

**LOUISIANA WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECOND INJURY
BOARD MINUTES**

Louisiana Works

1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Thursday July 9, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. CT

I. Call to Order

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Second Injury Board on July 9, 2026, at 2:07 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, representing the Commissioner of Insurance

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

Mr. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Worker's Compensation Administration

Ms. Valerie Mayhall, representing the Secretary of State

Absent

Dr. Rebecca Hook, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Shana Shirley, SIB Director; Ms. Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Mr. Karl Scott, Attorney; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Chandra Cola, Audit and Finance Supervisor; Ms. Shawndrika Moore, SIB Program Compliance Officer, and Ms. Melissa Green, SIB Program Compliance Officer.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the June 4, 2026 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

A hearing request was received regarding Claim #25-0463 (Assurance Company AIG)

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously denied the hearing request of the afore-listed claim.

IV. Items 1 through 19 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0861 to Claim #26-0389

Staff recommended payment of the following claims:

1. 24-0861 City of New Orleans
2. 25-0387 Star Insurance Company
3. 25-0399 LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF
4. 25-0461 West Jefferson Medical Center
5. 25-0470 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
6. 25-0568 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
7. 25-0759 City of New Orleans
8. 25-0771 St. Tammany Parish Hospital
9. 25-0773 Lafayette Consolidated Government
10. 25-0846 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
11. 25-0927 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
12. 25-0942 Ace American Ins. Co
13. 26-0144 Sunz Insurance Company
14. 26-0167 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
15. 26-0265 City of New Orleans
16. 26-0287 Monroe City School Board
17. 26-0290 American Zurich Ins. Co.
18. 26-0304 LA Construction & Industry SIF
19. 26-0389 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed claims.

V. Items 1 through 58 Recommended for Denial; Claim #23-0145 to Claim #26-0316

Staff recommended denial of the following claims:

1. 23-0145 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
2. 25-0341 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
3. 25-0343 City of New Orleans
4. 25-0375 Jefferson Parish Fire Department
5. 25-0427 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
6. 25-0438 City of New Orleans
7. 25-0448 Office of Risk Management
8. 25-0458 - Unverified
9. 25-0462 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
10. 25-0465 LA Construction & Industry SIF
11. 25-0473 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
12. 25-0484 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
13. 25-0491 Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company, The
14. 25-0494 LA Construction & Industry SIF
15. 25-0502 Louisiana Restaurant Association
16. 25-0507 - Unverified
17. 25-0509 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
18. 25-0511 AIG Assurance Company (AIG)
19. 25-0516 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
20. 25-0517 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
21. 25-0518 LA Construction & Industry SIF
22. 25-0520 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
23. 25-0521 - Unverified
24. 25-0522 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
25. 25-0528 Sentry Casualty Company
26. 25-0538 Old Republic Insurance Company
27. 25-0539 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
28. 25-0543 City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
29. 25-0547 St. Tammany Parish School Board
30. 25-0548 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
31. 25-0553 City of New Orleans
32. 25-0555 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
33. 25-0561 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
34. 25-0598 Louisiana Hospital Association
35. 25-0604 Accident Fund General Ins. Co.
36. 25-0606 Plaquemines Parish School Board
37. 25-0608 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
38. 25-0610 Office of Risk Management
39. 25-0616 Arch Insurance Company
40. 25-0621 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company

- 41. 25-0627 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
- 42. 25-0630 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 43. 25-0634 Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
- 44. 25-0640 Woman's Hospital
- 45. 25-0647 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
- 46. 25-0662 St. James Parish School Board
- 47. 25-0664 - Unverified
- 48. 25-0672 Starr Specialty Insurance Company
- 49. 25-0674 Office of Risk Management
- 50. 25-0676 Ace American Ins. Co
- 51. 25-0678 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
- 52. 25-0917 Louisiana Restaurant Association
- 53. 26-0064 St. Tammany Parish Hospital
- 54. 26-0099 Great American Alliance Insurance Company
- 55. 26-0116 Crum & Foster Indemnity Company
- 56. 26-0140 Great American Alliance Insurance Company
- 57. 26-0258 City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
- 58. 26-0316 AIU Insurance Company (AIG)

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously denied payment of the afore-listed claims.

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #05-0664 to Claim #98-1194

Staff recommended partial payments for 166 claims (Claim #05-0664 to Claim #98-1194) in the total amount of \$1,893,935.88.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$1,893,935.88 for 166 claims (Claim #05-0664 to Claim #98-1194).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #19-0443 to Claim #24-0481

Staff recommended quarterly payments for 38 claims (Claim #19-0443 to Claim #24-0481) in the total amount of \$572,837.28.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$572,837.28 for 38 claims (Claim #19-0443 to Claim #24-0481).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

IX. Executive Session – Discussion concerning Second Injury Board Litigation & Settlements

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board entered into Executive Session.

The Board concluded Executive Session and reconvened into its regular meeting.

X. Recommendation for Review of Settlements

A. Staff recommended settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis of the following 18 claims:

1. 20-0090
2. 21-0553
3. 21-0816
4. 21-0820
5. 21-0850
6. 23-0156
7. 23-0457
8. 23-0843
9. 21-0874
10. 24-0008
11. 24-0414
12. 24-0697
13. 25-0446
14. 25-0468
15. 25-0508
16. 25-0630
17. 25-0710
18. 25-0908

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 15 claims for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

B. Staff recommended that reimbursement continue on an ongoing basis for the following three claims:

1. 21-0553
2. 23-0873
3. 25-0908

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the afore-listed claims for settlement to be reimbursed on an ongoing basis.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously authorized legal counsel to proceed in the manner noted for the following claims that are currently in litigation:

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| 1. | 22-0828 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 23-0754 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 25-0143 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 25-0205 | Settlement Authority granted |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention

The Board discussed the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency occurring within 24 to 48 hours of a scheduled meeting.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.