

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Board of Claims  
**January 27, 2026 Meeting**

**MINUTES**

The meeting, conducted via in-person and Microsoft Teams, was called to order at approximately 10:05 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, Attorney Eden Davis Stephens for Respondent Board of Cosmetology, Attorney Donald Wakefield for Respondent Julie Campbell, Attorney Jan West for Respondent Christopher Hunt, Attorney Benjamin Siegel for Respondent Public Protection Cabinet, Attorney Harry Fogler for Respondent Cabinet of Health and Family Services, Attorney Elizabeth Jones Brown for Respondent Office of the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney, Attorney Abigail Vickers for Respondents Kentucky Court of Justice and Administrative Office of the Courts, Attorney Kyle Ray for Respondent Transportation Cabinet, Attorney Whitney Stepp-Gay for Respondent University of Kentucky, and Claimants Mark Duffee, Cheryl Gary, and LaWanna Brock.

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

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

**BC-25-0597: James Marcrum 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-25-0842: Dianna Johnson Witsman v. KYTC**

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

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

**BC-25-0911: Mark Duffee v. KYTC**

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

- The Board passed the claim to the February meeting upon the Claimant's request.

**BC-25-0615:** LaWanna Brock v. Board of Cosmetology, et al.

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

- The Board sustained all motions to dismiss for failure to file within the one-year statute of limitations, dismissing the claim.

**BC-25-0984:** Rhema of Fox Valley, LLC v. Cabinet of Health and Family Services

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Kathryn Thomas. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried. Member Sights recused.

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

**BC-25-1064:** Jarvis Peele v. Louisville Metro Animal Services, et al.

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

- The Board sustained Respondent Office of the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's Motion to Dismiss.

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

- The Board sustained Respondent Kentucky Court of Justice's Motion for Summary Disposition.

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

- The Board dismissed, *sua sponte*, Respondents Louisville Metro Animal Services, Louisville Metro Police Department, Louisville Metro Department of Corrections, and unspecified Agents and Officers for lack of jurisdiction.

**BC-24-0725:** David Rawlings and Cherri Mack v. KYTC

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

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

**BC-24-0441:** Cheryl Gary v. University of Kentucky (UK)

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-24-1112:** Shyanne Washington v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0036:** Thomas Burgos v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0178:** Matthew Skelton v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0371:** Kentucky Farm Bureau, as Subrogee of Stephanie Schumacher Taylor v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky State Police

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

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

**BC-25-0707:** Jason Rogers v. KYTC

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

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

**BC-25-0712:** Tory Overstreet v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0813:** Brenda Dixon v. Administrative Office of the Courts

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

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-0820:** Michael Padgett v. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Corrections

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

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

**BC-24-0952:** City of Hawesville v. KYTC

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

- The Board entered a Final Order granting the Claimant's damages based on the Respondent's Answer agreeing to pay.

**BC-25-1054:** Donna Hutchinson v. UK

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

- The Board entered an order holding the claim in abeyance pending the resolution of the Boyd Circuit Court action, ordering the Claimant to provide 180-day status updates.

**BC-25-1082:** Brenda Williams v. UK

1st: Dale Sights 2nd: Samuel Wright. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried. Vice-Chair Thomas lost connection and did not vote.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-1121:** Robert Dabrowski v. KYTC

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried. Vice-Chair Thomas lost connection and did not vote.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-1131:** Michael Johnson v. UK

1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried. Vice-Chair Thomas lost connection and did not vote.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

**BC-25-1136:** Travelers Insurance Company, as Subrogee of Armstrong Transfer Storage v. KYTC  
1st: Samuel Wright 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried. Vice-Chair Thomas lost connection and did not vote.

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

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

1st: Dale Sights 2nd: Samuel Wright. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried. Vice-Chair Thomas lost connection and did not vote.

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

**BC-25-1158:** Stacey Coon v. Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet, State Fair Board

1st: Kathryn Thomas 2nd: Dale Sights. Having majority in favor, the Motion carried. Vice-Chair Thomas lost connection and did not vote.

- The Board entered the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

Vice-Chair Thomas regained connection right after the call of the last claim. The Board scheduled its February meeting for February 24, 2026 at 10:00 am EST.

Having no further business, Vice-Chair Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting with Chairman Wright seconding the motion. Having all in favor, the Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 am EST.