

Meeting Minutes
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Via Teams
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 2026 | 1:30 p.m. CDT

Chair Amber Mulder called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. CDT. Darcy Sorenson called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Marcia Hultman, Julie Johnson, Jeff Kjenstad, Kate Lukkes, Amber Mulder, Susan Peterson, Michael Plank, Taya Runyan

Members Absent: Jason Dodson, Kory Rawstern

Others Present: Doug Abraham, Larry Deiter, Gregory DeRynck, Dawn Dovre, Isabel Hernandez, Jerry McCabe, Deb Mortenson, Darcy Sorenson

Kjenstad moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2025, meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

Chair Mulder opened the floor for Public Comments. None heard.

Jami Bishop, South Dakota State Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Committee, provided two proposals from the committee; the first was to change SDCL 62-4-8.1 to remove the South Dakota provision regarding the educational institution for which the funds may be used. The second proposal was to update the present value PTD calculation to reflect current life expectancies.

Kate Lukkes moved to approve the proposal to change SDCL 62-4-8.1. Michael Plank seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

Jeff Kjenstad moved to approve the proposal to update the present value PTD calculation to reflect current life expectancy. Michael Plank seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

Gregory DeRynck, Program Director of the SDSU OSHA Consultation program, provided the FY 25 activities report, including an update on staffing, training, and funding.

Jerry McCabe provided the Director's report.

The next meeting will be held in October 2026.

Mulder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m. Kjenstad seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**