

**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 February 6, 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 February 6, 2025, at 2:05 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, representing the Commissioner of Insurance

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

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

Mr. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State

Absent

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. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; and Ms. Shawndrika Moore, SIB Program Compliance Officer.

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 January 9, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 14 Recommended for Payment; Claim #23-0721 to Claim #24-0838

Staff recommended payment of the following 14 claims:

1. 23-0721 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
2. 23-0808 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
3. 23-0883 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
4. 24-0037 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
5. 24-0122 Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
6. 24-0191 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7. 24-0289 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
8. 24-0535 St. Bernard Parish School Board
9. 24-0561 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
10. 24-0606 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
11. 24-0616 Office of Risk Management
12. 24-0679 St. Francis Medical Center
13. 24-0768 Jefferson Parish
14. 24-0838 LA Construction & Industry SIF

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

V. Items 1 through 41 Recommended for Denial; Claim #23-0755 to Claim #24-0829

Staff recommended denial of the following 41 claims:

1. 23-0755 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 23-0886 Office of Risk Management
3. 23-0898 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
4. 24-0013 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
5. 24-0015 Ace American Ins. Co
6. 24-0023 Wesco Insurance Company
7. 24-0041 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
8. 24-0067 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 24-0088 Great American Alliance Insurance Company
10. 24-0188 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
11. 24-0200 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
12. 24-0203 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
13. 24-0206 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
14. 24-0209 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
15. 24-0212 GuideOne Mutual Insurance Company
16. 24-0218 Travelers Indemnity Company
17. 24-0224 City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
18. 24-0227 Midwest Employers Casualty Company

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| 19. | 24-0233 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 20. | 24-0235 | Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut |
| 21. | 24-0236 | Laitram Corporation, Etal |
| 22. | 24-0237 | Travelers Property Casualty Company of America |
| 23. | 24-0239 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 24. | 24-0244 | Arch Insurance Company |
| 25. | 24-0245 | Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation) |
| 26. | 24-0251 | Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company |
| 27. | 24-0257 | City of New Orleans |
| 28. | 24-0258 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 29. | 24-0260 | Travelers Property Casualty Company of America |
| 30. | 24-0290 | Standard Fire Insurance Company |
| 31. | 24-0318 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 32. | 24-0333 | Office of Risk Management |
| 33. | 24-0544 | Louisiana Restaurant Association |
| 34. | 24-0556 | EJJ, Inc. |
| 35. | 24-0776 | Office of Risk Management |
| 36. | 24-0781 | Coca-Cola Bottling Company United |
| 37. | 24-0787 | LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency |
| 38. | 24-0802 | Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company, The |
| 39. | 24-0807 | Zurich American Insurance Company |
| 40. | 24-0813 | City of New Orleans |
| 41. | 24-0829 | Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co. |

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 #03-0431 to Claim #99-1194

Staff recommended payment of 133 partial payments in the total amount of \$3,653,056.63 for Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-1194.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$3,653,056.63 for 133 claims (Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-1194).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #12-0865 to Claim #21-0618

Staff recommended payment of 30 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$604,000.00 for Claim #12-0865 to Claim #21-0618.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$604,000.00 for 57 claims (Claim #12-0865 to Claim #21-0618).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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 nine claims:

1. 16-0488
2. 17-0134
3. 22-0686
4. 24-0091
5. 24-0105
6. 23-0837
7. 24-0338
8. 16-0537
9. 21-0327

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board unanimously 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 #16-0537 and Claim #23-0137.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved continuation of reimbursement for Claim #16-0537 and Claim #23-0137 on an ongoing basis.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. 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. | 20-0291 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 22-0156 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 23-0076 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0361 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0430 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0560 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 23-0724 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 23-0828 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 9. | 24-0008 | Settlement Authority granted |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.