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### **September 23, 2025 Meeting**

#### **MINUTES**

The meeting, conducted via in-person and Microsoft Teams, was called to order at approximately 10:06 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 Allyson Taylor, Staff Attorneys Shelby Bevins-Sullivan and Linda Horsman, Clerk Katie Dean, Attorney Deron Eckert for Respondent Office of Unemployment Insurance, Attorney Leanne Diakov for Respondent Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, Attorney Melissa Norman Bork for Respondents Administrative Office of the Courts and Jefferson Circuit Judge Brian Edwards, Attorney Whitney Stepp-Gay for Respondent University of Kentucky, Attorney Samantha Bevins for Respondent Kentucky State Police, Attorney Kevin Weis for Claimant Porshia Hatcher, and Claimants Alison Morris, DaTanya Morgan, and Christine Qualls.

After Staff Attorney Bevins-Sullivan delivered the monthly reports for the Board of Claims for July and August 2025, the July Minutes were approved as the Board did not meet in August. Vice Chair Thomas moved to approve the July Minutes with Member Sights seconding. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

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

**BC-24-1082:** Clayton Clouse v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Corrections (DOC)

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

- The Board affirmed the prior decision, dismissing the claim.

**BC-24-1161:** Demetrious Brown v. DOC

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

- The Board affirmed the prior decision, dismissing the claim.

**BC-25-0372: Noah Lemon v. Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways (KYTC)**

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

- The Board affirmed the prior decision, dismissing the claim.

**BC-25-0578: Alison Morris v. KYTC**

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

- The Board vacated the prior decision and assigned it to a hearing officer for further proceedings.

**BC-25-0711: Norma Bailey v. KYTC**

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

- The Board affirmed the prior decision, awarding the Claimant \$500.00.

**BC-07-0780: Richard Bridgeman v. DOC**

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

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

**BC-22-0774: Arthur Runyon, Administrator of the Estate of Richard Wix v. Cabinet of Health and Family Services (CHFS)**

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

- The Board sustained the Joint Motion to Dismiss.

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

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

- The Board sustained the Claimant's Motion for Voluntary Dismissal and entered the tendered order dismissing.

**BC-24-1100: Pauletta Barton v. Labor Cabinet, Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI)**

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

- The Board sustained the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss, but dismissed the claim without prejudice.

**BC-24-1192: DaTanya Morgan v. Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC); Jefferson Circuit Judge Brian Edwards; Kentucky Bar Association (KBA), Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML); Beverly Gaines; and Shaun Antone Wimberly, Sr.**

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

- The Board sustained Respondent KBML's Motion to Dismiss.

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

- The Board sustained Respondents AOC and Judge Edwards's Motion to Dismiss.

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

- The Board dismissed, *sua sponte*, Respondents KBA, Beverly Gaines, and Shaun Antone Wimberly, Sr. for lack of jurisdiction.

**BC-25-0515: Derrick Cottrell and Teresa Napier v. KYTC**

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

- The Board sustained KYTC's Motion to Dismiss, dismissing Claimant Derrick Cottrell from the claim, and assigned the matter to a hearing officer for further proceedings.

**BC-24-0039: Geleigha Foster v. University of Kentucky, Eastern State Hospital**

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

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

**BC-24-0226: Marlene Carmack v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky State Police (KSP)**

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

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

**BC-24-0837: Basil Pollitt v. KYTC**

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

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

**BC-24-0844: Chase Kempinski v. University of Kentucky (UK)**

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order, permitting the Claimant to withdraw.

**BC-24-0920: Kenny and Sharon Wesley v. KYTC**

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order of Dismissal as Settled, awarding the Claimant \$2,000.00 in damages.

**BC-24-0346: Haley Combs v. KYTC**

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-24-0732: Alex Zion v. Breathitt County Property Valuation Administrator**

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-24-0931: Bluegrass Heritage Museum v. KYTC**

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

- The Board entered the Claimant's tendered Order of Voluntary Withdrawal.

**BC-24-1130: Elizabeth Adkins v. UK**

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-24-1182: Gail Keith v. UK**

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0067: Christine Qualls v. KYTC**

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0613: Micaiah Wesler v. KYTC**

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0298: Porshia Hatcher, Administratrix of the Estate of Jordan Lynch v. KSP**

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

- The Board sustained the Claimant's Motion to Hold Claim in Abeyance and ordered the parties to submit status updates every 180 days.

**BC-25-0395: Rolando Mellado v. KYTC**

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

- The Board granted the Claimant's Request to Withdraw the claim.

**BC-25-0607: State Farm, as Subrogee of Scotty Phipps v. KSP**

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

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

**BC-25-0636: USAA, as Subrogee of Alan Bloom v. KYTC**

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

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

**BC-25-0756: USAA, as Subrogee of Herbert Robinson v. KYTC**

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

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

**BC-25-0793: Nationwide Mutual Insurance, as Subrogee of Kimberly Ross v. UK**

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

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

The Board scheduled its October meeting for Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Having no further business, Vice Chair Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting with Member Sights seconding the motion. Having all in favor, the Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46 am.