

Given the revived discussion of missing participants, including use of the Social Security Master Death File for both healthy and special financial assistance plans and the DOL's recent Benefits Lost and Found initiative, speakers will discuss plan data and best practices.

Mary Ann Dunleavy

Actuary and Managing Consultant, Horizon Actuarial

Mark Irely

Director of Operations, Berwyn Group

1:30 – 2:00

Department of Labor Update

Department of Labor staff will discuss current priorities for the Agency, including the recently released and highly anticipated final rule on mental health parity.

Beth Baum

Senior Advisor, Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance, DOL

Elizabeth Schumacher

Division of Regulations and Standards, Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance, DOL

2:00 – 3:00

Multiemployer Compliance with Mental Health Parity

Ms. Lynett will discuss the recently finalized rule on mental health parity, preliminary analysis of implementation pain-points, and how multiemployer plans are gearing up to ensure they are in compliance.

Elena Lynett

Senior Vice President, Segal

3:00 – 3:15

Break

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3:15 – 4:15

Pension and Healthcare Litigation Update

Ms. Bakich and Mr. Green will discuss the impact recent court cases affecting multiemployer pension and health plans, including the *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* Supreme Court decision that resulted in the fall of Chevron deference, ongoing ERISA preemption challenges, and the recent Yellow Roadways bankruptcy decision.

Kathy Bakich

Senior Vice President, Health Compliance, Segal

Paul Green

Attorney, Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy and Welch

4:15 – 5:00

Open Forum

This time is set aside for issues you would like the group to discuss, but which did not appear on the formal agenda.

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Mariah Becker

Director of Research and Education, NCCMP

Michael D. Scott

Executive Director, NCCMP

5:00

Closing and Adjournment

Michael D. Scott

Executive Director, NCCMP

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