

**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 March 13, 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 March 13, 2025, at 2:05 p.m.

Present

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

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

Mr. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Worker's Compensation Administration

Mr. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State

Absent

Mr. Chris Kirby, representing the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Shana Veade, SIB Director; Mr. Karl Scott, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; and Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the February 6, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 6 Recommended for Payment; Claim #24-0024 to Claim #25-0002

Staff recommended payment of the following six claims:

1. 24-0024 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 24-0301 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 24-0320 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
4. 24-0442 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
5. 24-0550 Monroe City School Board
6. 25-0002 City of New Orleans

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

V. Items 1 through 57 Recommended for Denial; Claim #23-0779 to Claim #24-0924

Staff recommended denial of the following 57 claims:

1. 23-0779 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
2. 24-0010 LA Construction & Industry SIF
3. 24-0058 Lafayette Parish School Board
4. 24-0076 LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF
5. 24-0094 Office of Risk Management
6. 24-0113 Office of Risk Management
7. 24-0127 - Unverified
8. 24-0176 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 24-0185 Old Republic Insurance Company
10. 24-0197 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
11. 24-0253 Argonaut Insurance Group
12. 24-0262 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
13. 24-0278 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
14. 24-0281 Standard Fire Insurance Company
15. 24-0283 St. Martin Parish School Board
16. 24-0296 - Unverified
17. 24-0299 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
18. 24-0304 Regional Transit Authority
19. 24-0305 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
20. 24-0306 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
21. 24-0307 Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
22. 24-0311 Ochsner Clinic
23. 24-0314 Federated Rural Electric Insurance
24. 24-0316 Gray Insurance Company

25. 24-0317 - Unverified
26. 24-0319 Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company
27. 24-0325 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
28. 24-0326 Sentry Casualty Company
29. 24-0332 - Unverified
30. 24-0334 Old Republic Insurance Company
31. 24-0340 City of New Orleans
32. 24-0341 - Unverified
33. 24-0343 Norguard Insurance Company
34. 24-0344 Retailers Casualty Insurance Company
35. 24-0350 - Unverified
36. 24-0353 - Unverified
37. 24-0356 City of Shreveport
38. 24-0363 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
39. 24-0365 Avoyelles Parish School Board
40. 24-0367 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
41. 24-0368 Wesco Insurance Company
42. 24-0371 - Unverified
43. 24-0374 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
44. 24-0380 Old Republic Insurance Company
45. 24-0383 Ochsner Hospital (Ochsner Clinic Foundation)
46. 24-0398 City of New Orleans
47. 24-0434 Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc
48. 24-0435 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
49. 24-0437 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
50. 24-0479 Zurich American Insurance Company
51. 24-0575 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
52. 24-0607 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
53. 24-0689 City of New Orleans
54. 24-0705 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
55. 24-0731 East Jefferson General Hospital
56. 24-0852 Opelousas General Health System
57. 24-0924 Office of Risk Management

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #00-1062 to Claim #98-1212

Staff recommended payment of 133 partial payments in the total amount of \$4,011,535.93 for Claim #00-1062 to Claim #98-1212.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$4,011,535.93 for 133 claims (Claim #00-1062 to Claim #98-1212).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #10-0290 to Claim #22-0373

Staff recommended payment of 64 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$956,193.48 for Claim #10-0290 to Claim #22-0373.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$956,193.48 for 64 claims (Claim #10-0290 to Claim #22-0373).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, 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 eight claims:

1. 19-0326
2. 22-0811
3. 22-0959
4. 23-0052
5. 23-0385
6. 23-0873
7. 24-0012

8. 24-0175

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

B. Staff recommended that reimbursement continue on an ongoing basis for Claim #20-0545 and Claim #22-0747.

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved continuation of reimbursement for Claim #20-0545 and Claim #22-0747 on an ongoing basis.

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, 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. | 20-0282 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 21-0221 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 21-0846 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 23-0178 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 23-0255 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0374 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 7. | 23-0441 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 8. | 23-0478 | Settlement Authority granted |

Mr. Blackwood abstained from voting on Claim #23-0178.

XII. Any other matters requiring attention:

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.