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STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING — FEBRUARY 2019

Meeting. The State Appeal Board met on February 4, 2019, at the State Capitol in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- Approved \$9,800 in general claims pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [25](#).
- Approved \$57,800 and denied \$57.4 million in tort claims pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [669](#).

Settlements. The Board approved five judgments, totaling \$6.8 million from the General Fund and \$100,000 from Department of Transportation funds. Judgments were for the following cases:

- *Walter Reed, Jr. v. State of Iowa and State of Iowa Department of Transportation*: This was a case involving alleged discrimination in an employment lawsuit and claims of retaliation. The parties have agreed to dismiss all claims in exchange for a settlement of \$100,000.
- *Kevin Schwarzhoff v. State of Iowa*: This case arose from a motor vehicle accident involving an Iowa State Patrol trooper. The parties have agreed to dismiss all claims in exchange for a settlement of \$975,000.
- *Kristine Sink v. State of Iowa, Department of Corrections, and Iowa State Penitentiary*: This case involves allegations of sexual harassment by inmates of a correctional facility and discrimination and retaliation after reporting the harassment. The parties have agreed to dismiss all claims with prejudice in exchange for a settlement of \$1.7 million.
- *Beth Mahaffey v. Iowa Finance Authority*: This case involves allegations of sexual harassment against the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). The State retained a third party to investigate the allegations; based on the outcome of the investigation, the State determined that it is in the best interest of the State to resolve this case without litigation. The parties in this case reached a settlement for \$2.4 million.
- *Ashley Jared v. Iowa Finance Authority*: This case involves allegations of sexual harassment against the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). The State retained a third party to investigate the allegations; based on the outcome of the investigation, the State determined that it is in the best interest of the State to resolve this case without litigation. The parties in this case reached a settlement for \$1.8 million.

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting of the State Appeal Board is scheduled for March 4, 2019, at the State Capitol in Des Moines.

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