

## Agenda: Workers' Compensation Advisory Council

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota Room, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN

**Panelist (WCAC members or alternates and speakers):** Registration is not required; join from your panelist invitation. **Please note, there is now a password required to join.** To ensure your ability to connect, login at least five minutes before the start of the meeting. If you are unable to connect, email Carey Wagner at [carey.wagner@state.mn.us](mailto:carey.wagner@state.mn.us).

**Attendees:** Registration is required. Passwords are also now required.

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- To join by telephone, call 415-655-0003 or 855-282-6330, enter the access code **249 307 30457** and enter the password **55155**.

### Meeting minutes and agenda – Nicole Blissenbach, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) commissioner

- Approval of Jan. 14, 2026 minutes

### Announcements – Nicole Blissenbach, DLI commissioner, and Jessica Stimac, DLI assistant commissioner

#### Agenda items

1. Coordination of workers' compensation and Minnesota Paid Leave benefits – Evan Rowe, deputy commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development
2. Proposed amendment to Minnesota Statutes § 175A.05 – Chief Judge Patricia Milun and Compensation Attorney Principal Michael Lewis, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals
3. Intoxication defense claims – Bretta Hines, associate general counsel, DLI Office of General Counsel, and Hared Mah, research scientist, DLI Research and Data Analytics
4. DLI technical language proposal – Ethan Landy, deputy chief general counsel, DLI Office of General Counsel

## Adjournment

Caucus rooms available at 8 a.m., the Anoka Room for labor members and the Washington Room for business members.

[Directions and visitor parking information are available online.](#)

## Next meetings

The next Workers' Compensation Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026.

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