

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

September 18, 2026

Co-Chairs:

The Claims Review/Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee met on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Room B, MAC.

A. The Subcommittee reviewed the following litigation reports:

1. Department of Labor and Licensing
 - a. Department of Labor and Licensing v. Jacqueline Brooks Flowers et al.
 - b. Department of Labor and Licensing v. Jarret Edward Franklin et al.
 - c. Department of Labor and Licensing v. Xiaoyu Li et al.
 - d. Department of Labor and Licensing v. Miriam Correa Martinez et al.
 - e. Department of Labor and Licensing v. James Ross McDaniel et al.
 - f. Department of Labor and Licensing v. Mumtaz MF and Besim Properties LLC
 - g. Department of Labor and Licensing v. Alecia Tomlin et al.
 - h. Department of Labor and Licensing v. VCM Residences at Riverdale, LP
2. Arkansas Public Service Commission
 - a. Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Inc. and Sidney Sasser v. Arkansas Public Service Commission
3. University of Arkansas System
 - a. Naja Baptist v. Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas et al.
 - b. Tamara Pace-Glover v. Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas et al.

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

1. #260406 Avenu Government Systems, LLC v. Administrative Office of the Courts
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$105,000
2. #260764 Stein Ancillary Services v. Department of Veterans Affairs
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$15,185.20
3. #260991 Halff Associates v. Department of the Military
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$24,394.44
4. #260995 Williams Mechanical Services v. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism

Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$16,181.73

5. #261285 Methodist Healthcare Memphis v. Department of Health
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$22,843

6. #261308 Baptist Health v. Department of Health
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$40,000

7. #261322 Dal-Tile Distribution LLC v. Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$43,933.12

8. #261548 Olin Corporation v. Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$149,183.95

C. The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following negotiated settlement agreement:

1. #230756 James Yates v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$73,354.59

D. The Subcommittee held the following claim pending receipt of further information from the Claims Commission:

1. #261228 David Williams v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Held pending receipt of further information from the Claims Commission.

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

1. #231649 Terry Potts v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

2. #241511 David Ferrell v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

3. #251107 Michael Joyce v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

4. #251322 Romario Waller v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

5. #251323 Romario Waller v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

6. #251324 Romario Waller v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

7. #251372 Kevin Franklin v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
8. #260230 Jerome Meraz v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

F. After suspension of the Subcommittee's rules due to submission after the August 1, 2026, deadline for inclusion on the meeting's agenda, the Subcommittee approved the following litigation settlement from the Department of Finance and Administration:

1. Jim Hudson v. Robert Bosch Tool Corporation

Respectfully submitted,

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