

**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 March 5, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. CT*

I. Call to Order

Ms. Kayla Kirby, acting Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Second Injury Board on March 5, 2026, at 2:01 p.m.

Present

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

Ms. Yvonne Domingue, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

Mr. Chip Coulter, representing the Secretary of State

Mr. Chuck Myers, representing the Commissioner of Insurance

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; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Mr. Karl Scott, Attorney; Ms. Chandra Cola, Audit and 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 Ms. Domingue, seconded by Mr. Coutler, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the February 5, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

A hearing request was received regarding Claim #25-0393 (Manufacturers Alliance Insurance Co.

On motion of Mr. Coutler, seconded by Ms. Domingue, the Board unanimously denied the hearing request of the afore-listed claim.

IV. Items 1 through 11 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0873 to Claim #25-0910

1. 24-0873 AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
2. 24-0888 Travelers Group
3. 25-0068 Woldenberg Village
4. 25-0113 City of Shreveport
5. 25-0178 LA Construction & Industry SIF
6. 25-0237 LA Construction & Industry SIF
7. 25-0344 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
8. 25-0378 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 25-0624 Louisiana Hospital Association
10. 25-0699 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
11. 25-0910 American Zurich Ins. Co.

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

V. Items 1 through 53 Recommended for Denial; Claim #23-0138 to Claim #25-0813

1. 23-0138 Trumbull Insurance Company
2. 24-0261 Ace American Ins. Co
3. 24-0269 Louisiana Hospital Association
4. 25-0022 Lafayette Parish School Board
5. 25-0042 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
6. 25-0048 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
7. 25-0052 LA Construction & Industry SIF
8. 25-0119 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
9. 25-0131 - Unverified
10. 25-0134 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
11. 25-0135 New Hampshire Insurance Company (AIG)
12. 25-0151 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
13. 25-0153 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
14. 25-0154 Old Republic Insurance Company
15. 25-0155 Travelers Indemnity Company
16. 25-0165 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
17. 25-0169 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
18. 25-0170 Lafayette Consolidated Government
19. 25-0175 Bridgefield Employers Insurance Company
20. 25-0177 Liberty Insurance Corporation
21. 25-0181 Accident Fund Ins. Co. of America
22. 25-0183 Sentry Insurance
23. 25-0189 Lafayette Parish School Board
24. 25-0191 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.

25.	25-0195	Zurich American Insurance Company
26.	25-0197	Zurich American Insurance Company
27.	25-0199	- Unverified
28.	25-0205	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
29.	25-0209	Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
30.	25-0211	- Unverified
31.	25-0212	LA Construction & Industry SIF
32.	25-0222	LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
33.	25-0280	Zurich American Insurance Company
34.	25-0284	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
35.	25-0298	Zurich American Insurance Company
36.	25-0306	AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
37.	25-0308	Rapides Parish School Board
38.	25-0312	Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
39.	25-0316	- Unverified
40.	25-0330	- Unverified
41.	25-0334	City of Lake Charles
42.	25-0336	Zurich American Insurance Company
43.	25-0339	Willis-Knighton Medical Center
44.	25-0340	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
45.	25-0348	City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
46.	25-0350	LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
47.	25-0395	City of Lake Charles
48.	25-0411	Gray Insurance Company
49.	25-0417	Safety National Casualty Corporation
50.	25-0419	Old Republic Insurance Company
51.	25-0552	LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
52.	25-0733	Willis-Knighton Medical Center
53.	25-0813	Louisiana Hospital Association

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-0411

Staff recommended payment of 148 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,380,011.61 for Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-0411.

On motion of Ms. Domingue, seconded by Mr. Coutler, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$2,380,011.61 for 148 claims (Claim #03-0431 to Claim #99-0411).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #17-0469 to Claim #22-0872

Staff recommended payment of 43 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$718,847.10 for Claim #17-0469 to Claim #22-0872.

On motion of Ms. Domingue seconded by Mr. Coutler, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$718,847.10 for 43 claims (Claim #17-0469 to Claim #22-0872).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Ms. Domingue seconded by Mr. Coutler, 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 13 claims:

1. 16-0537
2. 19-0274
3. 20-0719
4. 21-0492
5. 21-0569
6. 22-0156
7. 22-0260
8. 23-0300
9. 23-0818
10. 24-0423
11. 24-0909
12. 24-0096
13. 25-0127.

On motion of Mr. Coutler, seconded by Ms. Domingue, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 13 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. 22-0711
2. 24-0612.

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

C. Staff recommended that a lien on Claim #20-0085 be waived.

On motion of Ms. Domingue, seconded by Mr. Coutler, the Board unanimously approved the waiver of a lien on Claim #20-0085.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Ms. Domingue, seconded by Mr. Coutler, 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. | 19-0063 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 20-0150 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 23-0513 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0675 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0810 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 24-0403 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 24-0413 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 24-0530 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 9. | 24-0740 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 10. | 25-0279 | Settlement Authority granted. |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention

A. Discussion regarding the reimbursement of the cost of certain drug tests will be discussed at the April 2, 2026 meeting.

B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2026.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Domingue, seconded by Mr. Coutler, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.