

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Board of Claims  
**December 4, 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, Attorneys Peter Klear and Evan Jones for Respondent Department of Parks, Attorney Josh Roberts for Respondent Cabinet of Health and Family Services, Attorney Larry Doucet for Respondent Office of Unemployment Insurance, Subrogation Specialist Christine Frank for Claimants Travelers Insurance Company and The Standard Fire Insurance Company, and Claimants Diane Mattingly, Hetal Patel, Jose Miralles Malagarriga, Renee Terrell, and Leroy Sparks.

After Executive Director Allyson Taylor delivered the monthly reports for the Board of Claims for October and November 2025, the October Minutes were approved. Vice-Chair Thomas moved to approve the October Minutes with Member Sights seconding. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

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

**BC-25-0083:** Bonnie Stull v. Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways (KYTC)

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

- The Board vacated the prior decision and awarded the Claimant \$457.50 in damages.

**BC-25-0312:** Diane Mattingly v. KYTC

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

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

**BC-25-0581:** Sherrie Horan v. KYTC

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

- The Board denied the Request for Full Board Review as untimely.

**BC-25-0676:** Lucius and Teresa Zajkowski v. KYTC

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

- The Board denied the Request for Full Board Review as untimely.

**BC-25-0783: Jose Miralles Malagarriga v. KYTC**

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

- The Board vacated the prior decision, awarding the Claimant \$2,379.89 in damages.

**BC-25-1007: Wendell Hardin v. Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet, Department of Parks (DOP)**

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

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

**BC-25-1030: Renee Terrell v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Corrections (DOC)**

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

- The Board vacated the prior decision and allowed the claim to proceed normally.

**BC-24-1039: Daris Wilburn v. KYTC**

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

- The Board sustained the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and entered the tendered order dismissing due to the claim being settled.

**BC-25-0519: Leroy Sparks v. CHFS**

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

- The Board sustained the Motion to Dismiss, dismissing the claim without prejudice.

At approximately 10:58 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-25-0581, BC-25-0676, BC-25-0783, and BC-25-1030. Member Sights seconded. Having all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session.

At approximately 11:51 pm, Vice-Chair Thomas 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-25-0835: Charity Chatman v. Labor Cabinet, Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI)**

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 with prejudice.

**BC-22-0793: Kyle Johnson v. Kentucky National Guard and Department of Veterans Affairs**

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order Granting Claimant's Request to Withdraw.

**BC-23-1012: Robert Ethridge v. KYTC**

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order of Dismissal.

**BC-24-0956:** Samuel Rice and Dasia Fields v. KYTC

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0028:** Tim Dodson v. University of Kentucky (UK)

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order, allowing the claim to proceed to a final hearing.

**BC-20-0503:** Vera Byrne v. DOP

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

- The Board dismissed the claim for failure to revive within one year of the Claimant's death.

**BC-24-0797:** Michael Whitney v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-24-0913:** Fernando Wright v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0022:** DaTanya Morgan v. Louisville Metro Department of Corrections, et al.

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

- The Board dismissed the claim for failure to respond to the Show Cause Order.

**BC-25-0126:** Jason Thomas v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0425:** Marcus Minix v. Unknown

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

- The Board dismissed the claim without prejudice for failure to respond to the Show Cause Order.

**BC-25-0690:** Carolyn Morris v. KYTC

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

- The Board granted the Claimant's motion to place the claim in abeyance pending resolution of the parallel Woodford Circuit Court action, and ordered the Claimant to provide a status report every 180 days from the date the order is served.

**BC-25-0975:** Jessica Armour v. Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet, State Fair Board

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0989: James Bothwell v. State Fair Board**

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0991: Fred Crager v. UK**

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

- The Board entered a Final Order awarding the Claimant \$3,100.00 in damages based on the Respondent's Answer admitting negligence and agreeing to pay.

**BC-25-1026: Jessica Armour v. State Fair Board**

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

- The Board dismissed the claim, *sua sponte*, as duplicative.

**BC-25-1096: James Smith v. KYTC**

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

- The Board entered a Final Order awarding the Claimant \$2,500.00 in damages based on the Respondent's Answer agreeing to pay.

**BC-25-1136: Travelers Insurance Company, as Subrogee of Armstrong Transfer Storage v. KYTC**

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

- The Board passed the claim to the January meeting.

**BC-25-1145: The Standard Fire Insurance Company, as Subrogee of Gary Roland v. Department of Agriculture**

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

- The Board passed the claim to the January meeting.

Member Sights moved to continue holding monthly Board meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month during 2026 and to schedule the January meeting for January 27, 2026 at 10:00 am EST. Vice-Chair Thomas seconded. Having all in favor, the motion carried.

Having no further business, Chairman Wright moved to adjourn the meeting with Vice-Chair Thomas seconding the motion. Having majority in favor, as Member Sights left the meeting prior to adjournment, the Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:04 pm.