

**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 December 4, 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 December 4, 2025, at 2:11 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

Dr. Rebecca Hook, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

Absent

Mr. Chip Coulter, representing the Secretary of State

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Shana Shirley, SIB Director; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Chandra Cola, Audit and Finance Supervisor; Ms. Shawndrika Moore, SIB Program Compliance Officer, Ms. Melissa Green, SIB Program Compliance Officer, and Ms. Precious Ricks, SIB Recording Secretary.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the November 6, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Amendment of the Agenda

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to amend number 4 on the agenda from “Item 1 through 76 Recommended for Denial” to “Item 1 through 79 Recommended for Denial.”

V. Items 1 through 20 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0168 to Claim #25-0790

Staff recommended payment of following 20 claims:

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| 1. | 24-0168 | City of New Orleans |
| 2. | 24-0195 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 3. | 24-0423 | Travelers Group |
| 4. | 24-0730 | City of Alexandria |
| 5. | 24-0890 | Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation) |
| 6. | 24-0909 | Vermilion Parish School Board |
| 7. | 24-0925 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 8. | 25-0045 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 9. | 25-0047 | City of New Orleans |
| 10. | 25-0065 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 11. | 25-0139 | Jefferson Parish Public School System |
| 12. | 25-0140 | De Soto Parish School Board |
| 13. | 25-0264 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 14. | 25-0320 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 15. | 25-0322 | Jefferson Parish |
| 16. | 25-0369 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 17. | 25-0371 | City of New Orleans |
| 18. | 25-0720 | City of West Monroe |
| 19. | 25-0748 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 20. | 25-0790 | Lafayette Parish School Board. |

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

VI. Items 1 through 79 Recommended for Denial; Claim #21-0314 to Claim #25-0593

Staff recommended denial of the following 79 claims:

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| 1. | 21-0314 | Travelers Indemnity Company |
| 2. | 24-0180 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 3. | 24-0189 | St. Bernard Parish School Board |
| 4. | 24-0444 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 5. | 24-0468 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 6. | 24-0510 | Technology Insurance Company |

7. 24-0739 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
8. 24-0767 Star Insurance Company
9. 24-0779 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
10. 24-0782 Liberty Insurance Corporation
11. 24-0786 Lafayette Parish School Board
12. 24-0790 Jefferson Parish Public School System
13. 24-0791 Louisiana Restaurant Association
14. 24-0793 Valluzzo Companies
15. 24-0794 Zenith Insurance Company
16. 24-0797 LA Construction & Industry SIF
17. 24-0798 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
18. 24-0800 Safety National Casualty Corporation
19. 24-0805 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
20. 24-0806 Amtrust Ins. Co. of Kansas
21. 24-0809 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
22. 24-0812 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
23. 24-0815 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
24. 24-0818 National Union Fire Insurance - Pittsburgh, PA (AIG)
25. 24-0821 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
26. 24-0836 Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co.
27. 24-0845 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
28. 24-0846 Old Republic Insurance Company
29. 24-0857 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
30. 24-0860 - Unverified
31. 24-0872 - Unverified
32. 24-0875 City of Lake Charles
33. 24-0878 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
34. 24-0881 Travelers Indemnity Company
35. 24-0887 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
36. 24-0896 - Unverified
37. 24-0902 Starr Specialty Insurance Company
38. 24-0915 - Unverified
39. 24-0920 LA Construction & Industry SIF
40. 24-0921 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
41. 25-0003 - Unverified
42. 25-0009 - Unverified
43. 25-0015 - Unverified
44. 25-0021 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
45. 25-0025 Safety National Casualty Corporation
46. 25-0027 - Unverified
47. 25-0029 Zenith Insurance Company
48. 25-0031 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
49. 25-0033 Travelers Group
50. 25-0038 National Union Fire Insurance - Pittsburgh, PA (AIG)

51.	25-0040	Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
52.	25-0044	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
53.	25-0046	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
54.	25-0053	Safety National Casualty Corporation
55.	25-0054	Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
56.	25-0055	Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
57.	25-0056	New Hampshire Insurance Company (AIG)
58.	25-0057	Farmington Casualty Company
59.	25-0059	- Unverified
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61.	25-0061	AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
62.	25-0062	American Interstate Insurance Company
63.	25-0063	City of New Orleans
64.	25-0064	American Zurich Ins. Co.
65.	25-0066	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
66.	25-0082	Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
67.	25-0086	Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
68.	25-0088	American Zurich Ins. Co.
69.	25-0090	Starr Indemnity & Liability Company
70.	25-0094	Sunz Insurance Company
71.	25-0098	Amtrust Ins. Co. of Kansas
72.	25-0108	American Zurich Ins. Co.
73.	25-0130	Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
74.	25-0132	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
75.	25-0173	Safety National Casualty Corporation
76.	25-0198	LA Construction & Industry SIF
77.	25-0414	Ace American Ins. Co
78.	25-0503	LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
79.	25-0593	Office of Risk Management.

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

VII. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #03-0417 to Claim #99-1028

Staff recommended payment of 153 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,785,292.20 for Claim #03-0417 to Claim #99-1028.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$2,785,292.20 for 153 claims (Claim #03-0417 to Claim #99-1028).

VIII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #17-0469 to Claim #22-0373

Staff recommended payment of 44 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$696,596.58 for Claim #17-0469 to Claim #22-0373.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$696,596.58 for 44 claims (Claim #17-0469 to Claim #22-0373).

IX. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board entered into Executive Session.

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

XI. Recommendation for Review of Settlements

A. Staff recommended settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis of the following nine claims:

1. 17-0752
2. 22-0440
3. 22-0729
4. 22-0917
5. 23-0756
6. 24-0230
7. 24-0292
8. 25-0004
9. 25-0424.

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

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

1. 22-0221
2. 22-0691
3. 23-0478
4. 23-0578.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the afore-listed four claims for settlement to be reimbursed on an ongoing basis.

XII. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. 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. | 20-0717 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 20-0766 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 21-0576 | Continue Litigation |
| 4. | 21-0816 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 22-0808 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 22-0857 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 23-0105 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 23-0156 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 9. | 23-0782 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 10. | 24-0281 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 11. | 24-0334 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 12. | 24-0377 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 13. | 24-0416 | Settlement Authority granted. |

XIII. Any other matters requiring attention

- A. Discussion of the reimbursement of drug tests.
- B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026.

XIV. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.