

**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 October 10, 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 October 10, 2024, at 2:01 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, representing the Commissioner of Insurance
Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer
Mr. Chris Kirby, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services
Mr. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State
Mr. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Worker's Compensation Administration

Absent

None

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Meridith Trahant, Deputy Assistant Secretary; 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 Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board dispensed with the reading of the September 19, 2024, meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. **Items 1 through 11 Recommended for Payment; Claim # Claim #23-0601 to Claim #24-0496**

Staff recommended payment of the following 11 claims:

1. 23-0601 City of New Orleans
2. 23-0754 LA Construction & Industry SIF
3. 23-0776 Tangipahoa Parish School Board
4. 23-0809 Jefferson Parish
5. 24-0025 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
6. 24-0092 LA Construction & Industry SIF
7. 24-0145 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
8. 24-0201 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 24-0474 LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF
10. 24-0483 City of New Orleans
11. 24-0496 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.

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

V. **Items 1 through 52 Recommended for Denial; Claim #21-0734 to Claim #24-0498**

Staff recommended denial of the following 52 claims:

1. 21-0734 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
2. 23-0335 Ace American Ins. Co
3. 23-0388 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
4. 23-0408 LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF
5. 23-0424 LA Construction & Industry SIF
6. 23-0427 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7. 23-0439 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
8. 23-0466 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 23-0481 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
10. 23-0556 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
11. 23-0648 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
12. 23-0667 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
13. 23-0846 Star Insurance Company
14. 23-0848 Star Insurance Company
15. 23-0854 Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
16. 23-0856 Old Republic Insurance Company

17. 23-0860 Office of Risk Management
18. 23-0870 Star Insurance Company
19. 23-0878 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
20. 23-0882 Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut
21. 23-0884 Wesco Insurance Company
22. 23-0896 Caddo Parish School Board
23. 24-0029 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
24. 24-0033 Jefferson Parish
25. 24-0035 Louisiana Restaurant Association
26. 24-0038 - Unverified
27. 24-0039 Argonaut Insurance Group
28. 24-0042 Office of Risk Management
29. 24-0043 - Unverified
30. 24-0044 American Zurich Ins. Co.
31. 24-0046 LA Construction & Industry SIF
32. 24-0057 Office of Risk Management
33. 24-0060 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
34. 24-0063 - Unverified
35. 24-0064 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
36. 24-0112 Office of Risk Management
37. 24-0154 Office of Risk Management
38. 24-0174 Office of Risk Management
39. 24-0223 National Union Fire Insurance Company of LA (AIG)
40. 24-0255 Great West Casualty Company
41. 24-0272 AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
42. 24-0276 Louisiana Hospital Association
43. 24-0286 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
44. 24-0291 Great American Alliance Insurance Company
45. 24-0310 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
46. 24-0328 Office of Risk Management
47. 24-0359 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
48. 24-0391 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
49. 24-0424 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
50. 24-0458 Louisiana Restaurant Association
51. 24-0459 Woman's Hospital
52. 24-0498 Office of Risk Management

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #00-0181 to Claim #99-1028

Staff recommended payment of 427 partial payments in the total amount of \$5,407,608.44 for Claim #00-0181 to Claim No. 99-1028.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board approved partial payments in the total amount of \$5,407,608.44 for 427 claims (Claim #00-0181 to Claim No. 99-1028).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #10-0290 to Claim #97-1150

Staff recommended payment of 59 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,177,464.46 for Claim #10-0290 to Claim #97-1150.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,177,464.46 for 59 claims (Claim #10-0290 to Claim #97-1150).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board entered into 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 10 claims:

1. 17-0613
2. 18-0838
3. 20-0470
4. 21-0244
5. 21-0667
6. 22-0263
7. 22-0737

- 8. 23-0661
- 9. 24-0162
- 10. 96-0253

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Mr. Kirby, 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 the following claims:

- 1. 23-0395
- 2. 23-0874

On motion of Mr. Hawkland seconded by Mr. Kirby, the Board approved continuation of reimbursement of the afore-listed claims on an on-going basis.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

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

- 1. 20-0849 Settlement Authority granted
- 2. 22-0282 Settlement Authority granted
- 3. 22-0600 Settlement Authority granted
- 4. 23-0154 Settlement Authority granted
- 5. 23-0155 Settlement Authority granted
- 6. 23-0440 Settlement Authority granted
- 7. 23-0557 Settlement Authority granted
- 8. 23-0693 Settlement Authority granted

Mr. Blackwood recused himself from voting in reference to Litigation Claim number 22-0282.

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

None.

XIII. Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024.

XIV. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Hawkland seconded by Mr. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.