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CBCA 7227-TRAV

In the Matter of GLENN F.

Glenn F., Claimant.

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KULLBERG, Board Judge.

The agency has requested reconsideration of the Board's decision granting claimant's request for relief from the agency's demand for repayment of a debt in the amount of \$214.26. The agency seeks only review of the Board's finding that claimant was not in debt in the amount of \$198.26, which was the amount of sales tax charged by the rental car company while he was on temporary duty (TDY). The agency did not seek review of its claim for repayment of the \$16 expense claimant incurred for washing his rental car.

The agency contends that it has new information related to this matter, but the Board does not find any persuasive grounds for changing its previous decision. Board precedent has established that a party's request for reconsideration "must rest on more than mere disagreement with a decision or re-argument of points already made." *Robert B. Barnes*, CBCA 2073-TRAV, 11-1 BCA ¶ 34,619 (2010) (citing *Mary Ann Wilson*, GSBCA 14300-TRAV, 98-2 BCA ¶ 30,039). The Board's decision in this matter held that claimant received a refund of only \$36.04 from the travel card company, and the record did not show claimant ever receiving a refund for the amount of the sales tax, which was \$198.26. Nothing else in the record showed any other overpayments.

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The agency suggests that the apparent lack of any evidence that claimant ever received a refund of the total amount of the sales tax is due to the manner in which claimant submitted his claim. However, the agency's discussion was related to other items in claimant's travel claim, which included baggage and agent fees. The agency's argument fails to address the Board's finding that claimant only received a refund of \$36.04, and the record does not support a finding that claimant received any greater amount.

Decision

The agency's request for reconsideration is denied.

H. Chuck Kullberg

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