

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

January 2021 Minutes

The Arkansas State Claims Commission (the “Claims Commission”) held hearings on January 4 and 15, 2021. These hearings were held via Zoom in keeping with the Governor’s guidance regarding gatherings.

On January 4, 2021, the following members of the Claims Commission were present:

Dexter Booth
Henry Kinslow
Paul Morris, Chair
Rep. Austin McCollum, Majority Leader, *ex officio*
Rep. Tippi McCullough, Minority Leader, *ex officio*

The following claim was heard:

Jim Sorvillo v. Ashley Hudson, Claim No. 210669. Claimant filed his claim contesting the certified result of the House District 32 race between Claimant and Respondent. At the hearing on the claim, Claimant was represented by AJ Kelly, and Respondent was represented by Jennifer Waymack Standerfer and Lauren Hoover. Based on the pleadings, the testimony and evidence presented, the arguments of the parties, and the law of the State of Arkansas, the Claims Commission issued a nonbinding recommendation to the House of Representatives pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-805, in which the Claims Commission recommended that the House of Representatives accept the results of the election as certified by the Pulaski County Election Commission.

On January 15, 2021, the following members of the Claims Commission were present:

Courtney Baird
Henry Kinslow, Chair
Sylvester Smith

The following claim was heard:

Anesha Dexter v. University of Central Arkansas, Claim No. 201235. Claimant filed her claim seeking \$7,500.00 in unpaid wages and prejudgment interest based upon Respondent’s refusal to pay her for two hours worked in October 2019. At the hearing on the claim, Claimant proceeded *pro se*. Warren Readnour appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the testimony and evidence presented, the argument of the parties, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission awarded Claimant \$39.22 in damages and prejudgment interest.

This completed all of the business on the January 2021 Claims Commission docket.



Kathryn Irby, Director

Date: January 26, 2021