

Present:

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

Also Attending:

Anthony Guerra, General Counsel
Nichole Mirwaldt, 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 2:33 p.m. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

The Committee welcomed Anthony Guerra as the new General Counsel and Executive Sponsor. The Committee also expressed its gratitude for the support provided by Rob Buisson in his now concluded role as the Acting General Counsel.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the November 6, 2025, meeting were accepted as circulated.

FOR INFORMATION

Presentation: Coverage and Classification of Employers

Gord McKinnon, Advisory Legal Counsel, TDS, gave a presentation on the different types of coverage for employers at the WCB. The discussion also reviewed when someone is a worker and not an employer. Gord was invited to bring additional information on section 60(2.1) of the Act regarding deemed workers.

Presentation: WCB Policy Overview

Nichole Mirwaldt, Legal Counsel, presented an overview of WCB policies, and how the policy manual has evolved from prescriptive stand-alone policies to more principled-based policies.

DISCUSSION:

The Chair briefed the committee on his meeting with the Minister of Labour. At this meeting they discussed compensation of committee members, sharing of information, consultation, and the Meredith Principles. The Minister also requested

that the LRC submit monthly update reports. The Committee will also seek clarification from the Minister on the date by which the final formatted and printed report is expected, December 31, 2026 or March 31, 2027. The Chair also gave an update on his meeting with the WCB's Vice President of Government Relations and Communications. He updated the committee on their discussion of the LRC communication plan. The committee discussed various means of ensuring that stakeholders that may face barriers are still able to participate in the consultation. This discussion is ongoing.

ACTION ITEM

- Number of employers who buy optional coverage

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 5:40 p.m.