

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

*Louisiana Workforce Commission  
Executive Conference Room, First Floor, Annex Building  
1001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804  
Thursday December 5, 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 December 5, 2024, at 2:05 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

**Absent**

Mr. Chris Kirby, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services  
Mr. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Worker's Compensation Administration

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. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; and Ms. Mylisha Robinson, SIB Program Compliance Officer

**II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting**

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board dispensed with the reading of the November 14, 2024, meeting minutes.

**III. Hearing Requests**

None.

**IV. Items 1 through 8 Recommended for Payment; Claim #23-0728 to Claim #24-0527**

Staff recommended payment of the following 8 claims:

1. 23-0728 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 23-0781 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 23-0814 St. Tammany Parish School Board
4. 24-0059 Farmington Casualty Company
5. 24-0106 American Zurich Ins. Co.
6. 24-0128 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7. 24-0175 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
8. 24-0527 Lafayette Parish School Board

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

**V. Items 1 through 56 Recommended for Denial; Claim #17-0495 to Claim #24-0592**

Staff recommended denial of the following 56 claims:

1. 17-0495 Avoyelles Parish School Board
2. 23-0705 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 23-0765 City of New Orleans
4. 23-0780 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
5. 23-0782 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
6. 23-0818 Zurich American Insurance Company
7. 23-0821 LA Construction & Industry SIF
8. 23-0877 Zurich American Insurance Company
9. 23-0895 Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co.
10. 23-0897 Caddo Parish School Board
11. 23-0899 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
12. 24-0016 Federated Service Insurance Co.
13. 24-0026 Star Insurance Company
14. 24-0040 - Unverified
15. 24-0051 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
16. 24-0056 Argonaut Insurance Group
17. 24-0068 Travelers Indemnity of America
18. 24-0071 Old Republic Insurance Company
19. 24-0074 Office of Risk Management
20. 24-0080 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
21. 24-0086 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
22. 24-0089 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
23. 24-0100 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
24. 24-0103 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.

25.	24-0104	Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
26.	24-0108	Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
27.	24-0109	Star Insurance Company
28.	24-0111	Office of Risk Management
29.	24-0117	Zenith Insurance Company
30.	24-0118	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
31.	24-0121	Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
32.	24-0123	Travelers Indemnity Company
33.	24-0133	LA Construction & Industry SIF
34.	24-0136	Star Insurance Company
35.	24-0138	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
36.	24-0139	Star Insurance Company
37.	24-0142	Amtrust Ins. Co. of Kansas
38.	24-0144	Argonaut Insurance Group
39.	24-0150	- Unknown
40.	24-0151	American Zurich Ins. Co.
41.	24-0152	Office of Risk Management
42.	24-0153	XL Specialty Insurance Company
43.	24-0159	
44.	24-0160	Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
45.	24-0169	Argonaut Insurance Group
46.	24-0172	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
47.	24-0193	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
48.	24-0196	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
49.	24-0249	American Zurich Ins. Co.
50.	24-0254	Travelers Indemnity Company
51.	24-0302	CNA Insurance Company
52.	24-0410	Jefferson Parish Public School System
53.	24-0439	LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
54.	24-0482	LA Construction & Industry SIF
55.	24-0587	LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
56.	24-0592	City of Natchitoches

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

**VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #00-0183 to Claim #99-0888**

Staff recommended payment of 314 partial payments in the total amount of \$7,616,278.14 for Claim #00-0183 to Claim #99-0888.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved partial payments in the total amount of \$7,616,278.14 for 314 claims (Claim #00-0183 to Claim #99-0888).

**VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #12-0385 to Claim #21-0414**

Staff recommended payment of 59 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$895,929.20 for Claim #12-0385 to Claim #21-0414.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$895,929.20 for 59 claims (Claim #12-0385 to Claim #21-0414).

**VIII. Public Comments**

None.

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

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, 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 nine claims:

1. 19-0160
2. 20-0640
3. 21-0722
4. 21-0877
5. 23-0512
6. 23-0564
7. 23-0627
8. 23-0652

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

- B. Staff recommended that reimbursement continue on an ongoing basis for Claim #23-0395.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved continuation of reimbursement of Claim #23-0395 on an ongoing basis.

**XI. Second Injury Board Litigation**

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

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| 1. | 21-0642 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 22-0676 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 23-0022 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0237 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0603 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0987 | Settlement Authority granted |

**XII. Any other matters requiring attention:**

- A. On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board amended Agenda Items 5 & 6 total amount to read: "\$8,512,207.34."
- B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2025.

**XIII. Adjournment**

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.