

**Highlights** 

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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 March 30th, 2022 the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors:

- Received a report from the Chair of the Investment Committee on discussions at the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting of the Committee, including:
  - ➤ The Committee received a report on investment performance for the year ended December 31st, 2021;
  - The Committee completed a year-end evaluation of the custodian services for the WCB Nova Scotia:
  - The Committee received an education item on the fiduciary duties of Committee members;
  - The Committee had a preliminary discussion on investment beliefs, in advance of the upcoming review of the Statement of Investment Polices and Objectives (SIPO); and
  - The Committee received an update on best practice approaches in providing oversight of an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer model.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee on discussions at the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meetings of the Committee, including:
  - The Committee had an initial discussion on the parameters for developing the 2023 Administrative, Legislated Obligations and System Support Budget and Operational Plan;
  - The Committee received an overview of items that have been identified in the first quarter of 2022 that could pose operational, reputational, stakeholder or financial risks to the organization;
  - The Committee received highlights of the report on Enterprise Risk Management for the fourth quarter, 2021;
  - ➤ The Committee received an update on cyber security for the fourth quarter, 2021;
  - ➤ The Committee met with the Internal Auditor to receive an update on the 2022 Internal Audit Work Plan;
  - The Committee received an overview of changes made to the WCB Nova Scotia's Procurement Guidelines;
  - ➤ The Committee received the preliminary 2021 year-end financial results and related year-end documents for inclusion in the 2021 Annual Report;
  - ➤ The Committee received a year-end update on the 2021 Administrative, Legislated Obligations and System Support Budget;
  - ➤ The Committee met with the External Auditor to discuss preliminary 2021 external audit results:
  - ➤ The Committee reviewed the IFRS 17 implementation timeline and the Board approved the remaining policy principles to progress position papers for external auditor engagement; and
  - ➤ The Committee received an update on the procurement of External Audit services.
- Received a report from the Chair of the Business Transformation Advancement Program Subcommittee on discussions at the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Subcommittee including an update from management on the status of the Core Systems Replacement Project.

- Received a report from the Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee on discussions at the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting of the Committee including:
  - ➤ The Committee received the WCB Occupational Health and Safety Report for the quarter ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021;
  - The Committee received highlights of the Communications and Marketing Plan for the WCB Nova Scotia;
  - The Committee received an education item on the roles and responsibilities of Standing Committees of the Board of Directors;
  - ➤ The Committee recommended and the Board approved the final targets for corporate performance measures in the 2022 Balanced Scorecard;
  - ➤ The Committee received the results of the second phase of stakeholder consultation of the WCB's re-employment policies. The Committee tabled consideration of the recommended policy changes, pending further discussion at a future meeting.
  - The Committee received a report from the Board Chair on activities and developments since the previous Board meeting.
- Received the regular report from the CEO on activities and developments since the previous Board meeting.
- Agreed to cease the exclusion of COVID-19 claims from the employer rate model, at a point when the Nova Scotia Government has officially lifted the state of emergency order.
- Received an update on diversity and inclusion including highlights of a recent education session on the governance role of the Board of Directors.

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