

**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 November 14, 2024 | 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 November 14, 2024, at 2:01 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, representing the Commissioner of Insurance
Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer
Ms. Courtney Olivia, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

Absent

Mr. Steve Hawkland, 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. Meridith Trahant, Deputy Assistant Secretary; Ms. Jamie B. Tairov, Undersecretary; Mr. Karl Scott, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Shana Veade, SIB Director; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney, Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Mylisha Robinson, SIB Program Compliance Officer; and Shawndrika Moore, SIB Program Compliance Officer.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the Board dispensed with the reading of the October 10, 2024, meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 20 Recommended for Payment; Claim #23-0584 to Claim #24-0563

Staff recommended payment of the following 20 claims:

1. 23-0584 LA Construction & Industry SIF
2. 23-0778 LA Construction & Industry SIF
3. 23-0803 XL Specialty Insurance Company
4. 23-0813 St. Tammany Parish School Board
5. 23-0837 Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
6. 23-0850 Diocese of Shreveport
7. 23-0871 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
8. 24-0091 Louisiana Hospital Association
9. 24-0098 City of New Orleans
10. 24-0157 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
11. 24-0275 Terrebonne Parish School Board
12. 24-0284 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
13. 24-0292 Manufacturers Alliance Insurance Co.
14. 24-0323 City of New Orleans
15. 24-0395 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
16. 24-0492 City of New Orleans
17. 24-0505 City of New Orleans
18. 24-0507 Cleco
19. 24-0559 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
20. 24-0563 Lafayette Parish School Board

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

V. Items 1 through 23 Recommended for Denial; Claim #21-0844 to Claim #24-0427

Staff recommended denial of the following 23 claims:

1. 21-0844 Franklin Parish School Board
2. 23-0445 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 23-0496 Trumbull Insurance Company
4. 23-0688 Arch Insurance Company
5. 23-0698 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
6. 23-0756 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7. 23-0764 LA Construction & Industry SIF
8. 23-0786 Louisiana Restaurant Association
9. 23-0838 Starr Indemnity & Liability Company
10. 24-0049 Old Republic Insurance Company

11. 24-0052 - Unverified
12. 24-0061 Pennsylvania Manufacturers Assn Ins Co/PMA Ins Group
13. 24-0070 LA Construction & Industry SIF
14. 24-0097 Terrebonne Parish School Board
15. 24-0124 Safety National Casualty Corporation
16. 24-0148 Iberville Parish School Board
17. 24-0163 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
18. 24-0183 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
19. 24-0277 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
20. 24-0279 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
21. 24-0339 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
22. 24-0366 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
23. 24-0427 Office of Risk Management

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #01-0478 to Claim #99-0981

Staff recommended payment of 207 partial payments in the total amount of \$11,263,602.93 for Claim #01-0478 to Claim #99-0981.

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the Board approved partial payments in the total amount of \$11,263,602.93 for 207 claims (Claim #01-0478 to Claim #99-0981).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #10-0080 to Claim #21-0618

Staff recommended payment of 43 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$970,446.19 for Claim #10-0080 to Claim #21-0618.

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the Board approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$970,446.19 for 43 claims (Claim #10-0080 to Claim #21-0618).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, 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. 13-0009
2. 18-0709
3. 21-0273
4. 21-0440
5. 22-0486
6. 23-0514
7. 23-0730
8. 23-0768
9. 94-0962

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the Board 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 #17-0581.

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the Board approved continuation of reimbursement of Claim #17-0581 on an ongoing basis.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, 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. | 17-0503 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 20-0545 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 22-0729 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 22-0876 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0084 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0390 | Settlement Authority granted |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

A. On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the Board amended Agenda Item 8(a) to read: "2025 SIB Annual Assessment."

B. 2025 SIB Annual Assessment

Ms. Veade presented calculations related to the SIB budget and legislative appropriations. During the presentation, Ms. Veade recommended that the SIB Annual Assessment rate remain at 7.25 percent, unchanged from the previous two years. Following the afore-mentioned recommendation, on motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the proposed assessment rate and set the SIB Annual Assessment rate at 7.25 percent.

C. 2025 SIB Meeting Dates *Tentative*

January 9, 2025
February 6, 2025
March 13, 2025
April 3, 2025
May 1, 2025
June 5, 2025
July 10, 2025
August 7, 2025
September 4, 2025
October 2, 2025
November 6, 2025
December 4, 2025

D. It was recommended that the Agenda be amended to reflect the tentative SIB meeting dates to be corrected from 2024 to 2025. On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, Ms. Kirby made the motion, Ms. Olivia second the motion, the agenda was amended to

E. Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2024.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Olivia, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.