

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Board of Claims
February 24, 2026 Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting, conducted via in-person and Microsoft Teams, was called to order at approximately 10:04 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, Assistant Board Clerk Madison Gaines, Civil Branch Manager Jennifer Barrie, Attorney Allison Brown for Respondent Department of Corrections, Attorney Brian Vines for Claimant Patricia Major, Attorneys Peter Klear and Evan Jones for Respondent Department of Parks, Attorney Carl Edwards for Claimant Jessica Justice, Attorney Johann Herklotz for Respondent University of Kentucky, Jason York on behalf of his father, Claimant Richard York, and Claimant Mark Duffee.

After Executive Director Allyson Taylor delivered the monthly report for the Board of Claims for January 2026, the January Minutes were approved. Member Sights moved to approve the January Minutes with Vice-Chair Thomas seconding. Having all in favor, the Motion carried.

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

BC-25-0767: Anthony Grimes v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Corrections

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

- The Board denied Claimant Anthony Grimes's Request for Full Board Review as untimely.

BC-25-0911: Mark Duffee v. Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways (KYTC)

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

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

BC-23-0004: Kathy Utterback v. University of Kentucky (UK)

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order of Dismissal.

BC-24-1139: Patricia Major v. Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet, Department of Parks (DOP)

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

- The Board remanded the Recommended Order to the hearing officer for revisions consistent with the Order Remanding.

BC-25-0667: DeShawn Cotton v. KYTC

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order of Dismissal.

BC-25-0717: Kit Prescott v. KYTC

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

- The Board adopted the Recommended Order Granting Respondent's Motion for Summary Disposition.

At approximately 10:43 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-25-0767, BC-25-0911, and BC-24-1139. Member Sights seconded. Having all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session.

At approximately 11:44 pm, Member Sights moved to exit the Executive Session and return to Open Session. Vice-Chair Thomas seconded. Having all in favor, the motion carried, and no official action was taken during the Executive Session.

BC-24-1041: Jessica Justice v. UK

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal and Joint Motion to Dismiss.

BC-25-0578: Alison Morris v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

BC-25-0804: Joseph Cartwright v. UK

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

BC-25-0909: Progressive Direct Insurance Company, as Subrogee of Tracey Peterson v. Makayla Tedder

1st: Samuel Wright 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-25-0967: Lennitta Gilbert 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-25-0987: Ballardsville Fire Protection District, c/o Andrew Stark v. Department of Military Affairs

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

BC-25-1221: Brad Slater v. State Fair Board

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

- The Board entered a Final Order awarding Claimant Brad Slater damages based on Respondent State Fair Board's Answer admitting negligence and agreeing to pay.

BC-25-1225: Richard York v. UK

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

- The Board entered a Final Order awarding Claimant Richard York damages based on Respondent UK's Answer admitting negligence and agreeing to pay.

BC-25-1283: American Economy Insurance Company v. Louisville Metro Government and David Wiler

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

- The Board dismissed the claim, *sua sponte*, for lack of jurisdiction over Respondents Louisville Metro Government and David Wiler.

Member Dale Sights moved to schedule the March meeting for March 24, 2026 at 10:00 am EST. Chairman Wright seconded. Having all in favor, the Motion carried, and the Board scheduled the next meeting for March 24, 2026 at 10:00 am EST.

Having no further business, Vice-Chair Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting with Member Sights seconding. Having all in favor, the Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:51 am EST.