

**REPORT OF THE
CLAIMS REVIEW/LITIGATION REPORTS OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

September 26, 2025

Co-Chairs:

The Claims Review/Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee met on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in Room B, MAC.

A. Litigation Reports

The Subcommittee reviewed the following litigation reports from the University of Arkansas System:

1. Alicia Graham v. Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas
2. Magian Hardy v. Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas
3. Charlene Jiminez v. Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas
4. Alfredo Trevino v. Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas

At the request of the agency, the following litigation reports from the Department of Labor and Licensing were pulled from consideration prior to the meeting:

1. Ralph T. Hudson v. Lawrence Russell Caughron and Mid South Elite LLC
2. Ralph T. Hudson v. Aleta Grace Pearson et al.
3. Ralph T. Hudson v. Billy Christopher Woodall et al.

B. The Subcommittee reviewed the following litigation settlements:

1. Department of Finance and Administration
 - a. Jim Hudson v. Tyson Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries
 - b. Milam Oil Corporation v. Jim Hudson
 - c. Southwestern Energy Company v. Jim Hudson
 - d. Tokusen USA, Inc. v. Jim Hudson
2. University of Arkansas System
 - a. Amber Reich v. University of Arkansas
 - b. Dr. Sarah Rodriguez v. University of Arkansas

C. The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission as to the following claims regarding reissuance of warrants or unpaid bills:

1. #230925 Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration – Corporate Income Tax Section
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$30,355

2. #231587 Harmony Health Plan, Inc. v. Arkansas Insurance Department
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$79,349
3. #241865 McKesson Medical Surgical MN Supply v. Arkansas Department of Health
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$40,147.53
4. #251217 Acima Holdings v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$38,622.01
5. #251337 Gainwell Technologies, LLC v. Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$910,297
6. #251338 Gainwell Technologies, LLC v. Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$266,358
7. #251347 Moses C. Ejiofor and Joyce D. Ejiofor v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$18,352
8. #251387 The Strong Company Inc. v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration – Withholding Wage
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$19,648.30
9. #251680 UA Pulaski Technical College v. Arkansas Department of Commerce
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$92,834.34

D. The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following awarded claims referred pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b):

1. #230005 Jonathan Boone v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$150,000
2. #250694 Jamey Vanlandingham, Special Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Vanlandingham v. Arkansas Department of Human Services
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$500,000

E. Denied and Dismissed Claims – Appealed by Claimant

At the request of the Claims Commission, the following denied and dismissed claim appealed by the claimants was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting:

1. #251123 Sharon Greer and Deana Hays v. Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following denied and dismissed claim appealed by the claimant:

1. #250621 Beverly Blair v. Arkansas Department of Human Services
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

F. The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following denied and dismissed corrections claims appealed by the claimants:

1. #211057 Willie Jones v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
2. #230735 Dennis Hutchinson v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
3. #230928 Courtney Smith v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
4. #240132 Michael Wilmoth v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
5. #240485 Edmond McClinton v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
6. #241852 Shane Lonix v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
7. #250749 Richard Davis v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

Respectfully submitted,

Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
Senator Jim Dotson, Co-Chair