

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

*Louisiana Workforce Commission  
Executive Conference Room, First Floor, Annex Building  
1001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804  
Thursday May 2, 2024 | 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 2, 2024, at 2:02 p.m.

**Present**

Mr. Charles Hansberry, Chair, representing the Commissioner of Insurance  
Mr. Steve Hawkland, representing the Secretary of State  
Ms. Kayla Kirby, representing the State Treasurer  
Ms. Courtney Olivia, representing Dept. of Children & Family Services  
Mr. Brian Blackwood, Assistant Secretary, OWCA

**Absent**

Quorum was met.

Also, participating in the meeting were: Ms. Meridith Trahant, SIB Director; Ms. Shana Veade, Attorney; Ms. Ta-Tanisha Youngblood, Attorney, Ms. Devionne Butler, Attorney; Ms. Tamara Hardnett, SIB Program Compliance Supervisor; Ms. Chandra Cola, SIB Audit & Finance Supervisor; Ms. Melissa Green, SIB Program Compliance Officer; Ms. Mylisha Robinson, SIB Program Compliance Officer; Shawndrika Moore, SIB Program Compliance Officer; Mr. Tavares Walker, Dep. Assist. Secretary; Ms. Claudia Griffin, Recording Secretary.

**II. Reading of minutes of previous meeting**

Mr. Hansberry asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the April 4, 2024, meeting minutes and approve the minutes as printed and distributed. On motion of Mr. Hawkland to dispense with reading of the meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Kirby, and passed unanimously.

**III. Hearing Requests**

None.

**IV. Items 1 through 22 Recommended for Payment; Claim # 22-0747 to Claim #24-0087**

Staff recommended payment of the following 22 claims:

1. 22-0747 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company
2. 22-0877 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
3. 22-0928 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
4. 23-0143 Roman Catholic Church of New Orleans
5. 23-0231 LA Construction & Industry SIF
6. 23-0261 American Liberty Insurance Company
7. 23-0262 Travelers Indemnity Company
8. 23-0315 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
9. 23-0514 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
10. 23-0623 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
11. 23-0652 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
12. 23-0670 LA Construction & Industry SIF
13. 23-0671 Lafayette Parish School Board
14. 23-0681 LA Construction & Industry SIF
15. 23-0699 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
16. 23-0749 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
17. 23-0752 Rapides Parish School Board
18. 23-0759 Ouachita Parish School Board
19. 23-0798 City of Monroe
20. 23-0834 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
21. 23-0874 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
22. 24-0087 Lafayette Parish School Board

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland to accept Staff's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the afore-listed claims were approved for payment.

**V. Items 1 through 61 Recommended for Denial; Claim #20-0604 to Claim #24-0034**

Staff recommended denial of the following 61 claims:

1. 20-0604 Ace American Ins. Co
2. 22-0768 LA Workers' Compensation Corp.
3. 22-0900 City of Lake Charles
4. 23-0061 LA Construction & Industry SIF
5. 23-0228 City of New Orleans
6. 23-0248 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
7. 23-0280 City of New Orleans
8. 23-0354 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America
9. 23-0383 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
10. 23-0435 - Unknown
11. 23-0444 City of Lake Charles
12. 23-0447 Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company

13. 23-0449 Office of Risk Management
14. 23-0451 Lincoln Parish School Board
15. 23-0456 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
16. 23-0459 HCA, Inc. - The Healthcare Company
17. 23-0468 North River Insurance Co., The
18. 23-0474 Regional Transit Authority
19. 23-0479 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
20. 23-0480 Tulane University
21. 23-0492 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
22. 23-0495 Coca-Cola Bottling Company United
23. 23-0503 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
24. 23-0505 Parish Government Risk Management Agency
25. 23-0519 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
26. 23-0522 Jefferson Parish Public School System
27. 23-0541 Federated Rural Electric Insurance
28. 23-0543 Star Insurance Company
29. 23-0568 LA Health Care- Self Ins. Fund
30. 23-0589 - Unknown
31. 23-0593 American Casualty of Reading, PA
32. 23-0602 City of New Orleans
33. 23-0603 City of New Orleans
34. 23-0610 City of Shreveport
35. 23-0651 Jefferson Parish
36. 23-0654 LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
37. 23-0659 Zurich American Insurance Company
38. 23-0666 Louisiana Restaurant Association
39. 23-0679 Jefferson Parish
40. 23-0694 Arch Insurance Company
41. 23-0702 LA Construction & Industry SIF
42. 23-0714 Willis-Knighton Medical Center
43. 23-0716 Lafayette Consolidated Government
44. 23-0738 Louisiana Hospital Association
45. 23-0739 LA Automobile Dealers Assn.
46. 23-0740 Regional Transit Authority
47. 23-0748 Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America
48. 23-0769 City of New Orleans
49. 23-0772 City of Shreveport
50. 23-0784 Terrebonne Parish School Board
51. 23-0788 Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
52. 23-0804 St. John Parish School Board
53. 23-0825 Audubon Nature Institute, Inc.
54. 23-0867 Jefferson Parish Public School System
55. 23-0894 St. James Parish School Board
56. 24-0004 LA Municipal Risk Mgmt. Agency
57. 24-0006 City of Shreveport
58. 24-0018 St. Tammany Parish School Board
59. 24-0020 Coca-Cola Bottling Company United

- 60. 24-0022 Zurich American Insurance Company
- 61. 24-0034 Louisiana Restaurant Association

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland to accept Staff's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the afore-listed claims were denied for payment.

**VI. Recommended for Approval of Partial Payments Due: Claim #00-0380 to Claim #99-0981**

Staff recommended payment of 157 partial payments in the total amount of \$2,219,734.36 for Claim #00-0380 to Claim #99-0981.

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland to accept Staff's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and partial payments in the total amount of \$2,219,734.36 for 157 claims beginning with Claim #00-0380 to Claim #99-0981 were approved.

**VII. Recommended for Approval of Quarterly Payments Due: Claim #07-0921 to Claim #96-0018**

Staff recommended payment of 67 quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,185,053.09 for Claim #07-0921 to Claim #96-0018.

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland to accept Staff's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and quarterly payments in the total amount of \$1,185,053.09 for 67 claims beginning with Claim #07-0921 to Claim #96-0018 were approved.

**VIII. Public Comments**

None.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the Board entered into Executive Session.

The Board concluded Executive Session and reconvened into its regular meeting.

**X. Recommendation for Review of Settlements**

Staff recommended settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis of the following twelve claims:

1. 12-0006
2. 15-0034
3. 17-0101
4. 17-0148
5. 21-0050
6. 22-0061
7. 22-0065
8. 22-0199
9. 22-0312
10. 22-0828
11. 22-0845
12. 23-0504

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and the twelve afore-listed claims were approved for settlement to be reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

Staff recommended that reimbursement continue on an on-going basis for the following one claims:

1. 21-0112

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland to accept Staff's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed and the three afore-listed claims will continue to be reimbursed on an on-going basis.

**XI. Second Injury Board Litigation**

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed, and legal counsel was authorized to proceed in the manner noted for the following claims that are currently in litigation:

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| 1. | 17-0134 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 2. | 19-0693 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 3. | 20-0357 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 4. | 22-0495 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 5. | 22-0520 | Settlement Authority granted |
| 6. | 23-0056 | Settlement Authority granted |

**XII. Any other matters requiring attention:**

There were no other matters to discuss, therefore the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hawkland, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the motion unanimously passed.

**Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Hawkland to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kirby, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.