

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, June 12, 2019, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: Gustavo Camacho, Michael Davitt, Reva Feldman, Jose Gonzalez, 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. Maria Nunez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 027764

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 \$43,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Sanchez, John Anthony v. Herrarte, Maria, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 634783

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 \$100,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Bianca Hernandez, Esmeralda Sanchez v. Jorge Perez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Does 1 through 20 inclusive.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 686495

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

- c. Rodriguez, Isaac Jose v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 671116

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 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 May 08, 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 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Hernandez, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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	Maria Nunez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	MC027764
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 13, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 43,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jose Perez, Esq. Law Offices of Jose Perez
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On August 8, 2016, Plaintiffs Maria Nunez and Paula Nunez were involved in a motor vehicle versus motor vehicle collision with an on-duty employee of the Sheriff's Department, while driving on 20th Street West at its intersection with West Avenue J-13 in the City of Lancaster. They allegedly sustained injuries to their heads, necks, and backs, and received medical treatment as a result of injuries sustained in the collision.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$43,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 31,571
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,465

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	John Anthony Sanchez v. Los Angeles County, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 612070
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 22, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff - Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 100,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Fahd Z. Ali, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff alleges that he sustained injuries on November 17, 2015, when his vehicle was rear-ended by the LASD vehicle operated by Deputy Maria Herrarte. Traffic collision investigation is adverse to the deputy.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 35,964
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,425

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 8, 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 Margaret Finlay at 11:13 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; Ernie Jimenez, South Division; Jose Pulido, Central 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:** Darrell George, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Steve Mandoki, Central Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Reva Feldman, At-Large; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; John Moreno, South Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Alexandria Zuiderweg, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Steven Robles, County of Los Angeles; Greg McKnight Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maria R. Gutierrez, Assistant Sheriff; Adam Navarrette, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mike Thomas, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Demaricus Smith, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Matthew Squire, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Wolak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Richard Shear, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Kimberly Unland, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** John La Salle, USI Insurance Services; Tara Hemmingsen, USI Insurance Services; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovich, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Lilian Salcedo, Office 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 11:14 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. Kathleen Anderson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 635915 (Consolidated with
Kathleen Anderson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-09289)

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and federal civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

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 \$1,300,000.

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

Absent: Doug Prichard

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

- a. 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

- b. 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

- c. Rodriguez, Isaac Jose v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 671116

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 11:35 a.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 10, 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: 10 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Hernandez Patrick Kearney, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Doug Prichard

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

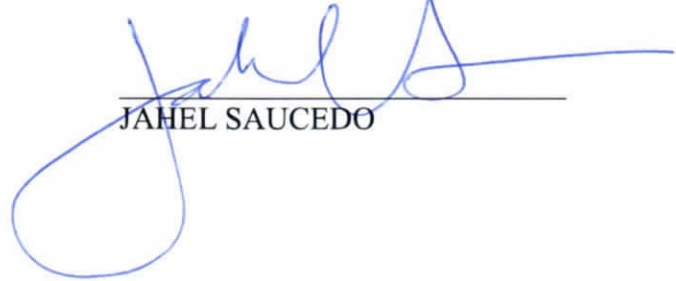
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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