

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

**September 2022 Minutes**

The Arkansas State Claims Commission (the “Claims Commission”) held hearings on September 15, 2022. The hearings were held via Zoom. The following members of the Claims Commission were present:

Dexter Booth  
Henry Kinslow  
Paul Morris, chair

***Lauren Nwanonyiri v. Arkansas Department of Transportation***, Claim No. 220326. Claimant filed the instant claim against Respondent regarding damage to Claimant’s vehicle. At the hearing, Claimant appeared *pro se*, and Evin Walker appeared on behalf of Respondent. Claimant moved for a continuance at the beginning of the hearing to have her husband attend the hearing to testify, and the Claims Commission GRANTED Claimant’s continuance request.

***Michelle Williams v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences***, Claim No. 211385. Claimants filed the instant claim against Respondent seeking damages related to a mix-up that occurred after Claimant’s mother passed away while hospitalized at UAMS. At the hearing, Claimant appeared *pro se*, and Sherri Robinson appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon a review of the pleadings, the evidence presented, the argument of the parties, and the law of the State of Arkansas, the Claims Commission unanimously DENIED Claimant’s claim.

***Michael A. Johnson v. Arkansas Division of Correction***, Claim No. 190816. Claimant filed the instant claim against Respondent seeking damages after Claimant was attacked and injured by another inmate. At the hearing on Respondent’s motion for summary judgment and Claimant’s motion for reconsideration of the Claims Commission’s previous order granting Respondent’s motion to deem admitted, Claimant proceeded *pro se*, and Thomas Burns appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon a review of the motions, the argument of the parties, and the law of the State of Arkansas, the Claims Commission unanimously GRANTED Claimant’s motion for reconsideration, DENIED Respondent’s motion to deem admitted, and DENIED Respondent’s motion for summary judgment.

***Rickie Green v. Arkansas Division of Correction***, Claim No. 200058. Claimant filed the instant claim against Respondent seeking damages related to lost property. At the hearing on Claimant’s motion to compel, Claimant did not appear. Thomas Burns appeared on behalf of Respondent. The Claims Commission DISMISSED Claimant’s claim without prejudice for failure to prosecute.

***Mary Lynn Noble v. Arkansas Department of Human Services***, Claim No. 220961. Claimant filed the instant claim against Respondent seeking damages related to the actions of Respondent while Claimant was in foster care. At the hearing on Respondent’s motion to dismiss, Claimant proceeded *pro se*, and Skye Martin appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon a review of the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and the law of the State of Arkansas, the Claims Commission unanimously DENIED Respondent’s motion and directed the parties to brief certain issues.

This completed all the business on the September 2022 Claims Commission docket.



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**Kathryn Irby, Director**

Date: December 5, 2022