

Present:

Lawrie Cherniack, Chair
Aaron Dolyniuk, Representing Employers
Rick Rennie, Representing Workers
Lynne Fernandez, Representing the Public Interest

Also Attending:

Nichole Mirwaldt, Legal Counsel
Olufemi Olaoye, Legal Counsel
Wade Derkson, Senior Research and Policy Analyst
Joanne Machado, Senior Research and Policy Analyst, Recording Secretary
Gord McKinnon, Advisory Legal Counsel, TDS

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. The agenda was accepted as revised.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the September 11, 2025 meeting were accepted as circulated.

FOR INFORMATION

Presentation: Adjudication Basics

Nichole Mirwaldt, Legal Counsel, gave a presentation on the basics of adjudication. Questions from the presentation on arising out of and in the course of was deferred to the next meeting. The Committee members were requested to send in their questions prior to the next meeting.

Presentation: Compensation Services Division

Nancy Harley, Vice President of Compensation Services, gave an overview of the Compensation Services Division.

FOR APPROVAL

The Terms of Reference were approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee discussed issues arising from the Minister's mandate letter. The Secretariat presented a work plan on emerging issues set out in the Minister's letter. The emerging issues will be undertaken in the following order:

1. Evaluate the threshold for causation in occupational disease claims
2. Examine the current structure supporting the WCB's injury prevention efforts with the aim of maximizing effectiveness to reduce workplace injuries and illness
3. Review the Act's provisions relating to the role of WCB health care advisors in the context of workers' right to select their own health care providers
4. Review legislative provisions governing wage loss benefits, pensions, and death benefits to assess whether the legislation adequately protects the financial security of injured workers and their families
5. Examine legislative provisions related to coverage specifically related to psychological injuries

The Committee also discussed committee members' compensation, the draft Consultation Paper outline including a discussion on whom do we consult, a request from the Minister's office for a LRC work plan, and received an update on the status of the LRC website launch.

ACTION ITEMS

- Questions arising from Adjudication Basics Presentation.
- Consultation Paper outline
- Preliminary list of consultation stakeholders
- Website/Communication scheduled to go live on September 29, 2025

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 5:12 p.m.