

**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 February 5, 2026 | 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 5, 2026, at 2:39 p.m.

Present

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

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

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

Absent

Mr. Chip Coulter, representing the Secretary of State

Mr. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Worker's Compensation Administration

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Meredith Trahant, Deputy Assistant Secretary, OWCA; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Chandra Cola, Audit and Finance Supervisor; Mariah Burrell-George, SIB Accounting Technician; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance 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 Ms. Kirby, seconded by Dr. Hook, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the January 8, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

Hearing requests were received regarding the following claims:

23-0138 Trumbull Insurance Company
24-0261 Ace American Ins. Co

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Dr. Hook, the Board unanimously denied the hearing request of the afore-listed claims.

IV. Items 1 through 26 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0267 to Claim #25-0909

1. 24-0267 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 24-0830 Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
3. 25-0200 Travelers Indemnity Company
4. 25-0216 City of Hammond
5. 25-0238 Entergy Services, Inc.
6. 25-0351 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
7. 25-0396 Old Republic Insurance Company
8. 25-0407 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
9. 25-0425 Brookshire Grocery Company
10. 25-0450 St. Bernard Parish School Board
11. 25-0464 Arch Insurance Company
12. 25-0468 Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
13. 25-0471 City of West Monroe
14. 25-0481 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
15. 25-0514 Star Insurance Company
16. 25-0636 St. John Parish School Board
17. 25-0639 Midwest Employers Casualty Company
18. 25-0645 - Unverified
19. 25-0673 LA Construction & Industry SIF
20. 25-0707 Monroe City School Board
21. 25-0762 Lafayette Parish School Board
22. 25-0803 Cleco
23. 25-0856 Livingston Parish School Board
24. 25-0898 St. Bernard Parish School Board
25. 25-0908 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
26. 25-0909 Brookshire Grocery Company

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

V. Items 1 through 73 Recommended for Denial; Claim #23-0138 to Claim #25-0884

1. 23-0138 Trumbull Insurance Company
2. 23-0866 Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
3. 24-0045 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
4. 24-0066 - Unverified
5. 24-0165 Lincoln Parish School Board
6. 24-0228 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7. 24-0240 Jefferson Parish Public School System
8. 24-0261 Ace American Ins. Co
9. 24-0288 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
10. 24-0300 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
11. 24-0432 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
12. 24-0513 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
13. 24-0531 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
14. 24-0723 Sunz Insurance Company
15. 24-0770 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
16. 24-0773 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
17. 24-0804 LA Construction & Industry SIF
18. 24-0900 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
19. 24-0903 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
20. 25-0007 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
21. 25-0012 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
22. 25-0023 LA Construction & Industry SIF
23. 25-0035 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
24. 25-0073 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
25. 25-0079 St. Charles Parish School Board
26. 25-0101 Star Insurance Company
27. 25-0143 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
28. 25-0147 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
29. 25-0188 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
30. 25-0190 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
31. 25-0194 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
32. 25-0196 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
33. 25-0204 - Unverified
34. 25-0210 American Zurich Ins. Co.
35. 25-0214 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
36. 25-0220 North River Insurance Co., The
37. 25-0224 Jefferson Parish Public School System
38. 25-0232 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America

39. 25-0234 Old Republic Insurance Company
40. 25-0236 Old Republic Insurance Company
41. 25-0240 Alaska National Insurance Company
42. 25-0250 Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
43. 25-0252 Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co.
44. 25-0256 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
45. 25-0260 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
46. 25-0274 Office of Risk Management
47. 25-0276 Office of Risk Management
48. 25-0285 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
49. 25-0311 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
50. 25-0327 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
51. 25-0373 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
52. 25-0379 Office of Risk Management
53. 25-0381 - Unverified
54. 25-0385 Jefferson Parish Public School System
55. 25-0391 - Unverified
56. 25-0397 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
57. 25-0455 Terrebonne General Medical Center
58. 25-0459 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
59. 25-0469 - Unverified
60. 25-0479 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
61. 25-0545 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
62. 25-0585 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
63. 25-0599 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
64. 25-0641 Argonaut Insurance Group
65. 25-0659 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
66. 25-0681 North River Insurance Co., The
67. 25-0685 City of New Orleans
68. 25-0713 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
69. 25-0735 Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
70. 25-0739 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
71. 25-0837 City of New Orleans
72. 25-0841 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
73. 25-0884 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #03-0657 to Claim #99-0981

Staff recommended payment of 183 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,301,451.45 for Claim #03-0657 to Claim #99-0981.

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Dr. Hook, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$2,301,451.45 for 183 claims (Claim #03-0657 to Claim #99-0981).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #17-0060 to Claim #23-0094

Staff recommended payment of 30 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$569,955.03 for Claim #17-0060 to Claim #23-0094.

On motion of Ms. Kirby seconded by Dr. Hook, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$569,955.03 for 30 claims (Claim #17-0060 to Claim #23-0094).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Ms. Kirby seconded by Dr. Hook, 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 19 claims:

1. 12-1039
2. 15-0591
3. 18-0184
4. 19-0705
5. 20-0282
6. 20-0657
7. 20-0733

8. 21-0656
9. 22-0883
10. 23-0137
11. 23-0319
12. 23-0478
13. 24-0191
14. 24-0484
15. 24-0507
16. 24-0542
17. 24-0796
18. 25-0192
19. 96-0253

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Dr. Hook, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 19 claims for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

- B. Staff recommended that reimbursement continue on an ongoing basis for Claim #23-0449.

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Dr. Hook the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the afore-listed claim for settlement to be reimbursed on an ongoing basis.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Dr. Hook, 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. | 10-0490 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 20-0852 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 21-0687 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0424 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0779 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0861 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 24-0109 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 24-0155 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 9. | 24-0430 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 10. | 24-0473 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 11. | 24-0773 | Settlement Authority granted. |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention

- A. Discussion regarding the reimbursement of the cost of certain drug tests.
- B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Dr. Hook, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.