

**LOUISIANA WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECOND INJURY BOARD  
MINUTES**

*Louisiana Works  
OWCA Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Annex Building  
1001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804  
Thursday April 2, 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 April 2, 2026, at 2:03 p.m.

**Present**

Mr. Charles Hansberry, 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

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

**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; Mr. Karl Scott, Attorney; Ms. Chandra Cola, Audit and Finance Supervisor; and Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor.

**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 March 5, 2025 meeting minutes.

**III. Hearing Requests**

None.

**IV. Items 1 through 21 Recommended for Payment; Claim #25-0174 to Claim #26-0069**

Staff recommended payment of the following claims:

1. 25-0174 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
2. 25-0226 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
3. 25-0271 City of New Orleans
4. 25-0404 City of New Orleans
5. 25-0405 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
6. 25-0431 - Unverified
7. 25-0497 Jefferson Parish Public School System
8. 25-0530 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
9. 25-0532 LA Construction & Industry SIF
10. 25-0535 LA Construction & Industry SIF
11. 25-0541 City of New Orleans
12. 25-0550 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
13. 25-0596 Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
14. 25-0708 Lafayette Parish School Board
15. 25-0742 Great American Insurance Company
16. 25-0775 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
17. 25-0815 City of New Orleans
18. 25-0842 City of Kenner
19. 25-0951 Rapides Parish School Board
20. 26-0023 Jefferson Parish Public School System
21. 26-0069 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.

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

**V. Items 1 through 60 Recommended for Denial; Claim #24-0708 to Claim #25-0875**

Staff recommended denial of the following claims:

1. 24-0708 Office of Risk Management
2. 24-0822 - Unknown
3. 25-0208 Great American Insurance Company
4. 25-0213 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
5. 25-0215 Office of Risk Management
6. 25-0219 - Unverified
7. 25-0223 - Unverified
8. 25-0225 Jefferson Parish Public School System
9. 25-0227 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
10. 25-0229 XL Specialty Insurance Company
11. 25-0231 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.

12. 25-0233 Office of Risk Management
13. 25-0235 City of Natchitoches
14. 25-0239 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
15. 25-0247 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
16. 25-0251 St. Tammany Parish School Board
17. 25-0253 Farmington Casualty Company
18. 25-0257 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
19. 25-0259 - Unverified
20. 25-0261 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
21. 25-0262 Office of Risk Management
22. 25-0265 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
23. 25-0266 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
24. 25-0273 Zurich American Insurance Company
25. 25-0275 Wesco Insurance Company
26. 25-0321 - Unverified
27. 25-0352 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
28. 25-0354 City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
29. 25-0356 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
30. 25-0358 Office of Risk Management
31. 25-0362 XL Insurance America, Inc.
32. 25-0366 Safety National Casualty Corporation
33. 25-0368 Old Republic Insurance Company
34. 25-0376 Zurich American Insurance Company
35. 25-0388 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
36. 25-0390 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
37. 25-0393 Manufacturers Alliance Insurance Co.
38. 25-0398 Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co.
39. 25-0400 City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
40. 25-0401 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
41. 25-0403 City of Shreveport
42. 25-0406 City of Alexandria
43. 25-0412 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
44. 25-0418 Office of Risk Management
45. 25-0420 Office of Risk Management
46. 25-0421 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
47. 25-0422 Starr Specialty Insurance Company
48. 25-0483 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
49. 25-0485 Louisiana Restaurant Association
50. 25-0489 Trumbull Insurance Company
51. 25-0597 Valero Services, Inc.
52. 25-0643 - Unverified
53. 25-0649 Accident Fund General Ins. Co.
54. 25-0683 City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish
55. 25-0745 Coca-Cola Bottling Company United

56.	25-0755	St. Tammany Parish School Board
57.	25-0824	LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
58.	25-0836	- Unknown
59.	25-0843	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company.
60.	25-0875	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company

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

**VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #00-0181 to Claim #99-1104**

Staff recommended payment of 777 partial payments in the total amount of \$8,323,262.99 for Claim #00-0181 to Claim #99-1104.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$8,323,262.99 for 777 claims (Claim #00-0181 to Claim #99-1104).

**VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #17-0054 to Claim #97-1150**

Staff recommended payment of 55 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$2,346,974.85 for Claim #17-0054 to Claim #97-1150.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$2,346,974.85 for 55 claims (Claim #17-0054 to Claim #97-1150).

**VIII. Public Comments**

None.

**IX. 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.

**X. Recommendation for Review of Settlements**

A. Staff recommended settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis of the following 20 claims:

1. 09-0035
2. 19-0185
3. 19-0400
4. 20-0096
5. 20-0355
6. 21-0293
7. 21-0550
8. 22-0427
9. 22-0857
10. 23-0164
11. 23-0424
12. 23-0620
13. 24-0037
14. 24-0065
15. 24-0195
16. 24-0226
17. 24-0405
18. 24-0830
19. 24-0862
20. 25-0087.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 20 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. 15-0272
2. 21-0393.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, 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 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:

1. 20-0185 Settlement Authority granted
2. 20-0545 Settlement Authority granted
3. 24-0049 Settlement Authority granted
4. 24-0167 Settlement Authority granted
5. 24-0271 Settlement Authority granted
6. 24-0376 Settlement Authority granted
7. 24-0479 Settlement Authority granted
8. 24-0635 Settlement Authority granted.

**XII. Any other matters requiring attention**

- A. Discussion regarding the reimbursement of the cost of certain drug tests was continued to the Board's May 7, 2026 meeting.
- B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026.

**XIII. Adjournment**

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.