

Agenda: Workers' Compensation Insurers' Task Force

Date: March 19, 2025

Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Location: In person in DLI's Minnesota Room and via Webex

Panelist (panel member, alternates, and speakers):

- Registration is not required; **join from your panelist invitation**. To ensure your ability to connect, login at least five minutes before the start of the meeting. If you are unable to connect, contact host Katrina Namad at katrina.namad@state.mn.us for assistance.

Attendees (interested parties):

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- To join by phone, call 415-655-0003 or 855-282-6330, enter access code **2489 376 0651** and enter webinar password **2468**.

Call to order and roll call – co-chairs Gary Westman and Lee Ingrassia

- Roll call by Katrina Namad

Remote meeting statement

Thank you for joining this remote meeting in person or via Webex.

- Everyone who is present on this Webex event can hear all discussions.
- All votes will be taken by roll call.
- All handouts discussed and Webex instructions are posted on the [Workers' Compensation Insurers' Task Force webpage](#).

Participant functions – raise your hand before speaking

- If you would like to speak, click on "Participants" and then click on the hand icon; click it again to remove the signal.

DLI staff members, panel members and presenters (panelists) if via Webex

- All participants can mute and unmute their microphones.
- If you wish to speak, click the hand icon. If the host or chairperson calls on you, unmute yourself and state your name before speaking. Note the use of headphones may impact your microphone.

Members of the public (attendees)

- All stakeholders can hear everything but can speak **only** if public input is requested or during an open forum, at which time the host will unmute your microphone.

Assistant Commissioner Jessica Stimac update

- General Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) updates

Agenda items

1. Introduction of new DLI staff members: Sandy Stoddard, director, and Sharon Benkufsky, medical policy specialist, DLI Compliance, Records and Training; and Lisa Wichterman, ombudsman, DLI Office of Workers' Compensation Ombudsman
2. Rehabilitation rulemaking and Workers' Compensation Advisory Council update – Bretta Hines, DLI Office of General Counsel
3. Solutions for vocational rehabilitation providers at the Workers' Compensation Division – Brian Mak, director, DLI Alternative Dispute Resolution
4. Work Comp Campus update – Michelle Doheny, director, DLI Business Technology Office
5. Future agenda items for discussion – co-chairs and task force members

Next meeting date

The next meeting is May 21, 2025.

If you have questions, email Joe Lolich at joe.lolich@state.mn.us.

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