



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Devin Stephenson, President
Date: May 21, 2024
Re: Legal Claims Listing

A status report of current legal claims outstanding against the College is attached for your information.

This report is an action item this month because, after extensive review, the College's insurance carrier has recommended a settlement and full release of claims by plaintiff of the personal injury claim the College has had open for nearly nine years. Approval of the settlement is coming to the Board because it is \$25,000 more than the President's authority to directly resolve claims under Board Policy BS 12.00. The resolution of this claim is consistent with policy. Consistent with policy, the College will make no contribution to this settlement and will not admit any liability. The College has a zero-dollar deductible on this policy, and so has contributed no funding overall to litigating this claim. The College does not expect its premium to increase as a result of concluding this claim due to its age and the overall Florida College System risk pool, and the College's property and casualty premium decreased for the upcoming year. Additional details regarding the claim are reflected on the enclosed claims report.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Trustees approves resolution of the Odom v. The District Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College claim, as presented, and directs the President to sign all required documents.