

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL NEW ORLEANS**  
**444 ST. CHARLES AVE., NEW ORLEANS LA 70130**  
**TREME' MEETING ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

A meeting of the Louisiana Assessors' Insurance Committee was held Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. at the Hotel Inter-Continental, located at 444 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans Louisiana. The following members were present: President Lucien Gauff, Vice President Stephanie Smith, Treasurer James "Jimbo" Stevenson and Members, Wayne Blanchard, Denise Edwards, Morgan Herring, Rickey Huval, Richard Kendrick, Keith Maxwell, Billy McBride, Jimbo Petitjean and Blake Phillips. Absent were members Tom Capella, Heath Pastor and Lawrence Patin. The members in attendance did provide a quorum.

Following the Roll Call, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Public Comment Period Statement was read. Without any members of the public wishing to speak, the first item for discussion on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Keith Maxwell to approve the meeting minutes. A second was provided by Jimbo Petitjean. The motion passed as there was unanimous approval.

USI Insurance Broker, Representative David Babin presented the final proposals on Long Term Disability Insurance for the 2026 renewal. The Committee elected to move from MetLife to Guardian for this insurance. Option 1 provided a 60% benefit, \$5,000 maximum monthly, with a 2 year rate guarantee. Keith Maxwell and Morgan Herring provided the motion and the second. With all in favor, the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Vince Varisco with discussion on the Stop Loss contract renewal for 2026. The Committee elected a 'revised renewal offer' with Gerber, which included one LASER of \$550,000, with a conditional if there is a transplant. The cost for single/individual is \$87.59 and family \$211.71 for a premium of \$1,291,920 per year. Richard Kendrick offered the motion, with Keith Maxwell providing a second and after some discussion, the motion passed.

Brittany Rodriguez with RxBenefits provided the 2026 Renewal options for both a 1 year and 3 year renewals. The 3 year renewal included rebate increases at 1, 2 and 3 years. Blake Phillips provided a motion to accept the 3 year renewal, with the opportunity to have a rate check after the 1<sup>st</sup> year. Jimbo Petitjean offered a second to the motion. Without any objection, the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the review and approval of the 2026 Insurance Fund Budget. The Revised 2026 Budget was approved with a motion by Keith Maxwell and a second by Richard Kendrick.

There being no further business properly called to the attention of the committee, the meeting was adjourned, with a motion by Keith Maxwell and a second by Richard Kendrick.