

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT,
POSADA BALLROOM,
3500 RAMONA BOULEVARD, MONTEREY PARK,
CALIFORNIA 91754

ON

WEDNESDAY, Mach 13, 2019, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: Reva Feldman, Steve Hofbauer, Lindsey Horvath, Steve Mandok, 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. Joseph Giancaspro v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 026698

This lawsuit concerns allegations of property damage 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 \$37,500.

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

Vote: Noe: 1 - Mark Alexander

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

- a. Brejanea B., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027341

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Donna Huff v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-01733

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Maurice Lallemand v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:17-CV-00781

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5. 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.

6. Approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2019 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 - Margaret Finlay, Ernie Hernandez,
Jose Pulido, Curtis Morris, James Bozajian,
Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Ken Striplin,
Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte;
Mark Alexander.

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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 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.

8. Other Business.

None

9. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Joseph Giancaspro v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	MC 026698
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 1, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff-North Patrol Division-Lancaster Station
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$37,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Olaf Arthur Landsgaard, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian Gragas Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on January 17, 2016, between Sheriff Deputy Lynn Keegan and Plaintiff Joseph Giancaspro. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$37,500 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ \$47,456
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ \$12,807

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 20, 2019

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 11:14 a.m. The meeting was held in the City of Monterey Park, Luminarias Restaurant, Posada Ballroom, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Margaret Finlay, Chair, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; Curtis Morris, At-Large; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Doug Prichard, At-Large; Ken Striplin, North Division; **Alternate:** Michael Davitt, East Division; Reva Feldman, At-Large; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; Steve Mandoki, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Ruben Baeza, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Andrew Rosso, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jeffrey Scroggin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Matthew Squire, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Wolak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Alan Boring, USI Insurance Services; Tom Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantrall, Llp; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

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 11:17 a.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. Corozon Alviar v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 543100

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisor the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$425,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian,
Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard,
Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Ernie Hernandez & Jose Pulido

**4. 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. Bradley, Mario v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC653034

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Estate of Armando Garcia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 687480

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. 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

- e. Lewin, Kevin v. Thorne, Jr., Albert Henry, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 697359

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- f. 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

- g. Rodriguez, Isaac Jose v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC671116

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and excessive force by 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 12:32 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 January 16, 2019, 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: 9 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Ernie Hernandez & Jose Pulido

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 12:33 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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