

Meeting Minutes
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Microsoft Teams and Conference Call
October 28, 2025 1:30 p.m. CDT

Members Present: Marcia Hultman, Amber Mulder, Jeff Kjensted, Kate Lukkes, Susan Peterson, Michael Plank, and Taya Runyan

Member Absent: Jason Dodson and Kory Rawstern

Others Present: Doug Abraham, Riley Bennett, Dawn Dovre, Larry Deiter, Isabel Hernandez, Frank Marnell, Patsy Mehlhaff, Jerry McCabe, Robert Moss, Dan Nelson, Jon Sinclair, Justin Smith, Susan Schulte, Darcy Sorenson, and Mark Willadsen

Prior to the meeting starting Secretary Hultman announced Amber Mulder would be serving as the new chair of the advisory council. Chair Mulder called the meeting to order at 1:30 CDT.

Darcy Sorenson called the roll. A quorum was present.

Kate Lukkes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the August 14, 2025, meeting. Jeff Kjensted seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Chair Mulder opened the floor for public comment. No comment was offered.

Susan Schulte, National Council on Compensation Insurance Department of Labor Relations Executive, presented the Medical Data Report for the service year 2024. Schulte reviewed payments made for various items and compared South Dakota with the rest of the United States.

Chair Mulder reopened the floor for public comment due to the late arrival of some participants. No comment was offered.

Jerry McCabe presented the draft annual report.

Michael Plank made a motion to approve the annual report. The motion was not seconded, and action was delayed until the end of the meeting to complete the contents of the report before adoption.

McCabe updated the advisory council on the current administrative rulemaking process. He noted the medical fee schedule had been updated consistent with the prior request from Avera last year, including moving from the 2020 Relative Values for Physicians to the 2025 version, and that the rules had been filed with the Secretary of State and would be provisionally effective 20 days following filing.

McCabe stated that in the most recent legislative session, a bill was passed that required all boards and commissions to review the South Dakota Attorney General's Office open

meetings law guidance annually. McCabe outlined the open meetings law and shared the direct link to the South Dakota Attorney General's Office open meetings law guidance, which was in the packet for the meeting. There was a pause to allow time for the advisory council to review and ask any questions.

Susan Peterson made a motion to acknowledge the South Dakota Attorney General's Office's open meetings law guidance. Taya Runyan seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Plank made a motion to approve the annual report. Runyan seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next meeting is tentatively set to be held in July 2026, with the final date to be determined.

Chair Mulder declared the meeting adjourned. The advisory council adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m. CDT.