

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

*Louisiana Workforce Commission
Executive Conference Room, First Floor, Annex Building
1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804
Thursday March 7, 2024 | 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 March 7, 2024, at 2:02 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, representing the Commissioner of Insurance
Mr. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State
Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer
Mr. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary, OWCA

Absent

Mr. Chris Kirby, Vice-Chairman, Dept. of Children & Family Services

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Meridith Trahant, SIB Director; Mr. Tavares Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary, OWCA, Ms. Shana Veade, Attorney; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney, Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor; Ms. Melissa Green, SIB Program Compliance Officer; Ms. Mylisha Robinson, SIB Program Compliance Officer;

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

Mr. Hansberry asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the March 7, 2024, meeting minutes and approve the minutes as printed and distributed. The motion was made by Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, and passed unanimously.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 12 Recommended for Payment; Claim # 23-0092 to Claim #23-0720

Staff recommended payment of the following 12 claims:

1. 23-0092 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 23-0106 Old Republic Insurance Company
3. 23-0176 LA Construction & Industry SIF
4. 23-0188 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
5. 23-0240 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
6. 23-0274 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
7. 23-0306 Amerisure Insurance Company
8. 23-0423 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 23-0531 City of New Orleans
10. 23-0578 Eastern Alliance Insurance Co.
11. 23-0717 Louisiana Hospital Association
12. 23-0720 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the afore-listed claims were approved for payment.

V. Items 1 through 36 Recommended for Denial; Claim #22-0091 to Claim #23-0820

Staff recommended denial of the following 36 claims:

1. 22-0091 LA Construction & Industry SIF
2. 22-0298 Safety National Casualty Corporation
3. 22-0756 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
4. 23-0022 AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
5. 23-0049 Iberia Parish School Board
6. 23-0054 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7. 23-0072 Jefferson Parish Public School System
8. 23-0076 Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co.
9. 23-0078 LA Construction & Industry SIF
10. 23-0085 Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
11. 23-0110 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
12. 23-0120 Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut
13. 23-0126 LA Construction & Industry SIF
14. 23-0128 LA Construction & Industry SIF
15. 23-0130 Ace American Ins. Co.
16. 23-0150 North Oaks Medical Center
17. 23-0152 American Interstate Insurance Company
18. 23-0201 Louisiana Hospital Association

19. 23-0253 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
20. 23-0277 Office of Risk Management
21. 23-0454 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
22. 23-0464 Federated Rural Electric Insurance
23. 23-0470 Sentry Insurance
24. 23-0475 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
25. 23-0482 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
26. 23-0485 City of Lake Charles
27. 23-0508 Office of Risk Management
28. 23-0515 New Hampshire Insurance Company (AIG)
29. 23-0518 Zurich American Insurance Company
30. 23-0524 Louisiana Restaurant Association
31. 23-0527 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
32. 23-0530 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
33. 23-0533 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
34. 23-0539 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
35. 23-0693 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
36. 23-0820 Ouachita Parish School Board

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the afore-listed claims were denied for payment.

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #01-0120 to Claim #99-1104

Staff recommended payment of 135 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,581,664.62 for Claim #01-0120 to Claim #99-1104.

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and partial payments in the total amount of \$2,581,664.62 for 135 claims beginning with Claim #01-0120 to Claim #99-1104 were approved.

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #06-0834 to Claim #98-0998

Staff recommended payment of 77 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,120,896.88 for Claim #06-0834 to Claim #98-0998.

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,120,896.88 for 77 claims beginning with Claim #06-0834 to Claim #98-0998 were approved.

VIII. Public Comments

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

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the Board entered into Executive Session.

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

X. Recommendation for Review of Settlements

Staff recommended settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis of the following 12 claims:

1. 13-0116
2. 15-0591
3. 16-0857
4. 18-0735
5. 19-0201
6. 19-0807
7. 20-0533
8. 20-0605
9. 21-0244
10. 21-0723
11. 23-0554
12. 22-0599

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the 12 afore-listed claims were approved for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Blackwood recused himself from voting in reference to Claim #20-0605.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and legal counsel was authorized to proceed in the manner noted for the following claims that are currently in litigation:

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| 1. | 20-0500 | Continue Litigation granted |
| 2. | 21-0436 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 21-0529 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 21-0786 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 21-0869 | Settlement Authority granted |

6. 21-0929 Settlement Authority granted
7. 22-0529 Settlement Authority granted
8. 22-0797 Settlement Authority granted
9. 23-0004 Settlement Authority granted

Mr. Blackwood recused himself from voting in reference to Litigation Claim numbers 21-0869; 21-0929 and 22-0797.

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

There were no other matters to discuss, therefore the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed.

a. Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2024.

XIII. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.