

On June 12, 2026, Governor Patrick Morrisey appointed Erin Hunter to serve as the new Insurance Commissioner to lead the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner, effective July 1, 2026. She will succeed Commissioner Allan L. McVey who is retiring June 30, after he served as Commissioner for a combined total of over 8 years across two separate tenures.

In announcing the appointment, Governor Morrisey said: "Erin Hunter has spent more than a decade serving West Virginians through the Offices of the Insurance Commissioner and has earned a reputation as a knowledgeable and effective leader. I am confident she will build on the agency's strong foundation, and I thank Allan McVey for his years of dedicated service to the people of West Virginia.

Hunter served as Deputy Insurance Commissioner from April 29, 2019, until December 2025, when she entered private industry. She also served as General Counsel for the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner from March 31, 2018. From January 25, 2019 through March 3, 2019, she also served in the role of Acting Insurance Commissioner.

Hunter was initially hired into the Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement Division in 2012 as an associate attorney. In that role, she handled insurance-related investigations and administrative proceedings, including consumer complaints, tax assessment disputes, financial solvency actions, company licensing actions, market conduct actions, and insurance agent/producer licensing actions. As General Counsel, Hunter provided legal advice to the agency and was charged with managing all legal issues affecting the agency, including general regulatory policy, outside litigation, administrative actions, public inquiries and outreach, state-administered workers' compensation fund claims, workers' compensation employer compliance and enforcement, legislative developments and rules implementation, staffing for various boards and councils, Freedom of Information Act inquiries, and other agency personnel, administrative and contractual issues.

Hunter attended West Virginia University where she graduated with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English Literature and Political Science. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from West Virginia University College of Law. Hunter obtained her designation as a Professional, Academy of Healthcare Management (PAHM) through America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and received a certificate in Insurance Regulation through The Institutes.

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