

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

April 2019 Minutes

On April 11–12, 2019, the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the “Claims Commission”) held hearings in the Claims Commission Hearing Room, 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Courtney Baird, Commissioner
Henry Kinslow, Chair Commissioner
Sylvester Smith, Commissioner

Chantavia Camacho v. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Claim No. 180661. Claimant filed her claim pursuant to the Arkansas Minimum Wage Act. At the hearing, Claimant was represented by Blake Hoyt. Nick Windle appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon the pleadings, testimony, and argument of the parties, the Claims Commission GRANTED Respondent’s motion for a directed verdict and DENIED and DISMISSED Claimant’s claim.

Ramon Valenzuela v. Arkansas Department of Transportation, Claim No. 190564. Claimant filed his claim seeking compensation for damage to his vehicle. At the hearing, Claimant proceeded *pro se*. Trella Sparks appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon the pleadings, testimony, and argument of the parties, the Claims Commission DENIED Respondent’s motion to dismiss and placed this claim IN ABEYANCE for a period of 180 days to permit Claimant to file a claim with the construction contractor’s liability insurer.

Kevin Dale Byrd v. State of Arkansas, Claim No. 190003. Claimant filed his claim seeking scholarship benefits for his minor children. Claimant was represented by Scott P. Richardson. Patricia VanAusdall Bell appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon the pleadings, the Claims Commission AWARDED Claimant’s minor children scholarship benefits pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-82-501, *et seq.*

Shalonda Mayon v. Arkansas Department of Health; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Claim No. 190334. Claimant filed her claim seeking \$3,000,000.00 in damages based upon Claimant’s medical treatment by the Department of Health and Claimant’s employment at the UAMS. At the hearing, which was solely upon the respondents’ motions to dismiss, Claimant proceeded *pro se*. Reginald A. Rogers appeared on behalf of the Department of Health, and Sherri L. Robinson appeared on behalf of UAMS. Based upon the pleadings and the argument of the parties, the Claims Commission DENIED the motion to dismiss filed by the Department of Health and instructed Claimant and the Department of Health to begin discovery. As to the motion to dismiss filed by UAMS, the Claims Commission GRANTED UAMS’ motion to dismiss and DENIED and DISMISSED Claimant’s claims against UAMS.

Tandura Jean Hadley v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Claim No. 190201. Claimant filed her claim seeking compensation for personal injuries sustained when an elevator door on UAMS’ Little Rock campus closed on her. At the hearing, Claimant proceed *pro se*. Sherri L. Robinson appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon the pleadings, testimony, and argument of the parties, the Claims Commission DENIED and DISMISSED Claimant’s claim.

Crystal Thomas v. Arkansas Department of Transportation, Claim No. 190655. Claimant filed her claim seeking compensation for damage to her vehicle. At the hearing, Claimant proceeded *pro se*. Trella Sparks appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon the pleadings, testimony, and argument of the parties, the Claims Commission placed this claim IN ABEYANCE for a period of 180 days to permit Claimant to file a claim with the construction contractor’s liability insurer.

Alice Johnson v. Arkansas Department of Transportation, Claim No. 190347. Claimant filed her claim seeking compensation for damage to her vehicle. At the hearing, Claimant appeared via telephone and proceeded *pro se*. Trella Sparks appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon the pleadings, testimony, and argument of the parties, the Claims Commission found Respondent

liable for Claimant's damages and placed the claim IN ABEYANCE for a period of 30 days to permit Claimant to file a copy of her insurance declarations, such that an award can be determined.

This completed all of the business on the April 2019 Claims Commission docket.

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Kathryn Irby, Director

Date: May 7, 2019