

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association

December 3, 2020

The quarterly meeting of the LIGA Board of Directors was held on December 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, located at 2525 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. The meeting was publicly noticed in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

Members present constituting a quorum:

Michael T. Gray (Chairman)
Markham McKnight (Treasurer)
Noel Bunol
Cullen Clark
John Hawie
Denis Husers

The Gray Insurance Company
Appointee of the Commissioner of Insurance
Gulf States Insurance Company, LAFAC Representative
Appointee of the Speaker of the House
Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation
Appointee of the Commissioner of Insurance

Members listening by phone:

Jennifer Wise

Zurich Insurance Company

Others Present:

Lacey Anderson
Diedre Arceneaux
Andrew DeGraw
Edward Dittmar
Stephanie Laborde
David Moore
John Wells

Administrative Assistant, LIGA
Claims Manager, LIGA
Reporter, *The Surplus Lines Reporter*
LIGA Investment Advisor, Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC
LIGA General Counsel, Milling Benson Woodward, LLP
Director, Postlethwaite & Netterville
Executive Director, LIGA

Members absent from meeting:

Cindy Betz
Stephen C. Schrempp (Secretary)

State Farm Insurance Companies
Appointee of the President of the Senate

Call to Order

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Laborde administered the Oath of Office for new Board member, Mr. Cullen Clark.

Quorum

Mr. Gray confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 24, 2020, Meeting of the Board of Directors

A motion was made by Mr. Husers and seconded by Mr. Hawie to accept the Minutes of the September 24, 2020, Meeting of the Board of Directors. Objections were called for. There being none, a vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Report on Operations
Executive Director, John Wells

Mr. Wells stated the Association's operations were running as usual. He added the pandemic was still going on but not causing too much disruption in work. He stated the Board had his written report and the Proposed 2021 Budget that could be found in their Board books and if they had any questions, he would be happy to answer them. Additionally, he called attention to the fact the Finance Committee was unable to meet due to lack of quorum and the Investment Policy needs to be reviewed annually.

Mr. Wells fielded questions from the Board regarding LIGA's 2021 Proposed Budget and LIGA's investment policy.

Report on Claims and Litigation
Claims Manager, Deidre Arceneaux

Mrs. Arceneaux summarized her written report to the Board.

Report of General Counsel
General Counsel, Stephanie Laborde

Mrs. Laborde summarized her written report to the Board.

Report of Insurance Commissioner's Office

No report from Insurance Commissioner's Office.

Committee Reports and Recommendations, if necessary

Mr. Wells stated the Legal Committee had met and authorized the engagement of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson to assist with LIGA's education and advocacy at the Capitol.

He stated the Finance Committee was unable to meet due to lack of quorum but thankfully the Board was able to review the Investment Policy during the management report.

He stated the Claims Committee and Nominating Committee did not have a meeting scheduled.

He stated the Personnel Committee did meet and asked the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Husers, to provide the Board with a synopsis. Mr. Husers stated Mr. Wells had given the committee an overview of staff, salaries and benefits. He added that the committee went into Executive Session to discuss Mr. Wells' compensation package.

Mr. Wells stated the Audit Committee had met and asked the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. McKnight, to provide a report the Board. Mr. McKnight stated the Audit Committee reviewed the DOI Exam which was very clean, and they also discussed the upcoming financial audit that Postlethwaite & Netterville was going to conduct in the first quarter.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. McKnight and seconded by Mr. Bunol to go into Executive Session. Objections were called for. There being none, a vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Executive Session
10:13 a.m.-10:20 am.

Old Business

Mr. Gray called for any old business, hearing none, he called for any new business.

New Business

The Board discussed the next year's meetings dates and where they would be held due to the social distancing and pandemic.

Hearing no other new business, Mr. Gray then entertained a motion for adjournment.


Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hawie and seconded by Mr. Husers to adjourn the meeting. Objections were called for. There being none, a vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

APPROVED:

These minutes were presented and approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association, held March 25, 2021.



Stephen C. Schrempp, Secretary

Michael T. Gray, Chairman

These Minutes were written by Lacey Anderson, Administrative Assistant, LIGA, from a recording and notes taken during the Board meeting.