

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

September 2020 Minutes

On September 10–11, 2020, 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.

Present at the hearings were Commissioners Courtney Baird, Paul Morris (Chair), and Sylvester Smith.

***Dayong Yang, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Le Yang, deceased v. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management***, Claim No. 16-0496-CC. Claimant filed this indemnification claim pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 21-9-304(a). At the virtual hearing on Respondent’s renewed motion for judgment on the pleadings, Claimant was represented by Carter C. Stein, and Vincent P. France appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission granted Respondent’s renewed motion for judgment on the pleadings and dismissed Claimant’s claim.

***Michael P. Muhommad v. Arkansas Division of Correction***, Claim No. 180379. Claimant filed his claim seeking \$165.57 in lost property. At the virtual hearing on the claim, Claimant appeared *pro se*, and Thomas Burns appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, testimony (especially regarding the lost gold ring which Claimant believed he could not recover for), argument of the parties, and law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission AWARDED Claimant \$215.57 in damages.

This completed all of the business on the September 2020 Claims Commission docket.



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**Kathryn Irby, Director**

Date: October 2, 2020