## WORK SAFE. FOR LIFE. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA

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Highlights of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Workers Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.

## At its meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors:

- Received a report from the Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee on discussions at the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Committee including:
  - The Board decided to defer premium payments for employers until October 2020. Interest and late payment fees will also continue to be waived until further notice.
  - The Board decided that claim costs arising from COVID-19 will not impact an employer's industry rate or individual experience rating, and will instead be spread over the general collective liability of the employer base as a whole; and
  - The Board discussed the process and timing for the development of the next Strategic Plan.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Investment Committee on discussions at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meetings of the Committee including an update on current market conditions.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Business Transformation Advancement Subcommittee on discussions at the April 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 and May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 meetings, including an update on the status of the Core Systems Replacement Project.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee on discussions at the May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting of the Committee including:
  - The Committee and the Board provided input on the first draft of the 2021 Operational Plan, the Administrative, Legislated Obligations and System Support Budget and Funding Strategy.
  - Received an update on Cyber Security reporting.
  - Met with the Internal Auditor to receive a report on risks associated with working remotely.
  - Approved interim changes to the authorized signing officers at the WCB Nova Scotia.
- Provided input on the draft text for the 2019 Annual Report.
- Received the regular report from the CEO on activities and developments since the previous Board meeting.

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