



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Andrew J. Meyers

**Department:** County Attorney

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

MOTION TO APPROVE settlement, including costs and attorney's fees, in the case of *Betty Ramberg vs. Broward County*, 17th Judicial Circuit Court Case No. CACE20-012389 (25).

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

Board approval is necessary to resolve this pending lawsuit.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Settlement of pending litigation.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

On August 24, 2019, Plaintiff Betty Ramberg was a bus passenger who was involved in an incident while exiting a Broward County bus. The Plaintiff filed a negligence action alleging that she suffered serious injuries when the rear doors closed prematurely and caused her to fall and land on the pavement below. The Plaintiff has undergone substantial medical treatment subsequent to the incident, including surgery. Her medical expenses, to date, are \$91,201.53.

The Plaintiff has agreed to release Broward County from all claims arising from the incident in exchange for \$65,000.00, which includes costs and attorney's fees, subject to Board approval.

The Risk Management Division and Transit Division recommend approval of this settlement.

#### **Source of Additional Information**

Robert D. Yates, Assistant County Attorney, 954-357-7600

### **Fiscal Impact**

#### **Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The source of funds is the County's general liability self-insurance fund. Agencies of the County pay annual premiums into the fund based upon the number of their employees and five-year claims history.