

## LA WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECOND INJURY BOARD

Meeting of June 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Second Injury Board convened at 2:05 p.m.

The following were present:

1. Charles Hansberry, representing the Commission of Insurance, Chairman (Zoom)
2. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State (Telephone)
3. Ashley C. Delrie, representing Dept. of Treasury (Zoom)
4. Meridith Trahant, Director of Second Injury Board
5. Karl Scott, General Counsel
6. Shana Veade, General Counsel
7. Claudia Rush, General Counsel
8. Michelle Sumrall, SIB Compliance Supervisor
9. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor
10. Claudia Brumfield, Recording Secretary

Ms. Trahant made note that the meeting was being held through video/teleconference pursuant to John Bel Edwards' Executive Order #52-2020, Section 4, Paragraph E.

Mr. Hansberry called the meeting to order and began with *Item 1* on the agenda, being the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting of May 7, 2020. Mr. Hansberry asked for motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as printed and distributed. The motion was made by Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Delrie, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hansberry moved to *Item 3* on the agenda being there were no hearing requests listed under *Item 2*.

*Item 3* on the agenda lists (11) claims where recommendations were made for payment starting with Claim #18-0198 and ending with Claim #19-0980. Mr. Hawkland made a motion to approve the claims for payment. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. 18-0198 Rapides Parish School Board
2. 19-0070 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 19-0274 City of Kenner
4. 19-0407 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
5. 19-0503 Great American Alliance Insurance Company
6. 19-0618 LA Construction & Industry
7. 19-0619 Eastern Alliance Insurance Co.
8. 19-0704 Diocese of Shreveport
9. 19-0889 Roman Catholic Church of New Orleans
10. 19-0934 Lafayette Parish School Board
11. 19-0980 Eastern Alliance Insurance Co.

The Chairman moved to *Item 4* on the agenda, being the recommendation to approve reimbursement of (245) partial payments beginning with Claim #82-0100 and ending with Claim #18-0673. The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the recommendation and approve reimbursement of the partial payments as submitted on the agenda of June 4, 2020. Mr. Hawkland made the motion. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to *Item 5* on the agenda, being the recommendation to approve (81) quarterly payments due beginning with Claim #83-0557 and ending with Claim #18-0804. Mr. Hawkland moved to accept the recommendation of staff and approve reimbursement of quarterly payments as submitted on the agenda of June 4, 2020. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to *Item 6*, Public Comment. Mr. Dominic Amato, attorney representing Lafourche Parish Government spoke via teleconference on behalf of his client regarding Claim #15-0387, Docket #647,258, listed in the Litigation portion of Executive Session.

Mr. Hansberry asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Second Injury Board litigation and settlements. Mr. Hawkland made the motion. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Chairman moved to *Item 7a* of the agenda, being settlement recommendations. The Chairman then requested a motion to approve the recommendations of the Director regarding settlement authority as discussed in Executive Session and to extend settlement authority to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis for the following (27) claims.

1. 01-0120 –Indemnity only
2. 04-0661 – Indemnity only
3. 06-0675
4. 09-0379
5. 09-0435
6. 09-0827
7. 11-0509
8. 13-0015
9. 13-0868
10. 14-0748
11. 15-0483
12. 17-0028
13. 17-0095 – Indemnity only
14. 17-0325

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15. 17-0551
16. 18-0009 – Indemnity only
17. 18-0060
18. 18-0126
19. 18-0326
20. 18-0463
21. 18-0706
22. 19-0074
23. 19-0137
24. 19-0216
25. 19-0375
26. 19-0602
27. 19-0816

Mr. Hawkland moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following (2) claims had recommendations for settlement denial and that reimbursement continue on and on-going basis:

1. 17-0041
2. 18-0552

Mr. Hawkland moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to *Item 7b* of the agenda, being Second Injury Board litigation. The Chairman asked for motion to grant authority to legal counsel to proceed in the manner shown on the following claims, as discussed in Executive Session.

1. Claim #12-0453 Settlement Authority
2. Claim #13-0003 Settlement Authority
3. Claim #15-0387 Settlement Authority
4. Claim #17-0494 Settlement Authority
5. Claim #17-0530 Continue Litigation
6. Claim #18-0189 Settlement Authority
7. Claim #18-0253 Settlement Authority
8. Claim #18-0306 Settlement Authority
9. Claim #18-0355 Settlement Authority
10. Claim #18-0432 Settlement Authority
11. Claim #18-0655 Settlement Authority

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12. Claim #18-0665 Settlement Authority
13. Claim #18-0702 Settlement Authority
14. Claim #18-0709 Settlement Authority
15. Claim #18-0739 Continue Litigation
16. Claim #18-0827 Settlement Authority

Mr. Hawkland made the motion. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to *Item 8*, any other matters to discuss. Ms. Trahan provided the board members with an update from LRS with handouts, stating that 90 additional cases were successfully closed with employment.

There were then no other matters to discuss. The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hawkland moved to adjourn. Ms. Delrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm

Recording Secretary: Claudia Brumfield