**LA WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECOND INJURY BOARD**

Meeting of July 13, 2023, 2023

The regular meeting of the Second Injury Board convened at 2:07 p.m.

The following were present:

1. Charles Hansberry, representing the Commissioner of Insurance, Chairman
2. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer
3. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State
4. Meridith Trahant, SIB Director
5. Karl Scott, General Counsel
6. Ta’Tanisha Youngblood, General Counsel
7. Devionne Butler, General Counsel
8. Michelle Sumrall, SIB Compliance Supervisor
9. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor
10. Melissa green, SIB Compliance
11. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Compliance
12. Shawndrika Moore, SIB Compliance
13. Claudia Brumfield, Recording Secretary

The Chairman began the meeting with *Item 1* on the agenda, being the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting of June 8, 2023. Mr. Hansberry asked for motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as printed and distributed. The motion was made by Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hansberry moved to *Item 2* on the agenda, Hearing Requests. There were none listed.

Chairman asked to amend the agenda to add claim# 22-0791 to Item 3 from Item 4, #36. The motion was made by Mr. Hawkland, second by Ms. Kirby and passed unanimously*.*

*Item 3* on the agenda lists (11) claim where a recommendation was made for payment with Claim #20-0980 and ending with #23-0186. Mr. Hawkland made a motion to approve the claims for payment. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. 20-0980 Ins. Co. of the State of PA (AIG)
2. 22-0085 City of Shreveport
3. 22-0124 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
4. 22-0250 Lafayette General Health
5. 22-0267 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
6. 22-0294 City of Monroe
7. 22-0355 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
8. 22-0477 Argonaut Insurance Group
9. 22-0711 Eastern Alliance Insurance Co.
10. 22-0791 Louisiana Hospital Association
11. 23-0186 LA Construction & Industry SIF

The Chairman moved to *Item 4* on the agenda, (57) claims recommended for denial, beginning with Claim #21-0903, ending with Claim #23-0241. The Chairman requested a motion to approve the recommendation to deny the claims as described in the June 8, 2023 agenda. Mr. Hawkland made a motion to deny the claims for payment. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. 21-0903 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 21-0906 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 22-0010 Lafourche Parish Council/Government
4. 22-0065 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
5. 22-0074 Office of Risk Management
6. 22-0076 Travelers Property & Casualty
7. 22-0077 Office of Risk Management
8. 22-0080 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 22-0082 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
10. 22-0127 - Unverified
11. 22-0260 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
12. 22-0293 LA Construction & Industry SIF
13. 22-0393 Lafayette Consolidated Government
14. 22-0396 Children's Hospital
15. 22-0432 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
16. 22-0507 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
17. 22-0653 Continental Indemnity Company
18. 22-0659 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
19. 22-0662 Capital Area Transit System (Formerly Capital Transportation
20. 22-0668 City of Hammond
21. 22-0671 University Medical Center Mgmt.
22. 22-0677 Lafayette Parish School Board
23. 22-0680 Office of Risk Management
24. 22-0692 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
25. 22-0695 - Unknown
26. 22-0698 LA Construction & Industry SIF
27. 22-0701 - Unverified
28. 22-0704 - Unknown
29. 22-0710 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
30. 22-0713 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
31. 22-0719 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
32. 22-0743 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
33. 22-0750 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
34. 22-0785 Jefferson Parish
35. 22-0789 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
36. 22-0837 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
37. 22-0839 Louisiana Restaurant Association
38. 22-0842 St. Bernard Parish Government
39. 22-0892 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
40. 22-0903 Louisiana Restaurant Association
41. 22-0904 Louisiana Restaurant Association
42. 22-0913 City of West Monroe
43. 22-0914 Ace American Ins. Co
44. 22-0921 Plaquemines Parish Government
45. 22-0922 University Medical Center Mgmt.
46. 22-0926 Roman Catholic Church of New Orleans
47. 22-0931 West Jefferson Medical Center
48. 22-0932 Children's Hospital
49. 22-0941 Roman Catholic Church of New Orleans
50. 22-0946 Roman Catholic Church of New Orleans
51. 23-0001 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
52. 23-0007 St. Landry Parish School Board
53. 23-0021 North Oaks Medical Center
54. 23-0041 Roman Catholic Church of New Orleans
55. 23-0047 - Unverified
56. 23-0226 Brookshire Grocery Company
57. 23-0241 Brookshire Grocery Company

The Chairman moved to *Item 5* on the agenda, being the recommendation to approve (117) partial payments due beginning with Claim #00-0745 and ending with Claim #98-0619. Mr. Hawkland moved to accept the recommendation of staff and approve reimbursement of partial payments as submitted on the agenda of June 8, 2023. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to *Item 6,* on the agenda, being the recommendation to approve (90) quarterly payments due beginning with Claim #04-0953 and ending with Claim #98-0998. Mr. Hawkland moved to accept the recommendation of staff and approve reimbursement of quarterly payments as submitted on the agenda of June 8, 2023. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hansberry called on *Item 7*, Public Comments. There were no members of the public present; therefore, Mr. Hansberry asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Second Injury Board litigation and settlements. Mr. Hawkland made the motion. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Chairman moved to *Item 8a* of the agenda, being settlement recommendations. The Chairman then requested a motion to approve the recommendations of staff regarding settlement authority as discussed in Executive Session and to extend settlement authority to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis for the following (12) claims.

1. 12-0972
2. 18-0268
3. 18-0554
4. 19-0239
5. 19-0443
6. 20-0165
7. 20-0585
8. 20-0883
9. 21-0806
10. 21-0860
11. 22-0280
12. 22-0404

Mr. Hawkland moved to accept the recommendations. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following (1) claim had recommendation for settlement denial and that reimbursement continue on and on-going basis:

1. 16-0537

The recommendation for claim #19-0550 was reviewed and approved by deputy assistant Secretary Walker due to the Ms. Carmen knowing the employee. Mr. Hawkland moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to *Item 8b* of the agenda, being Second Injury Board litigation. The Chairman asked for motion to grant authority to legal counsel to proceed in the manner shown on the following claims, as discussed in Executive Session.

1. Claim # 15-0628 Settlement Authority
2. Claim # 20-0004 Settlement Authority
3. Claim # 21-0572 Settlement Authority
4. Claim # 21-0646 Continue Litigation
5. Claim # 21-0865 Settlement Authority
6. Claim # 22-0099 Settlement Authority

Mr. Hawkland made the motion. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to *Item 9*, any other matters to discuss. An update regarding the 2022 SIF Assessment and collections was provided. Ms. Trahant stated, to date the Fund has collected $52,059,845.81 in assessments from 673 of 544 entities towards the appropriation of $60,787,174.00. Additional efforts to collect the remaining balance will continue.

There were no other matters to discuss; therefore, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Hawkland moved to adjourn. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Recording Secretary: Claudia Brumfield