

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
SECRETARY'S  
ACTION AGENDA  
May 7, 2025



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**19. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

***Office of Administrative Hearings***

***Compensation to Erroneously Confined Individual Tyrone Jones.***

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Public Works pay Mr. Tyrone Jones compensation for erroneous confinement in the amount of \$976,233.85, and attorney's fees in the amount of \$246,861.00 to Brown Goldstein & Levy, LLP and Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, LLP.

**Authority:** State Finance & Procurement Article, § 10-501(e)  
"The Board of Public Works shall pay the compensation ordered [by the Office of Administrative Hearings] under subsection (d) of this section in:  
(1) one initial payment equal to the annual amount of the State's most recent median household income to be paid within 60 days after receiving the order; and  
(2) (i) after the initial payment under item (1) of this subsection, installments paid over a period not to exceed 6 fiscal years; or  
(ii) in accordance with an expedited payment schedule recommended under subsection (d)(1)(iv) of this section."

**Order Received:** April 28, 2025

**Amount:** \$ 976,233.85 – Compensation  
\$ 246,861.00 – Attorney's Fees & Expenses  
\$ 1,223,094.85 Total

**Compensation Payment Schedule:**

Payment	Date	Amount
1	Within 60 days of Court Order (March 3, 2025) (FY25)	\$ 98,678.00
2	By December 30, 2025 (FY26)	\$ 219,388.96
3	By July 1, 2026 (FY26)	\$ 219,388.96
4	By December 30, 2026 (FY27)	\$ 219,388.96
5	By July 1, 2027 (FY27)	\$ 219,388.97

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***Attorney's Fees Payment Schedule:***

Payment	By July 31, 2025	Amount
6	To Brown Goldstein & Levy, LLP (FY26)	\$ 136,676.03
7	To Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, LLP (FY26)	\$ 110,184.97

**Fund Source:** BPW Settlements and Judgements D05E01.15

**Remarks:** *Conviction & Release.* On July 19, 1999 Mr. Jones was convicted in Baltimore City Circuit Court of conspiracy to commit murder, and sentenced to life in prison.

*Actual Innocence.* On January 29, 2010, Mr. Jones' conviction was vacated, and on May 25, 2010, the State entered a *nolle prosequi* in the matter. A petition for relief under the Lomax Act was initially filed in 2023, and denied by Summary Decision as his conviction was for a misdemeanor, and ineligible under the then effective version of the Act. While under judicial review, the Legislature amended the law to provide eligibility for conspiracy to commit felonies, and by agreement of the parties, the matter was remanded to the Office of Administrative Hearings. Accordingly, a contested hearing regarding Mr. Jones' innocence for purposes of this petition was held before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Following a review of several records and taking additional witness testimony, the Administrative Law Judge concluded "the Claimant has proved by clear and convincing evidence that he "did not commit the crime for which he was originally but wrongfully convicted, sentenced, and confined."

*Compensation.* In its decision, the Administrative Law Judge found that: (1) Mr. Jones was confined for 3,611 days, (2) the current annual income figure to use is \$ 98,678.00, and (3) under the statutory formula he is entitled to \$ 976,233.85 in compensation.

*Recommended Expedited Payment Schedule.* Additionally, pursuant to SFP § 10-501(d)(1)(iv), the Administrative Law Judge determined it is in the best interests of the exoneree to recommend an expedited payment schedule over approximately 2 years. The Department of Budget & Management has reviewed this schedule and concurs.

*Attorney's Fees.* Pursuant to SFP § 10-501(d)(1), the Administrative Law Judge ordered the state to pay \$246,861.00 as reasonable attorney's fees and expenses associated with this petition. This was specified as: \$124,251.13 in fees \$12,424.90 in expenses (total: \$ 136,676.03) to Brown, Goldstein & Levy LLP; and \$110,184.97 in fees to Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP.

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**THIS ITEM WAS:**

**APPROVED**

**DISAPPROVED**

**DEFERRED**

**WITHDRAWN**

**WITH DISCUSSION**

**WITHOUT DISCUSSION**