# 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 July 10, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. CT

### I. <u>Call to Order</u>

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Second Injury Board on July 10, 2025, at 2:03 p.m.

#### Present

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

Ms. Bobbie Scott, representing the State Treasurer

Mr. Chip Coulter, representing the Secretary of State

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

#### **Absent**

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

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Shana Shirley, SIB Director; Mr. Karl Scott, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; 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 Mr. Coulter, seconded by Ms. Scott, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the June 5, 2025 meeting minutes.

### III. Hearing Requests

None.

## IV. Amendment of the Agenda

On motion by Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Scott, the Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda to relist claims 24-0484 and 25-0004 from Agenda Item 4 (Recommended for Denial) to Agenda Item 3 (Recommended for Payment).

### V. Items 1 through 26 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0308 to Claim #25-0333

Staff recommended payment of following 26 claims:

1.	24-0308	City of New Orleans
2.	24-0360	LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
3.	24-0399	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
4.	24-0451	Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
5.	24-0476	Louisiana Restaurant Association
6.	24-0484	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7.	24-0486	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
8.	24-0491	Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
9.	24-0500	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
10.	24-0554	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
11.	24-0583	LA Construction & Industry SIF
12.	24-0584	Lafayette Parish School Board
13.	24-0586	Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
14.	24-0597	Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
15.	24-0656	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
16.	24-0694	LA Health Care-Self Ins. Fund
17.	24-0834	Eastern Alliance Insurance Co.
18.	24-0853	Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
19.	24-0866	Louisiana Restaurant Association
20.	24-0884	Lafayette Parish School Board
21.	25-0004	LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
22.	25-0129	Travelers Indemnity Company
23.	25-0159	Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co.
24.	25-0201	Opelousas General Health System
25.	25-0296	City of Natchitoches
26.	25-0333	Ace American Ins. Co.

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

# VI. <u>Items 1 through 59 Recommended for Denial; Claim #23-0384 to Claim #25-0297</u>

Staff recommended denial of the following 59 claims:

1.	23-0384	LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
2.	24-0329	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3.	24-0362	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
4.	24-0377	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
5.	24-0392	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
6.	24-0430	HCA, Inc The Healthcare Company
7.	24-0443	Amtrust Ins. Co. of Kansas
8.	24-0446	Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
9.	24-0449	Old Republic Insurance Company
10.	24-0452	Zurich American Insurance Company
11.	24-0461	XL Insurance America, Inc.
12.	24-0464	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
13.	24-0467	Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
14.	24-0470	AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
15.	24-0473	Parish Government Risk Management Agency
16.	24-0515	Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
17.	24-0518	Technology Insurance Company
18.	24-0521	Farmington Casualty Company
19.	24-0530	City of Lake Charles
20.	24-0560	Argonaut Insurance Group
21.	24-0573	City of New Orleans
22.	24-0589	- Unknown
23.	24-0590	Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
24.	24-0598	LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
25.	24-0601	Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
26.	24-0603	Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut
27.	24-0604	Office of Risk Management
28.	24-0610	- Unverified
29.	24-0613	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
30.	24-0619	Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
31.	24-0625	Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
32.	24-0652	LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
33.	24-0658	Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
34.	24-0661	Safety National Casualty Corporation
35.	24-0664	- Unverified
36.	24-0667	Winn Dixie Montgomery, LLC
37.	24-0673	Federal Insurance Company / DBA Chubb Ins.
38.	24-0676	- Unverified
39.	24-0688	Zurich American Insurance Company
40.	24-0690	LA Automobile Dealers Assn.

41.	24-0698	Woman's Hospital
42.	24-0701	LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
43.	24-0707	Office of Risk Management
44.	24-0719	Zurich American Insurance Company
45.	24-0724	Louisiana Restaurant Association
46.	24-0754	City of Opelousas
47.	24-0810	- Unknown
48.	24-0820	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
49.	24-0855	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
50.	24-0858	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
51.	24-0869	Louisiana Hospital Association
52.	24-0905	LA Home Builders Assn SIF
53.	25-0049	Willis-Knighton Medical Center
54.	25-0080	Louisiana Restaurant Association
55.	25-0121	Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
56.	25-0136	Zurich American Insurance Company
57.	25-0141	LA Home Builders Assn SIF
58.	25-0144	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
59.	25-0297	LA Construction & Industry SIF

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

# VII. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-0211

Staff recommended payment of 84 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,304,935.92 for Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-0211.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$2,304,935.92 for 84 claims (Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-0211).

## VIII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #18-0121 to Claim #97-1150

Staff recommended payment of 47 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$802,104.30 for Claim #18-0121 to Claim #97-1150.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Scott, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$802,104.30 for 47 claims (Claim #18-0121 to Claim #97-1150).

### IX. Public Comments

None.

# X. <u>Executive Session - Discussion concerning Second Injury Board Litigation & Settlements</u>

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Scott, 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 fourteen claims:
  - 1. 20-0025
  - 2. 20-0137
  - 3. 20-0318
  - 4. 20-0824
  - 5. 21-0375
  - 6. 22-0281
  - 7. 22-0368
  - 8. 22-0457
  - 9. 23-0137
  - 10. 23-0808
  - 11. 24-0173
  - 12. 24-0243
  - 13. 24-0471
  - 14. 24-0578

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Scott, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 14 claims for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

- B. Staff recommended that reimbursement continue on an ongoing basis for the following two claims:
  - 1. 23-0803
  - 2. 24-0231

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

### XII. Second Injury Board Litigation

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

1.	20-0355	Settlement Authority granted
2.	22-0001	Settlement Authority granted
3.	22-0768	Settlement Authority granted
4.	22-0844	Settlement Authority granted
5.	23-0234	Settlement Authority granted
6.	23-0496	Settlement Authority granted
7.	23-0526	Settlement Authority granted
8.	23-0818	Settlement Authority granted
9.	24-0212	Settlement Authority granted
10.	24-0813	Settlement Authority granted.

## XIII. Any other matters requiring attention:

- A. Discussion of HB 624, regarding Board membership with agency change.
- B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025.

## XIV. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Scott, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.