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## October 16, 2024 Meeting

### MINUTES

The meeting, conducted via in-person and Microsoft Teams, was called to order at approximately 9:00 am., and the following business was conducted in Board of Claims matters.

In attendance were Board members Samuel Wright, Kathryn Thomas, and Dale Sights. 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 Bevins-Sullivan and Linda Horsman, Clerk Katie Dean, Attorney Matthew Goeing for Claimant Virginia Leonhardt, Attorney Evan Jones for Respondent Kentucky Horse Park, Executive Director Misty Judy for Respondent Kentucky Horse Park, Attorney Melissa Norman Bork for Respondent Administrative Office of the Courts, and Attorney Tim Crawford for Claimant Knox County Board of Education.

After Executive Director Hardesty delivered the monthly report for the Board of Claims for September 2024, the September 2024 Minutes were approved. Member Sights moved to approve the September 2024 Minutes with Member Thomas seconding. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

After approval of the prior meeting's Minutes, the following cases were taken up for consideration:

**CC-19-0530:** Virginia Leonhardt v. Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet, Kentucky Horse Park

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Kathryn Thomas. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board overruled the Respondent's Motion for Summary Disposition and assigned the claim to a hearing officer.

**BC-24-0393:** Lesley Vowels v. Administrative Office of the Courts

1st: Kathryn Thomas 2nd: Dale Sights. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board sustained the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss, dismissing the claim.

**BC-23-0855: Hope Kambelos v. Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways (KYTC)**

1st: Dale Sights 2nd: Kathryn Thomas. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board accepted and adopted the Recommended Order of Dismissal.

At approximately 9:35 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 case: CC-19-0530. Member Thomas seconded. Having all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session.

At approximately 9:50 am, Member Sights moved to exit the Executive Session and return to Open Session. Member Thomas seconded. Having all in favor, the motion carried, and no official action was taken during the Executive Session.

**BC-24-0718: Knox County Board of Education v. Appalachian Children's Home**

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Kathryn Thomas. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

- The Board dismissed without prejudice, *sua sponte*, this claim for lack of jurisdiction over a non-profit entity.

**BC-24-0752: Anitra Terry v. Department for Local Government**

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

- The Board dismissed without prejudice, *sua sponte*, this claim because the Claimant mistakenly filed with the Board of Claims instead of the Crime Victims Compensation Board.

**BC-24-0982: State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance, as Subrogee of James Maynard v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky State Police**

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

- The Board dismissed, *sua sponte*, this claim for lack of jurisdiction over subrogation claims.

Member Sights motioned to schedule the Board's November meeting for November 25, 2024 at 10:00 am EST. Member Thomas seconded the motion. Having all in favor, the Motion carried. The Board scheduled its November meeting for November 25, 2024 at 10:00 am EST. The Board cancelled its December 2024 meeting.

Member Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:57 am with Member Sights seconding. Having all in favor, the Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.