

Agenda: Workers' Compensation Advisory Council

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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

Location: Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota Room, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155

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, attempt to login at least five minutes before the start of the meeting. If you are unable to connect, contact Carey Wagner at carey.wagner@state.mn.us.

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

- To join by computing device, register at <https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=m85cad71ac3d88237b569262201b7ffbb> and enter the password **3333** or visit the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council webpage for registration, Webex attendee instructions and meeting materials at dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/workers-compensation-advisory-council.
- To join by telephone, call 415-655-0003 or 855-282-6330 and enter the access code **248 625 69710** and the password **3333**.

Meeting minutes and agenda — Nicole Blissenbach, DLI commissioner

- Approval of Feb. 11, 2026, minutes

Announcements — Nicole Blissenbach, DLI commissioner

- 2026 Report on Workers' Compensation Rates in Minnesota

Jessica Stimac, DLI assistant commissioner

Agenda items

1. Reflection on Claim Petition litigation processes post 2023 legislation – Deputy Chief Judge Veronica Walther, Court of Administrative Hearings, Katie Storms, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, and Jerry Sisk, Minnesota Association for Justice

2. North Dakota employer exception – Joel Carlson, lobbyist for the Minnesota Association for Justice and Anne Jorgenson Green, Special Assistant Attorney General, Director of Legal Services, North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance
3. DLI proposals – Ethan Landy, Deputy Chief General Counsel, DLI

Adjournment

Caucus rooms available at 8:00 a.m. Anoka Room – Labor members / Washington Room – Business members
Directions and visitor parking information are available at: [DLI Directions and Parking Information](#).

Next meetings

The next Workers' Compensation Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026.