

**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 August 7, 2025 | 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 August 7, 2025, at 2:08 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, representing the Commissioner of Insurance

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

Mr. Chip Coulter, representing the Secretary of State

Mr. Chris Kirby, 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

None.

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Shana Shirley, SIB Director; Mr. Karl Scott, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Ta'Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Melissa Green, SIB Program Compliance Officer; and Ms. Precious Ricks, SIB Recording Secretary.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the July 10, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Amendment of the Agenda

On motion by Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda to add claim 23-0552 to the Agenda Item 7b (Second Injury Board Litigation).

V. Items 1 through 18 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0282 to Claim #25-0394

Staff recommended payment of following 18 claims:

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| 1. | 24-0282 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 2. | 24-0440 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 3. | 24-0532 | Arch Insurance Company |
| 4. | 24-0609 | LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency |
| 5. | 24-0639 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 6. | 24-0700 | Woman's Hospital |
| 7. | 24-0710 | City of New Orleans |
| 8. | 24-0796 | Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. |
| 9. | 24-0824 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 10. | 25-0037 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 11. | 25-0041 | LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF |
| 12. | 25-0092 | Office of Risk Management |
| 13. | 25-0115 | Willis-Knighton Medical Center |
| 14. | 25-0152 | Zurich American Insurance Company |
| 15. | 25-0258 | Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation) |
| 16. | 25-0282 | Lafayette Parish School Board |
| 17. | 25-0318 | Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation) |
| 18. | 25-0394 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |

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

Items 1 through 24 Recommended for Denial; Claim #24-0502 to Claim #25-0384

Staff recommended denial of the following 24 claims:

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| 1. | 24-0502 | Jefferson Parish Public School System |
| 2. | 24-0511 | City of New Orleans |
| 3. | 24-0517 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 4. | 24-0628 | Ace American Ins. Co |
| 5. | 24-0632 | Louisiana Restaurant Association |
| 6. | 24-0665 | Jefferson Parish |
| 7. | 24-0682 | American Zurich Ins. Co. |

8. 24-0685 LA Construction & Industry SIF
9. 24-0709 Stonetrust Commercial Ins. Co.
10. 24-0715 - Unknown
11. 24-0718 Twin City Fire Insurance Company
12. 24-0721 - Unverified
13. 24-0736 Pennsylvania Manufacturers Assn Ins Co/PMA Ins Group
14. 24-0742 Star Insurance Company
15. 24-0745 Twin City Fire Insurance Company
16. 24-0748 LA Construction & Industry SIF
17. 24-0757 Touro Infirmary
18. 24-0763 Jefferson Davis Parish School
19. 24-0766 Jefferson Parish Public School System
20. 24-0897 St. John Parish School Board
21. 24-0906 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
22. 25-0176 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
23. 25-0347 Ochsner Clinic
24. 25-0384 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #04-0042 to Claim #99-0981

Staff recommended payment of 107 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,755,975.89 for Claim #04-0042 to Claim #99-0981.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$2,755,975.89 for 107 claims (Claim #04-0042 to Claim #99-0981).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #17-0060 to Claim #21-0837

Staff recommended payment of 26 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$511,023.60 for Claim #17-0060 to Claim #21-0837.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$511,023.60 for 26 claims (Claim #17-0060 to Claim #21-0837).

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 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 eleven claims:

1. 13-0116
2. 21-0221
3. 21-0846
4. 22-0881
5. 23-0752
6. 23-0803
7. 24-0194
8. 24-0242
9. 24-0256
10. 24-0415
11. 24-0524

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 11 claims for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

B. Staff recommended that reimbursement continue on an ongoing basis for the following three claims:

1. 10-0942
2. 17-0856
3. 19-0704

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

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Scott, 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. | 21-0232 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 22-0657 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 22-0917 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0044 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0175 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0190 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 23-0392 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 23-0457 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 9. | 23-0756 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 10. | 24-0010 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 11. | 24-0046 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 12. | 24-0152 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 13. | 23-0552 | Settlement Authority granted. |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

A. SIB Election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Charles Hansberry was nominated as Chairman; the motion, made by Mr. Kirby and seconded by Mr. Coutler, passed unanimously. Mr. Kirby was nominated as Vice-Chairman; the motion, made by Ms. Kirby and seconded by Mr. Coulter, passed unanimously.

B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.