

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

Louisiana Works

OWCA Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Annex Building

1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Thursday June 4, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. CT

I. Call to Order

Ms. Kayla Kirby, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Second Injury Board on June 4, 2026, at 2:01 p.m.

Present

Mr. Chuck Myers, representing the Commissioner of Insurance

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

Ms. Yvonne Diaz, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

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

Mr. Chip Coulter, representing the Secretary of State

Absent

None.

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; and Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 23 Recommended for Payment; Claim #25-0268 to Claim #26-0156

Staff recommended payment of the following claims:

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| 1. | 25-0268 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 2. | 25-0331 | Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America |
| 3. | 25-0357 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 4. | 25-0363 | Travelers Casualty & Surety Co. |
| 5. | 25-0392 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 6. | 25-0566 | Louisiana Restaurant Association |
| 7. | 25-0574 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 8. | 25-0578 | Lafourche Parish School Board |
| 9. | 25-0614 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 10. | 25-0617 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 11. | 25-0668 | Chubb Group of Insurance |
| 12. | 25-0700 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 13. | 25-0716 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 14. | 25-0760 | Vermilion Parish School Board |
| 15. | 25-0796 | St. Tammany Parish School Board |
| 16. | 25-0807 | Livingston Parish School Board |
| 17. | 25-0811 | LA Children's Medical Center (LCMC Health) |
| 18. | 25-0825 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 19. | 25-0828 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 20. | 25-0862 | City of New Orleans |
| 21. | 25-0950 | Wal-Mart Associates, Inc. |
| 22. | 26-0001 | St. Martin Parish School Board |
| 23. | 26-0156 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |

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

V. Items 1 through 66 Recommended for Denial; Claim #24-0047 to Claim #26-0259

Staff recommended denial of the following claims:

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| 1. | 24-0047 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 2. | 24-0684 | Ace American Ins. Co |

3. 25-0301 - Unverified
4. 25-0303 - Unverified
5. 25-0305 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
6. 25-0307 - Unverified
7. 25-0313 - Unverified
8. 25-0317 Safety National Casualty Corporation
9. 25-0323 Jefferson Parish Public School System
10. 25-0329 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
11. 25-0337 - Unverified
12. 25-0349 City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
13. 25-0353 Office of Risk Management
14. 25-0361 Argonaut Insurance Group
15. 25-0364 AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
16. 25-0367 Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co.
17. 25-0377 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
18. 25-0383 Zurich American Insurance Company
19. 25-0402 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
20. 25-0413 - Unverified
21. 25-0415 LA Construction & Industry SIF
22. 25-0429 North Oaks Medical Center
23. 25-0439 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
24. 25-0441 LA Construction & Industry SIF
25. 25-0443 Phoenix Insurance Company, The
26. 25-0445 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
27. 25-0447 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
28. 25-0449 Office of Risk Management
29. 25-0467 Zurich American Insurance Company
30. 25-0475 Office of Risk Management
31. 25-0477 LA Construction & Industry SIF
32. 25-0487 Louisiana Restaurant Association
33. 25-0495 - Unverified
34. 25-0523 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
35. 25-0534 Office of Risk Management
36. 25-0540 United States Fire Insurance Company
37. 25-0542 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
38. 25-0554 Louisiana Restaurant Association
39. 25-0558 Ace American Ins. Co
40. 25-0560 Amtrust Ins. Co. of Kansas
41. 25-0570 Regional Transit Authority
42. 25-0576 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
43. 25-0580 OBI National Insurance Co.
44. 25-0582 LA Construction & Industry SIF
45. 25-0584 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company

46.	25-0588	- Unverified
47.	25-0592	Office of Risk Management
48.	25-0594	Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
49.	25-0622	City of New Orleans
50.	25-0626	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
51.	25-0642	Willis-Knighton Medical Center
52.	25-0646	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
53.	25-0648	City of New Orleans
54.	25-0652	Office of Risk Management
55.	25-0657	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
56.	25-0703	Office of Risk Management
57.	25-0741	Office of Risk Management
58.	25-0792	Office of Risk Management
59.	25-0797	LA Construction & Industry SIF
60.	25-0822	Office of Risk Management
61.	25-0877	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
62.	25-0891	Office of Risk Management
63.	25-0931	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
64.	25-0939	LA Construction & Industry SIF
65.	26-0132	Louisiana Restaurant Association
66.	26-0259	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #00-2223 to Claim #99-0779

Staff recommended partial payments for 276 claims (Claim #00-2223 to Claim #99-0779) in the total amount of \$8,499,259.47.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Diaz, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$8,499,259.47 for 276 claims (Claim #00-2223 to Claim #99-0779).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #17-0653 to Claim #22-0872

Staff recommended quarterly payments for 46 claims (Claim #17-0653 to Claim #22-0872) in the total amount of \$1,352,521.19.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,352,521.19 for 46 claims (Claim #17-0653 to Claim #22-0872).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Coulter, 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 16 claims:

1. 14-0598
2. 16-0447
3. 17-0351
4. 19-0063
5. 20-0652
6. 20-0766
7. 23-0229
8. 23-0309
9. 23-0531
10. 23-0810
11. 24-0073
12. 24-0155
13. 24-0691
14. 24-0888
15. 25-0504
16. 25-0910

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Diaz, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 16 claims for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

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

1. 17-0693
2. 24-0644

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Diaz, 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 Mr. Coulter, 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. | 19-0275 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 21-0826 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 24-0233 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 24-0354 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 24-0425 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 24-0701 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 24-0027 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 25-0149 | Settlement Authority granted |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention

- A. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2026.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.