

Harvey Weinstein and his accusers have tentatively reached a \$25 million agreement where he won't have to admit wrongdoing — or personally pay them damages

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- Harvey Weinstein and the board of his film studio have reached a tentative \$25 million deal with dozens of women who accused him of sexual misconduct, [according to a New York Times report](#).
- The deal would not require Weinstein to directly pay anything to his accusers or admit wrongdoing, according to the lawyers. The payout would be provided by the Weinstein Company insurers, according to the lawyers
- Part of the settlement would be paid out to the dozens of actresses and former Weinstein Company employees who have accused Weinstein of sexual misconduct.
- More than \$12 million of the payout would go toward some of Weinstein's legal costs, Weinstein's brother and business partner Bob, and other former members of the film company's board, The Times reports.
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Harvey Weinstein and the board of his film studio have reached a tentative \$25 million deal with dozens of women who accused the disgraced Hollywood mogul of sexual misconduct, [lawyers involved in negotiations told the New York Times](#).

Weinstein appeared in court today using a walker to get around, following a back injury from a car accident in January. The deal would not require Weinstein to directly pay anything to his accusers or admit wrongdoing, and funds would be supplied by the Weinstein Company insurers, according to the lawyers. In order for the deal to be official, it needs to be approved by the courts and signed off by all parties.

The payout, which would resolve lawsuits filed by dozens of women since 2017, is part of a larger \$47 million settlement meant to close out Weinstein's bankrupt company, lawyers told The Times.

More than 30 actresses and former Weinstein Company employees have accused Weinstein of sexual misconduct, ranging from sexual harassment to rape.

Part of the settlement would be paid out to the dozens of women who have come forward with claims against Weinstein. More than \$12 million of the payout would go toward some of Weinstein's legal costs, Weinstein's brother, and other former members of the film company's board, The New York Times reports.

Two women who brought civil suits against Weinstein — former Weinstein producer Alexandra Canosa and actress Wedil David — plan to challenge the settlement.

David's lawyers, Douglas Wigdor and Kevin Mintzer, said they cannot confirm the tentative settlement, but said in a statement provided to Insider that they "reject the notion that this was the best settlement that could have been achieved."

"It is shameful that \$12 million of the settlement is going to the lawyers for the directors who we alleged enabled Harvey Weinstein and it is even more outrageous that the proposed settlement will seek to bind non participating members by providing a release to the insurance companies and the directors of the Weinstein Company itself," they said about The Times' report. "While we don't begrudge victims who want to settle, we plan to vigorously object to any provision that tries to bind victims who want to proceed with holding Harvey Weinstein accountable for his actions which is exactly what we intend to do."

Weinstein is still facing a criminal trial in a separate sexual assault case involving two women. The case is due to start in January.