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MANITOBA GOVERNMENT APPOINTS MEMBERS TO WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Manitoba government has appointed four individuals to the Workers Compensation Act legislative review committee, which is mandated to conduct a comprehensive review of the legislation at least once every 10 years, Labour and Immigration Minister Malaya Marcelino announced today.

"The workers compensation system plays a critical role in protecting both workers and employers," said Marcelino. "This review is an opportunity to strengthen the act and ensure it continues to meet the needs of Manitobans in a changing economy."

The appointed committee members are:

- Lawrie Cherniack, chair, is an experienced lawyer, arbitrator, mediator and educator, with extensive service on provincial and municipal boards. A former vice-chair of both the Manitoba Labour Board and Manitoba Human Rights Commission, he holds degrees in English and law.
- Aaron Dolyniuk, representing employers, is the executive director of the Manitoba Trucking Association. He has extensive experience in transportation and trucking, focusing on safety, labour practices and professional driver training.
- Lynne Fernandez, representing the public interest, held the Errol Black Chair in Labour Issues at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. She has worked as an advocate, instructor and researcher of public policy, economics, migrant workers and labour issues.
- Rick Rennie, representing workers, is the director of workplace safety, health and education at the Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL). He also serves on the boards of the MFL Occupational Health Centre and Workplace Education Manitoba and represents workers on the minister's advisory council for workplace safety and health.

As outlined in the act, the committee must report its findings and recommendations to the minister and the Workers Compensation Board upon completion of the review. The review is expected to take approximately 16 months, with the report to be delivered by Dec. 31, 2026, and appointments set to expire on March 31, 2027.

Details about the review can be found at https://wcbactreview.com/.