

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 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors:

- Received a report from the Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee on discussions at the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting of the Committee, including:
  - The Committee received the report from the Chair on activities and developments since the previous Board meeting. The Board of Directors agreed to form a standing committee on Succession.
  - The Committee discussed lessons learned from videos that were shared as part of African Heritage Month, which explored themes of racism, including what it means to be anti-racist.
  - The Committee discussed the possible approach, timing and content for workers' compensation reform.
  - The Committee met with the Associate Deputy Minister and Senior Executive Director, Safety Branch, at the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, to discuss areas of mutual interest – see photo below.



- Received a jurisdictional update on Covid-19, including a review of recent changes in other provinces in their adjudicative approach to COVID-19 claims.
- Received a presentation on Extended Earnings Replacement Benefits, including an overview of the trend in benefits awarded over time and highlights of current actuarial assumptions.
- Received the regular report from the CEO on activities and developments since the previous Board meeting.

Received a report from the Chair of the Business Transformation Advancement Program Subcommittee on discussions at the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting of the Subcommittee, including an update on the status of the post-implementation phase of the Core Systems Replacement Project.

Please note that new and revised Policies are distributed to all Policy Manual holders. The Policy Manual is available at regional public libraries, and is posted on the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia's website, <u>www.wcb.ns.ca</u>

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