



May 12, 2025

MLAC Subcommittee on Access to Care

The co-chairs of MLAC appoint the following members to the Subcommittee on access to care:

Kim Schlessinger, management
Emily Rivas, labor

Charge to the subcommittee

The subcommittee is charged with resuming the discussion on access to care issues within the Oregon workers' compensation system, including the proposals in HB 3374 (2025), as was agreed when the full committee recommended to create the subcommittee at the May 1, 2025 meeting.

The first subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 9:00am. The meeting will be virtual, however in-person meeting is available at the Labor & Industries Building, Conference Room F, in the basement, 350 Winter Street NE, Salem, Oregon.

During the initial meeting, key dates and deadlines will be established and reported back the MLAC members at the June 5th full committee meeting.

Additional subcommittee meeting dates will be determined.

Other guidance

Subcommittee meetings will have agendas issued in accordance with Oregon Public Meetings Law. Meetings will be held virtually with an in-person option available for members and the public.

Members

Lorne Bulling
IronWorkers Local 29

Sara Duckwall
Duckwall Fruit

Ryan Hearn
Roseburg Forest Products

Stacy Lewallen
Fortis Construction, Inc.

Sarah Merrick
City of Salem, Fire
Department

Patrick Priest
Citycounty Insurance
Services
Management co-chair

Emily Rivas
Oregon Nurses Association

Kim Schlessinger
Samaritan Health Services

Scott Strickland
Sheet Metal Workers Local
#16 *Labor co-chair*

Margaret Weddell
Labor representative

Andrew Stolfi
Director, Oregon
Department of Consumer &
Business Services,
Ex-Officio

Committee administration

Teri Watson
Committee Administrator

Baaba Ampah
Committee Assistant

Subcommittee agendas, meeting notes, audio recordings, and other materials will be posted on the MLAC website.

The scope of subcommittee recommendations should be limited to solutions that can be achieved within the workers' compensation system. This could include proposed law changes to ORS chapter 656, administrative rules, or other processes managed by the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Subcommittee recommendations require support of both appointed MLAC members. If consensus is not possible, the final report to the full committee should include a summary of the varying viewpoints.



Patrick Priest
Management Co-chair



Scott Strickland
Labor Co-chair