

**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 April 03, 2025 | 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 April 03, 2025, at 2:02 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, 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

Mr. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State

Mr. Chris Kirby, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

Absent

None

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Meridith Trahant, Deputy Assistant Secretary; Ms. Shana Veade, SIB Director; Mr. Karl Scott, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; and Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the March 13, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 12 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0126 to Claim #24-0867

Staff recommended payment of the following 12 claims:

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| 1. | 24-0126 | Technology Insurance Company |
| 2. | 24-0134 | Travelers Property Casualty Company of America |
| 3. | 24-0171 | Valluzzo Companies |
| 4. | 24-0173 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 5. | 24-0238 | Old Republic General Ins. Co. |
| 6. | 24-0263 | Retailers Casualty Insurance Company |
| 7. | 24-0504 | Louisiana Hospital Association |
| 8. | 24-0524 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 9. | 24-0578 | BITCO General Ins. Corp. (Formerly Bituminous Casualty |
| 10. | 24-0627 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 11. | 24-0687 | Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation) |
| 12. | 24-0867 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |

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

V. Items 1 through 35 Recommended for Denial; Claim #24-0027 to Claim #24-0910

Staff recommended denial of the following 35 claims:

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| 1. | 24-0027 | Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co. |
| 2. | 24-0095 | City of New Orleans |
| 3. | 24-0143 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 4. | 24-0155 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 5. | 24-0167 | City of New Orleans |
| 6. | 24-0194 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 7. | 24-0214 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 8. | 24-0268 | Arch Insurance Company |
| 9. | 24-0324 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 10. | 24-0346 | Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America |
| 11. | 24-0352 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 12. | 24-0355 | Arch Insurance Company |
| 13. | 24-0361 | St. Tammany Parish School Board |
| 14. | 24-0364 | Tangipahoa Parish School Board |
| 15. | 24-0370 | Starr Specialty Insurance Company |
| 16. | 24-0376 | Argonaut Insurance Group |
| 17. | 24-0386 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 18. | 24-0397 | Willis-Knighton Medical Center |
| 19. | 24-0400 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 20. | 24-0401 | Zenith Insurance Company |

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| 21. | 24-0407 | Zurich American Insurance Company |
| 22. | 24-0413 | Bellsouth Telecommunications |
| 23. | 24-0416 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 24. | 24-0419 | Lake Charles Memorial Hospital |
| 25. | 24-0422 | - Unverified |
| 26. | 24-0425 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 27. | 24-0457 | City of Shreveport |
| 28. | 24-0602 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 29. | 24-0631 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 30. | 24-0637 | City of New Orleans |
| 31. | 24-0654 | Jefferson Parish Public School System |
| 32. | 24-0706 | LA Automobile Dealers Assn. |
| 33. | 24-0759 | Office of Risk Management |
| 34. | 24-0811 | St. Tammany Parish Hospital |
| 35. | 24-0910 | LA Automobile Dealers Assn. |

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #04-0058 to Claim #99-0623

Staff recommended payment of 125 partial payments in the total amount of \$3,000,021.17 for Claim #04-0058 to Claim #99-0623.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$3,000,021.17 for 125 claims (Claim #04-0058 to Claim #99-0623).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #13-0984 to Claim #97-1150

Staff recommended payment of 62 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,820,620.67 for Claim #13-0984 to Claim #97-1150.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,820,620.67 for 62 claims (Claim #13-0984 to Claim #97-1150).

VIII. Public Comments

Mr. Chip Coulter from the Secretary of State joined the meeting for observation, as he will be the replacement beginning May 1, 2025 for Mr. Steve Hawkland who is retiring from the Secretary of State.

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

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. 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 eight claims:

1. 19-0852
2. 20-0500
3. 21-0642
4. 22-0747
5. 23-0387
6. 23-0776
7. 23-0778

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

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. 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. | 20-0604 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 21-0633 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 21-0674 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 22-0759 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 22-0798 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0216 | Settlement Authority granted |

Mr. Blackwood abstained from voting on Claim numbers 21-0674 and 22-0798.

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.