

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, MONTEREY HILL RESTAURANT,
CARMEL BALLROOM, 3700 RAMONA BOULEVARD, MONTEREY PARK,
CALIFORNIA 91754

ON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

Member Absent: Ernie Hernandez

Alternates Present: Gustavo Camacho, Reva Feldman, Darrell George, Christian Hernandez, Steve Hofbauer, Lindsey Horvath, Steve Mandoki, and John Moreno

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).

- a. Ramiro Barrera v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 641986

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in an automobile accident involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the Settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

Absent: Ernie Hernandez

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2. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

- a. Tanisha Bennett v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 670310

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. James Tripp v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 576724

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

5. Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2018, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

Absent: Ernie Hernandez

[See Supporting Document](#)

6. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No such matters were discussed.

7. Other Business.

None

8. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ramiro Barrera v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC641986
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 28, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert Ounjian Carpenter Zuckerman & Rowley
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves a collision between plaintiff Ramiro Barrera's bicycle and a Sheriff's Department radio car driven by a Deputy Sheriff that occurred on November 26, 2015, on Avalon Boulevard, just south of Scottsdale Drive, in the City of Carson. Mr. Barrera claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 88,636
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 17,842

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND
CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 9, 2018

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris at 11:13 a.m. The meeting was held in the Monterey Hill Restaurant, Carmel Ballroom, 3700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, At-Large; Mark Alexander, East Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Ernie Hernandez, South Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Doug Prichard, At-Large; Jose Pulido, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association; **Alternate:** Darrell George, East Division; Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Steve Mandoki, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Ruben Baeza, Assistant County Counsel; Elizabeth D. Miller, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Alexandra Zuiderweg, Deputy County Counsel; Scott Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Eric Parra, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ronald J. Daily, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Rosso, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Edward Winslow, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Wolak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; **Attendees:** Michael Davitt, East Division; Karen Bartak, President, Bedford Falls Insurance; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** John La Salle, Sales Executive, Wells Fargo Insurance Services; Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Office; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Denise Covell, Administrative Assistant.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 12:18 p.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

**3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. Travis Dahle v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 632126

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the Settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Ray Cruz, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

- b. Jessica Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 607814

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the Settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,900.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Ray Cruz, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

- c. Louise Olin, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 551857

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$11,750,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Ray Cruz, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

- d. Mouner Rabadi v. Curtis Daniel Foster, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 651202

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the Settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Ray Cruz, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- a. Earving Gonzalez v. Brian S. Mayfield, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 026383

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Patricia Minero v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 632667
(consolidated with William Fong v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 630745)

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:53 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

6. Approval of the Minutes for April 11, 2018, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Curtis Morris, Ernie Hernandez, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

7. Items Not on the Posted Agenda, to be Referred to Staff or Placed on the Agenda for Action at a Further Meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board, or Matters Requiring Immediate Action Because of Emergency Situation or Where the Need to Take Immediate Action Came to the Attention of the Board Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda

None

8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


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