

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

*Louisiana Works
OWCA Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Annex Building
1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804
Thursday November 6, 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 November 6, 2025, at 2:03 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

Absent

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

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. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Chandra Cola, Audit and Finance Supervisor; Ms. Shawndrika Moore, SIB Program Compliance Officer, and Ms. Precious Ricks, SIB Recording Secretary.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the October 2, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

24-0180 Old Republic Insurance Company

On motion of Mr. Coulter, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously denied the hearing request of the afore-listed claim.

IV. Items 1 through 19 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0576 to Claim #25-0623

Staff recommended payment of following 19 claims:

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| 1. | 24-0576 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 2. | 24-0612 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 3. | 24-0670 | Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America |
| 4. | 24-0691 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 5. | 24-0870 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 6. | 24-0899 | Zurich American Insurance Company |
| 7. | 25-0043 | Sentry Insurance |
| 8. | 25-0120 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 9. | 25-0138 | LA Automobile Dealers Assn. |
| 10. | 25-0163 | City of New Orleans |
| 11. | 25-0185 | Entergy Services, Inc. |
| 12. | 25-0192 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 13. | 25-0267 | Sunz Insurance Company |
| 14. | 25-0416 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 15. | 25-0423 | Midwest Employers Casualty Company |
| 16. | 25-0436 | St. Tammany Parish Hospital |
| 17. | 25-0496 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 18. | 25-0603 | Lafayette Parish School Board |
| 19. | 25-0623 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |

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

V. Items 1 through 76 Recommended for Denial; Claim #24-0072 to Claim #25-0601

Staff recommended denial of the following 76 claims:

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| 1. | 24-0072 | Office of Risk Management |
| 2. | 24-0093 | - Unknown |
| 3. | 24-0213 | New Hampshire Insurance Company (AIG) |
| 4. | 24-0303 | Travelers Property Casualty Company of America |
| 5. | 24-0315 | Office of Risk Management |
| 6. | 24-0330 | Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation) |
| 7. | 24-0384 | - Unverified |
| 8. | 24-0405 | AIU Insurance Company (AIG) |
| 9. | 24-0408 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 10. | 24-0411 | HCA, Inc. - The Healthcare Company |
| 11. | 24-0426 | XL Insurance America, Inc. |
| 12. | 24-0462 | New Hampshire Insurance Company (AIG) |
| 13. | 24-0465 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |

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| 14. | 24-0477 | Sentry Insurance |
| 15. | 24-0480 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 16. | 24-0495 | Technology Insurance Company |
| 17. | 24-0501 | Flowers Foods, INC |
| 18. | 24-0540 | LA Automobile Dealers Assn. |
| 19. | 24-0549 | - Unverified |
| 20. | 24-0622 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 21. | 24-0633 | LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF |
| 22. | 24-0643 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 23. | 24-0646 | North Oaks Medical Center |
| 24. | 24-0674 | Safety National Casualty Corporation |
| 25. | 24-0693 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 26. | 24-0702 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 27. | 24-0713 | - Unverified |
| 28. | 24-0716 | - Unverified |
| 29. | 24-0722 | Vernon Parish School Board |
| 30. | 24-0734 | Amtrust Ins. Co. of Kansas |
| 31. | 24-0737 | State Farm Fire & Casualty Company |
| 32. | 24-0740 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 33. | 24-0743 | - Unverified |
| 34. | 24-0746 | Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc./Hartford Insurance Group |
| 35. | 24-0747 | City of Shreveport |
| 36. | 24-0749 | Chubb Group of Insurance |
| 37. | 24-0752 | AIU Insurance Company (AIG) |
| 38. | 24-0756 | LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency |
| 39. | 24-0760 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 40. | 24-0761 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 41. | 24-0774 | Jefferson Parish Public School System |
| 42. | 24-0843 | LA Automobile Dealers Assn. |
| 43. | 24-0848 | Accident Fund General Ins. Co. |
| 44. | 24-0851 | Jefferson Parish Public School System |
| 45. | 24-0865 | Ace American Ins. Co |
| 46. | 24-0908 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 47. | 24-0912 | Sentry Casualty Company |
| 48. | 24-0916 | Office of Risk Management |
| 49. | 25-0001 | Louisiana Restaurant Association |
| 50. | 25-0008 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 51. | 25-0010 | City of New Orleans |
| 52. | 25-0018 | Arch Insurance Company |
| 53. | 25-0020 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 54. | 25-0024 | Starr Indemnity & Liability Company |
| 55. | 25-0026 | City of Lake Charles |
| 56. | 25-0028 | Flowers Foods, INC |

57.	25-0036	Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
58.	25-0124	St. Tammany Parish Hospital
59.	25-0126	Louisiana Restaurant Association
60.	25-0137	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
61.	25-0157	Sentry Insurance
62.	25-0161	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
63.	25-0162	West Jefferson Medical Center
64.	25-0202	Opelousas General Health System
65.	25-0206	Iberia Parish School Board
66.	25-0241	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
67.	25-0244	Louisiana Hospital Association
68.	25-0286	- Unverified
69.	25-0310	- Unverified
70.	25-0319	St. James Parish School Board
71.	25-0372	Jefferson Parish Public School System
72.	25-0410	LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
73.	25-0482	Louisiana Restaurant Association
74.	25-0499	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
75.	25-0525	- Unverified
76.	25-0601	LUBA Casualty Insurance Company

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #03-0120 to Claim #99-1028

Staff recommended payment of 156 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,213,377.46 for Claim #03-0120 to Claim #99-1028.

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$2,213,377.46 for 156 claims (Claim #03-0120 to Claim #99-1028).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #17-0060 to Claim #23-0094

Staff recommended payment of 28 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$547,343.00 for Claim #17-0060 to Claim #23-0094.

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$547,343.00 for 28 claims (Claim #17-0060 to Claim #23-0094).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, 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 16 claims:

1. 12-0867
2. 15-0794
3. 16-0250
4. 19-0338
5. 21-0464
6. 21-0673
7. 21-0876
8. 22-0001
9. 22-0241
10. 22-0370
11. 22-0768
12. 23-0580
13. 23-0705
14. 23-0799
15. 24-0331
16. 25-0201

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 16 claims for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

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

1. 05-0596
2. 12-0203

3. 23-0332
4. 23-0883
5. 94-0791

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

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, 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. | 21-0293 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 21-3876 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 22-0929 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0031 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0462 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0550 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 23-0593 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 24-0307 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 9. | 24-0313 | Settlement Authority granted. |

XII. Any other matters requiring attention

A. 2026 SIB Annual Assessment

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

B. 2025 SIB Meeting Dates *Tentative*

January 8, 2026
February 5, 2026
March 3, 2026
April 2, 2026
May 7, 2026
June 4, 2026
July 2, 2026

August 5, 2026
September 10, 2026
October 1, 2026
November 5, 2026
December 3, 2026

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the tentative 2026 SIB meeting dates were accepted by the board.

C. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Coulter, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.