

**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 May 7, 2026 | 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 May 7, 2026, at 2:03 p.m.

Present

Mr. Charles Hansberry, representing the Commissioner of Insurance

Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer

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

Absent

Mr. Chip Coulter, representing the Secretary of State

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Shana Shirley, SIB Director; Ms. Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney; Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Mr. Karl Scott, Attorney; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Melissa Green, SIB Program Compliance Officer; Ms. Shawndrika Moore, SIB Program Compliance Officer and Ms. Precious Ricks, SIB Recording Secretary.

II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the April 2, 2026 meeting minutes.

III. Hearing Requests

None.

IV. Items 1 through 31 Recommended for Payment; Claim #25-0148 to Claim #26-0160

Staff recommended payment of the following claims:

1. 25-0148 Children's Hospital
2. 25-0230 Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.
3. 25-0291 Lafayette Consolidated Government
4. 25-0292 Coca-Cola Bottling Company United
5. 25-0302 Office of Risk Management
6. 25-0446 Phoenix Insurance Company, The
7. 25-0504 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
8. 25-0508 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
9. 25-0510 AIU Insurance Company (AIG)
10. 25-0527 Louisiana Restaurant Association
11. 25-0544 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
12. 25-0571 Rollins, Inc. Orkin Inc.
13. 25-0581 LA Construction & Industry SIF
14. 25-0612 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
15. 25-0618 Office of Risk Management
16. 25-0666 City of New Orleans
17. 25-0710 Arch Insurance Company
18. 25-0718 Lafayette Parish School Board
19. 25-0743 XL Insurance America, Inc.
20. 25-0746 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
21. 25-0817 City of New Orleans
22. 25-0819 Louisiana Restaurant Association
23. 25-0886 Standard Fire Insurance Company
24. 25-0912 St. Martin Parish School Board
25. 25-0926 Zurich American Insurance Company
26. 25-0948 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
27. 26-0009 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
28. 26-0097 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
29. 26-0108 City of New Orleans

- 30. 26-0143 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 31. 26-0160 LA Construction & Industry SIF

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

V. Items 1 through 53 Recommended for Denial; Claim #24-0711 to Claim #26-0176

Staff recommended denial of the following claims:

- 1. 24-0711 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 2. 25-0255 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
- 3. 25-0281 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 4. 25-0283 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 5. 25-0288 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
- 6. 25-0289 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
- 7. 25-0290 LA Home Builders Assn.- SIF
- 8. 25-0293 Louisiana Restaurant Association
- 9. 25-0295 - Unverified
- 10. 25-0299 - Unverified
- 11. 25-0300 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 12. 25-0304 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 13. 25-0314 LA Construction & Industry SIF
- 14. 25-0342 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
- 15. 25-0346 LA Construction & Industry SIF
- 16. 25-0359 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 17. 25-0426 St. Bernard Parish School Board
- 18. 25-0428 Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
- 19. 25-0432 Ace American Ins. Co
- 20. 25-0434 West Jefferson Medical Center
- 21. 25-0440 Office of Risk Management
- 22. 25-0442 Wesco Insurance Company
- 23. 25-0444 Star Insurance Company
- 24. 25-0451 Parish Government Risk Management Agency
- 25. 25-0454 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
- 26. 25-0456 Louisiana Restaurant Association
- 27. 25-0466 - Unverified
- 28. 25-0472 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
- 29. 25-0474 Office of Risk Management
- 30. 25-0476 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.

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| 31. | 25-0478 | City of Lake Charles |
| 32. | 25-0490 | LA Construction & Industry SIF |
| 33. | 25-0492 | Memic Indemnity Company |
| 34. | 25-0493 | - Unverified |
| 35. | 25-0498 | Old Republic Insurance Company |
| 36. | 25-0500 | LA Childrens Medical Center (LCMC Health) |
| 37. | 25-0505 | Jefferson Parish |
| 38. | 25-0506 | Federated Rural Electric Insurance |
| 39. | 25-0524 | St. Tammany Parish School Board |
| 40. | 25-0526 | Louisiana Hospital Association |
| 41. | 25-0551 | American Casualty of Reading, PA |
| 42. | 25-0569 | City of Opelousas |
| 43. | 25-0583 | City of New Orleans |
| 44. | 25-0611 | - Unverified |
| 45. | 25-0687 | - Unverified |
| 46. | 25-0821 | City of New Orleans |
| 47. | 25-0881 | Regional Transit Authority |
| 48. | 25-0901 | City of New Orleans |
| 49. | 26-0018 | Louisiana Hospital Association |
| 50. | 26-0022 | LUBA Casualty Insurance Company |
| 51. | 26-0107 | St. Charles Parish School Board |
| 52. | 26-0138 | Office of Risk Management |
| 53. | 26-0176 | LA Automobile Dealers Assn. |

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

VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #01-0826 to Claim #99-1104

Staff recommended partial payments for 416 claims (Claim #01-0826 to Claim #99-1104) in the total amount of \$6,579,005.15.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved partial payments in the total amount of \$6,579,005.15 for 416 claims (Claim #01-0826 to Claim #99-1104).

VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #13-0009 to Claim #23-0094

Staff recommended quarterly payments for 58 claims (Claim #13-0009 to Claim #23-0094) in the total amount of \$4,166,897.18.

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved quarterly payments in the total amount of \$4,166,897.18 for 58 claims (Claim #17-0054 to Claim #23-0094).

VIII. Public Comments

None.

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

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, 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 27 claims:

1. 16-0754
2. 17-0351
3. 19-0400
4. 19-0704
5. 20-0291
6. 20-0741
7. 20-0987
8. 21-0781
9. 22-0353
10. 23-0216
11. 23-0578
12. 23-0779
13. 23-0782

14. 23-0837
15. 23-0878
16. 24-0126
17. 24-0377
18. 24-0405
19. 24-0497
20. 24-0525
21. 24-0612
22. 24-0639
23. 24-0643
24. 25-0178
25. 25-0332
26. 25-0351
27. 25-0369

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the Board unanimously approved payment of the afore-listed 27 claims for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

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

1. 18-0838
2. 22-0711
3. 23-0449
4. 25-0193

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

XI. Second Injury Board Litigation

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, 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:

1. 19-0852 Settlement Authority granted
2. 20-0194 Settlement Authority granted
3. 21-0884 Settlement Authority granted

4. 22-0082 Settlement Authority granted
5. 22-0833 Settlement Authority granted
6. 22-0957 Settlement Authority granted
7. 24-0027 Settlement Authority granted
8. 24-0821 Settlement Authority granted
9. 24-0632 Settlement Authority granted
10. 25-0091 Settlement Authority granted

XII. Any other matters requiring attention

- A. On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Dr. Hook, the Board approved the reimbursement of confirmation drug testing.
- B. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.