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July 22, 2025 Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting, conducted via Microsoft Teams, was called to order at approximately 10:25 am., and the following business was conducted in Board of Claims matters.

In attendance were Board Members Samuel Wright and Dale Sights. Vice Chair Kathryn Thomas did not attend. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order. A quorum existed and business was conducted.

Also in attendance were: Executive Director John Hardesty, Staff Attorneys Shelby Bevens-Sullivan and Linda Horsman, Clerk Katie Dean, Attorneys Amber Alea Arnett and Matthew Bowling for Respondent Kentucky State Police, Attorneys Crystal Thompson and Kristin Wehking for Respondent Department of Corrections, Attorney Susan Pugh Chaplin for Respondent Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, Attorney Evan Jones for Respondent Department of Parks, Attorney Joshua Newton for Respondent Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, Attorney Emily Penn for Claimant Napa Transportation, Inc., Attorney Luke Vincent for Claimant Judith Hatten, Attorney Jim Thomerson for Claimants Brandon Robinson and Caitlyn Krieger, and Claimants Andreous Miller and Donna Gabbard on behalf of Donald Guthrie.

After Director Hardesty delivered the monthly report for the Board of Claims for June 2025, the June Minutes were approved. Chairman Wright moved to approve the June Minutes with Member Sights seconding. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

After the Board approved the June Minutes, the following claims were taken up for consideration:

BC-25-0273: Lajaunese Robinson v. Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways (KYTC)

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board affirmed its prior decision, awarding the Claimant \$1,000.00.

BC-21-0309: Brian Dumphord v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky State Police (KSP)

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board granted counsel for the Claimant's Motion to Withdraw, allowing counsel to withdraw from the claim.

BC-24-0468 & 0877: Benjamin Jones and Diane Lamb v. KSP

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board overruled the Claimants' Motion to Substitute Estate as Party and dismissed Claimant Benjamin Jones from the claim.

BC-24-0880: Shaunta Bowling v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Corrections (DOC)

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board overruled DOC's Motion to Dismiss and assigned the claim to a hearing officer.

BC-25-0006: Michael Padgett v. DOC

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board sustained DOC's Motion to Dismiss.

At approximately 11:00 am, Chairman Wright moved to enter an Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.815 and KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (j) to deliberate on the following cases: BC-24-0880 and BC-25-0006. Member Sights seconded. Having all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session.

At approximately 11:23 am, Chairman Wright moved to exit the Executive Session and return to Open Session. Member Sights seconded. Having all in favor, the motion carried, and no official action was taken during the Executive Session.

BC-25-0107: Shawn Porowski v. KYTC

1st: Dale Sights 2nd: Samuel Wright. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board sustained KYTC's Motion to Dismiss.

BC-24-0949: Andreous Miller v. KYTC

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order, dismissing the claim.

BC-23-0926: Jennifer McClure, Administratrix of the Estate of Maci Wyan v. KYTC

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

BC-24-0341: Sean West v. KYTC

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

BC-24-0713: Brittany May v. Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet, Department of Parks (DOP)

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board passed the claim to the September Agenda.

BC-24-0979: Anthony Becknell v. University of Kentucky (UK)

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

BC-24-1029: Greg Schumacher v. KYTC

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

BC-24-1164: Donald Guthrie v. UK

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered a Final Order awarding the Claimant \$6,000.00 in damages.

BC-25-0125: Theresa Robb v. UK

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered a Final Order awarding the Claimant \$3,787.00 in damages.

BC-25-0127: Barbara Smith v. UK

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered a Final Order awarding the Claimant \$5,000.00 in damages.

BC-25-0147: Judith Hatten v. UK, King's Daughters Medical Center

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board placed the claim in abeyance pending resolution of the Boyd Circuit Court action.

BC-25-0341: Todd Bale v. Labor Cabinet, Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI)

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board granted the Claimant's Request to Withdraw, dismissing the claim without prejudice.

BC-25-0773: Brandon Robinson and Caitlyn Krieger v. UK

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

The Board cancelled the August 2025 meeting and scheduled its next meeting for September 23, 2025 at 10:00 am EST.

Member Sights moved to adjourn with Chairman Wright seconding. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:33 am.