
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2017

Meeting. The State Appeal Board met on September 11, 2017, in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- Approved approximately \$41,000 in general claims under Iowa Code chapter [25](#).
- Approved five tort claims filed under Iowa Code chapter [669](#) for approximately \$8,201. The Board denied tort claims totaling approximately \$1.1 million. Approximately \$15.8 million in tort claims was withdrawn prior to the Board meeting.

Settlements. The State Appeal Board approved 10 settlements:

- A payment of \$1.3 million for settlement of a lawsuit alleging medical negligence at the University of Iowa Hospitals that resulted in brain and heart injuries to the patient. University of Iowa Physicians will contribute 50.0% of this sum (\$625,000), and the remaining half will be paid by the State.
- A payment of \$95,000 for settlement of a lawsuit alleging disability discrimination and failure to accommodate on the part of the State of Iowa and Iowa Veterans Home for terminating the plaintiff because of the plaintiff's disability.
- A payment of \$260,000 for settlement of a lawsuit alleging sex discrimination and retaliation by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act. As part of the settlement, the plaintiff will be placed in a newly created district supervisory position.
- A payment of \$10,714 per case for settlement of seven individual cases related to State hiring practices, alleging race discrimination and retaliation on the part of the Department of Administrative Services and the following agencies involved in hiring in each case: the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Iowa Communications Network, Iowa Workforce Development, the DNR, and the Department of Human Services.

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting of the State Appeal Board is scheduled for October 2, 2017, in Des Moines.

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