

Present:

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

Also Attending:

Anthony Guerra, General Counsel
Nichole Mirwaldt, Legal Counsel
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 2:30 p.m. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the March 26, 2026, meeting were accepted as circulated.

FOR INFORMATION

The Chair provided an update regarding the status of his monthly communications with Government.

DISCUSSION

The Committee considered the issue of the compliance and enforcement framework within the workers compensation system in Manitoba. The issue paper included a brief history of the compliance department at the WCB, which operates two units: the Investigations Unit and the Prevention and Detections Unit. The paper also identified the tools available to the WCB and explained how they operate in practice. A high-level jurisdictional comparison was also included.

The paper prompted numerous questions from the Committee on how administrative penalties work, their effectiveness and the different models used across Canada.

SUBMISSIONS

The Committee considered a preview of the Submission Matrix that is being prepared to organize the submissions around specific topics or issues. Suggestions for improvements will be incorporated into the final version. The discussion on the process to handle submissions has been deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the scheduled of the next meeting and topics for the agenda.

WORKPLAN

The updated Workplan was reviewed.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 4:20 p.m.