

**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 September 19, 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 September 19, 2024, at 2:02 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

**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, SIB Director; Mr. Karl Scott, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Shana Veade, Attorney; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Melissa Green, SIB Program Compliance Officer; 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. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board dispensed with the reading of the August 8, 2024, meeting minutes.

**III. Hearing Requests**

None.

**IV. Items 1 through 11 Recommended for Payment; Claim # 23-0331 to Claim #24-0347**

Staff recommended payment of the following 11 claims:

1. 23-0331 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 23-0585 LA Construction & Industry SIF
3. 23-0620 Ace American Ins. Co
4. 23-0631 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
5. 23-0730 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
6. 23-0733 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
7. 24-0073 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
8. 24-0078 - Unverified
9. 24-0242 - Unverified
10. 24-0338 Jefferson Parish
11. 24-0347 City of New Orleans

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

**V. Items 1 through 41 Recommended for Denial; Claim #23-0441 to Claim #24-0469**

Staff recommended denial of the following 41 claims:

1. 23-0441 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
2. 23-0497 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 23-0587 LA Construction & Industry SIF
4. 23-0594 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
5. 23-0609 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
6. 23-0621 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
7. 23-0634 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
8. 23-0638 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 23-0664 Jefferson Parish
10. 23-0724 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
11. 23-0761 - Unknown
12. 23-0822 Argonaut Insurance Group
13. 23-0826 LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF
14. 23-0830 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
15. 23-0832 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
16. 23-0840 Safety National Casualty Corporation
17. 23-0845 Office of Risk Management
18. 23-0847 Star Insurance Company

19. 23-0849 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
20. 23-0851 City of Alexandria
21. 23-0855 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
22. 23-0859 Travelers Indemnity Company
23. 23-0861 General Health, Inc.
24. 23-0865 Sentry Insurance
25. 23-0869 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
26. 23-0879 Pennsylvania Manufacturers Assn Ins Co/PMA Ins Group
27. 23-0881 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
28. 23-0885 Accident Fund Ins. Co. of America
29. 23-0887 Great American Alliance Insurance Company
30. 23-0891 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
31. 24-0008 Star Insurance Company
32. 24-0021 Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
33. 24-0107 Iberia Parish School Board
34. 24-0130 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
35. 24-0280 Jefferson Parish
36. 24-0287 City of Hammond
37. 24-0298 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
38. 24-0345 Lafayette Parish School Board
39. 24-0349 Touro Infirmary
40. 24-0436 St. James Parish School Board
41. 24-0469 - Unverified

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

**VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #00-0522 to Claim #99-0558**

Staff recommended payment of 99 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,129,599.37 for Claim #00-0522 to Claim No. 99-0558.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved partial payments in the total amount of \$2,129,599.37 for 99 claims (Claim #00-0522 to Claim #99-0558).

**VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #12-0385 to Claim #21-0414**

Staff recommended payment of 68 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$974,820.17 for Claim #12-0385 to Claim #21-0414.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$974,820.17 for 68 claims (Claim #12-0385 to Claim #21-0414).

**VIII. Public Comments**

None.

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

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. 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 21 claims:

1. 86-0107
2. 01-0407
3. 09-0439
4. 10-0409
5. 15-0866
6. 17-0270
7. 18-0855
8. 20-0264
9. 22-0180
10. 22-0232
11. 22-0290
12. 22-0368
13. 22-0482
14. 22-0615
15. 22-0731
16. 23-0069
17. 23-0375
18. 23-0418
19. 23-0554
20. 23-0842
21. 24-0406.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. 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. 21-0726
2. 24-0110.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. 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. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, 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. | 19-0852 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 21-0891 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 22-0751 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0204 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0385 | Settlement Authority granted |

**XII. Any other matters requiring attention:**

None.

**XIII. Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024.

**XIV. Adjournment**

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.