

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 8:31 a.m. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the July 2, 2026 meeting were accepted as circulated.

FOR DISCUSSION

The Committee considered the issue of compliance and enforcement in the Manitoba system.

The Committee also discussed the recommendations for the following issues:

- Notice of Change in Benefits Policy
- Disability Awards (Pensions) vs Loss of Earnings
- Chronic Pain & Impairment Awards
- Claim Review to Identify and Address Gender-Based Disparities
- Decision Letters
- Adjudicative Performance and Standards
- Claims Investigation
- Worker Centric Approach
- Establish Newcomer-Sensitive Claims Pathway

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 1:25 p.m.