



# MEMORANDUM

OCMFA Agenda  
Item No. MFA. I  
6/20/2023

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Chairman and Trustees of the Oklahoma City Municipal Facilities Authority

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager/General Manager, OCMFA

Resolution authorizing the Risk Manager and the Trust's legal counsel to enter into a Joint Petition Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Commission Claim No. CM3-2021-06342L styled: *Stephanie Sango, Claimant vs. The City of Oklahoma City, Respondent*, an Own Risk Carrier.

### **Background:**

The Claimant, Stephanie Sango is a 42-year-old female and is a four-year employee of the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA). At the time of the injury she was assigned to EMBARK as a Full Time Bus Operator and continues to be employed by COTPA.

Claimant sustained an undisputed accidental injury on June 29, 2021 to her upper and lower back. Claimant required surgery to her low back on February 16, 2022.

Claimant was evaluated by Dr. Lonnie Litchfield on behalf of her attorney and found to have the following permanent partial impairment: low back 27%, upper back 17%. Claimant was also evaluated by Dr. Kyle States on behalf of the City and found to have the following permanent partial impairment: low back 8%, upper back 0%. The negotiated Joint Petition Settlement calls for a lump sum of \$22,680 for the following permanent partial disability: lower back , 18%, upper back 0%. The City is entitled to credit for overpayment of temporary total disability compensation in the amount of \$546.53 making Claimant's total award \$22,133.47.

The settlement further calls for a 3% assessment of the PPD award in the sum of \$680.40 be deducted and paid for the Multiple Injury Trust Fund Tax, making the lump sum award \$21,453.07. The settlement further calls for \$4,536 to be deducted from the PPD award and paid in a lump sum to Claimant's attorney as a fair and reasonable fee. In addition, the City will pay Court costs \$140, a Special Occupational and Safety Fund tax representing .75% of the permanent partial disability award, shall be paid in the sum of \$170.10 and the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund, representing 2% of the permanent partial disability award, shall be paid in the sum of \$453.60.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the City's contract attorney, Hornbeek, Krah, Vitali, law office located at 3711 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 and Claimant's attorney, Kevin, Locke, law office located at 1132 North Broadway Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103.

Permanent Partial Disability Payment <sup>1</sup>	\$22,680.00
Temporary Total Disability Overpayment Deduction	(\$546.53)
Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund Tax <sup>2</sup>	\$170.10
Workers' Compensation Administration Fund <sup>2</sup>	\$453.60
Workers' Compensation Court Costs <sup>2</sup>	\$140.00
Total Cost of Award	\$22,897.17

**Source of Funds:**

Source of Funds OCMFA Services-Risk/Workers' Compensation-Risk Management MFA-Workers' Comp Claims (682-1451-2800750-52190061)

**Review:**

Risk Management

**Recommendation:** Joint Resolution be adopted.