

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
Sacha Paul, Advisory Legal Counsel, TDS

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The agenda was accepted as amended.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the May 7, 2026, meeting were accepted as circulated.

FOR DISCUSSION

The Committee considered Workplace/Occupational Health and Safety and its role in preventing workplace injuries. Although the issue is of interest to the LRC, it will be addressed at a later date.

The Committee approved the draft table of contents as the report's conceptual framework. The LRC Issue Tracking List will be reordered to align with it.

The Committee discussed the decision-making process and the roles of LRC members, the Secretariat, and external counsel.

Employer representative Dolyniuk requested that the minutes identify that:

- the Chair confirmed his position that he, as a Committee member, has the right to express an opinion and to vote on issues and recommendations before the Committee;
- when providing information or educational material to the Committee, WCB employees should not volunteer opinions or advice; and

- external legal counsel for the WCB was engaged by the WCB to support the Committee's work.

The issue of coverage as a topic for discussion at the next meeting was examined. The Committee will review previously provided material on this issue prior to the next meeting and if any questions arise, they can submit them to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

The Secretariat was directed to bring forward multiple issue from the tracking list for the Committee's consideration at each meeting on a go forward basis.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 4:45 p.m.