

**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 January 9, 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 January 9, 2025, at 2:05 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. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Worker's Compensation Administration

Absent

Mr. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Meridith Trahant, Deputy Assistant Secretary; Ms. Shana Veade, SIB Director; Mr. Karl Scott, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; and Ms. 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 December 5, 2024, meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 18 Recommended for Payment; Claim #23-0812 to Claim #24-0755

Staff recommended payment of the following 18 claims:

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| 1. | 23-0812 | HCA, Inc. - The Healthcare Company |
| 2. | 24-0017 | Norguard Insurance Company |
| 3. | 24-0031 | Louisiana Hospital Association |
| 4. | 24-0082 | Louisiana Restaurant Association |
| 5. | 24-0140 | - Unknown |
| 6. | 24-0248 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 7. | 24-0265 | Louisiana Hospital Association |
| 8. | 24-0396 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 9. | 24-0412 | Jefferson Parish |
| 10. | 24-0463 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 11. | 24-0481 | St. Martin Parish School Board |
| 12. | 24-0580 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 13. | 24-0595 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 14. | 24-0648 | Jefferson Parish |
| 15. | 24-0704 | Cracker Barrel Stores, Inc. |
| 16. | 24-0727 | Monroe City School Board |
| 17. | 24-0751 | LA Worker's Compensation Corp. |
| 18. | 24-0755 | Lafourche Parish School Board |

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

V. Items 1 through 53 Recommended for Denial; Claim #20-0381 to Claim #24-0762

Staff recommended denial of the following 53 claims:

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| 1. | 20-0381 | LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund |
| 2. | 23-0378 | Retailers Casualty Insurance Company |
| 3. | 23-0526 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 4. | 23-0810 | Iberia Parish School Board |
| 5. | 23-0880 | Great American Alliance Insurance Company |
| 6. | 24-0028 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 7. | 24-0032 | Jefferson Parish Public School System |
| 8. | 24-0036 | Accident Fund General Ins. Co. |
| 9. | 24-0101 | Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company |
| 10. | 24-0116 | City of New Orleans |
| 11. | 24-0119 | - Unverified |
| 12. | 24-0125 | Amguard Insurance Company |
| 13. | 24-0131 | City of New Orleans |
| 14. | 24-0137 | Ace American Ins. Co |
| 15. | 24-0146 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 16. | 24-0149 | - Unverified |
| 17. | 24-0158 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |

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| 18. | 24-0170 | Office of Risk Management |
| 19. | 24-0178 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 20. | 24-0181 | Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America |
| 21. | 24-0182 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 22. | 24-0184 | Starr Indemnity & Liability Company |
| 23. | 24-0187 | Starr Indemnity & Liability Company |
| 24. | 24-0190 | Office of Risk Management |
| 25. | 24-0192 | Pennsylvania Manufacturers Assn Ins Co/PMA Ins Group |
| 26. | 24-0198 | Retailers Casualty Insurance Company |
| 27. | 24-0199 | Office of Risk Management |
| 28. | 24-0204 | Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America |
| 29. | 24-0205 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 30. | 24-0207 | AIU Insurance Company (AIG) |
| 31. | 24-0208 | Travelers Property Casualty Company of America |
| 32. | 24-0210 | Sentry Insurance |
| 33. | 24-0219 | Pennsylvania Manufacturers Assn Ins Co/PMA Ins Group |
| 34. | 24-0220 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 35. | 24-0221 | Federated Rural Electric Insurance |
| 36. | 24-0226 | Technology Insurance Company |
| 37. | 24-0229 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 38. | 24-0232 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 39. | 24-0247 | LA Workers' Compensation Corp. |
| 40. | 24-0250 | Technology Insurance Company |
| 41. | 24-0264 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 42. | 24-0389 | Office of Risk Management |
| 43. | 24-0393 | - Unverified |
| 44. | 24-0445 | Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company |
| 45. | 24-0460 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 46. | 24-0489 | Sentry Insurance A Mutual Company |
| 47. | 24-0545 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 48. | 24-0577 | Office of Risk Management |
| 49. | 24-0588 | Louisiana Restaurant Association |
| 50. | 24-0651 | Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. |
| 51. | 24-0699 | Parish Government Risk Management Agency |
| 52. | 24-0758 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 53. | 24-0762 | St. Charles Parish School Board |

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 #03-0417 to Claim #99-0081

Staff recommended payment of 105 partial payments in the total amount of \$1,663,512.54 for Claim #03-0417 to Claim #99-0081.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved partial payments in the total amount of \$1,663,512.54 for 105 claims (Claim #03-0417 to Claim #99-0081).

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

Staff recommended payment of 57 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,344,686.60 for Claim #10-0290 to Claim #97-1150.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,344,686.60 for 57 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. 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 seven claims:

1. 17-0800
2. 19-0550
3. 22-0279
4. 22-0440
5. 23-0188
6. 23-0196
7. 23-0534

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 Claim #16-0052.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board approved continuation of reimbursement of Claim #16-0052 on an ongoing 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. | 22-0041 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 22-0091 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 22-0213 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 22-0299 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 22-0314 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 22-0873 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 23-0110 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 23-0128 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 9. | 23-0130 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 10. | 23-0687 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 11. | 23-0821 | Settlement Authority granted. |

Mr. Blackwood abstained from voting on claim number 22-0314.

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

- A. An assessment update was presented to the Board by Ms. Cola.
- B. On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board amended the date of the agenda to read: "January 9, 2025."
- C. On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board amended the agenda to add Item 7 a. 8. 16-0092.
- D. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.