West Virginia



Erin K. Hunter
Commissioner
Southeast Zone

Term of Office:
At the Pleasure of the Governor
Appointed: July 1, 2026

Erin K. Hunter was appointed as West Virginia's Insurance Commissioner by Gov. Patrick Morrisey on June 11, 2026, effective July 1, 2026.

The West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) is responsible for licensing and examining the financial solvency and market conduct of insurance companies and other regulated entities, including insurance adjusters, producers, bail bondsmen, third-party administrators (TPAs), and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). The OIC is also the chief regulator of the workers' compensation system in West Virginia.

Commissioner Hunter is responsible for regulating the insurance market and workers' compensation laws of West Virginia. She believes it is the agency's mission to promote a robust, competitive, and stable insurance market in West Virginia by fairly and consistently applying state law to regulated entities, protecting and educating consumers, and overseeing insurers' legal and financial solvency.

Commissioner Hunter most recently served as Associate General Counsel for The Health Plan, a multistate health maintenance organization (HMO) domiciled in West Virginia. Prior to joining the private sector in late 2025, Commissioner Hunter served as Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel for the West Virginia OIC for several years and served a brief term as Acting Insurance Commissioner in 2019. Prior to her promotion to General Counsel for the OIC in 2018, Commissioner Hunter was a regulatory attorney in the agency's legal department.

Commissioner Hunter has earned several professional insurance designations from AHIP and The Institutes. She previously served as counsel to the West Virginia Permanent Total Disability Review Board and Workers' Compensation Industrial Council. She also has been a multiyear presenter on insurance law for the West Virginia University College of Law's continuing education program.

Commissioner Hunter earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the West Virginia University College of Law and a bachelor's degree in political science and English literature from West Virginia University.

Main

West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner
P.O. Box 50540
Charleston, WV 25305-0540
United States

Email Address

OICConsumerServices@wv.gov

Phone Numbers

Main: (304) 558-3354
Toll-Free Number (In-state only): (888) 879-9842

Fax Numbers

Main: (304) 558-0412

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday
Website: https://www.wvinsurance.gov/
Make Checks Payable to: Premium Taxes and Dept. Fees: WV Insurance Commissioner

Debbie Hughes (304) 414-8400
Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations

Contact Persons

Accounting Services

Cheri Harpold (304) 414-8470
Chief Financial Officer cheri.a.harpold@wv.gov

Company Licensing

Justin E. Parr (304) 414-8493
Director, Financial Conditions Unit and Chief Examiner/Analyst justin.e.parr@wv.gov

Consumer Services

Consumer Services & Inquiries (304) 558-3386
OICConsumerServices@wv.gov

Executive Division

Robert Grishaber (304) 414-8412
Assistant Commissioner, Regulatory robert.e.grishaber@wv.gov

Tamra Jones (304) 414-8486
Executive Assistant Tamra.R.Jones@wv.gov

Debbie Hughes (304) 414-8400
Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations debbie.m.hughes@wv.gov

Financial Examinations
Justin E. Parr (304) 414-8493
Director, Financial Conditions Unit and Chief Examiner/Analyst justin.e.parr@wv.gov

Information Systems/Record Management
Mike Farren (304) 414-5333
Information Systems Manager III mike.k.farren@wv.gov

Insurance Inspector General
Kirby Stickler (304) 414-8444
Insurance Inspector General kirby.s.stickler@wv.gov

InsurTech
Joylynn Fix (304) 414-8035
Director, Life & Health joylynn.fix@wv.gov

Legal Division
Victor Mullins (304) 558-0401
Associate General Counsel victor.a.mullins@wv.gov

Licensing and Education (Agent/Agency Licensing, Education and Fees)
Brittany V. Moles (304) 558-0610
Director, Licensing and Education Division Brittany.V.Moles@wv.gov

Life & Health Insurance
Joylynn Fix (304) 414-8035
Director, Life & Health joylynn.fix@wv.gov

NAIC Liaison
Tamra Jones (304) 414-8486
Executive Assistant Tamra.R.Jones@wv.gov

Operations Division
Debbie Hughes (304) 414-8400
Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations debbie.m.hughes@wv.gov

Premium Taxes
Rhonda Hartwell (304) 414-8467
Financial Reporting Manager rhonda.c.hartwell@wv.gov

Property & Casualty Insurance

Ellen Potter — (304) 414-8480
Director, Property & Casualty — Ellen.J.Potter@wv.gov

Statistical Reporting

Juanita Wimmer — (304) 414-8491
Insurance Market Analyst — juanita.d.wimmer@wv.gov

Workers' Compensation

Angela Shepherd — (304) 414-7740
Director, Workers' Compensation Employer Accounts and Claims Services — angela.h.shepherd@wv.gov

Workers' Compensation - Board of Review

Nick Casey — (304) 558-5230
Chair, Board of Review — Nick.Casey@wv.gov