



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CLAIMS BOARD

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Arlene Barrera
Auditor-Controller
Steve Robles
Chief Executive Office
Adrienne M. Byers
Office of the County Counsel

NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, July 1, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

- a. Michael Ross v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 480 374

This lawsuit alleges a former employee with the Department of Health Services was subjected to retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$820,000.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
5. Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2019, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

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.
7. Adjournment.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2019

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:33 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Michael Gordon, Richard Kudo, Eduardo Montelongo, and Wendy Sha; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays; Department of the Assessor: Brian Zepeda; Department of Public Social Services: Simone Agee, and Arnetta Counts.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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)

At 9:35 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(e) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:47 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Kimberly Bartoli, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 655 690**

This claim seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works – Water Works District No. 40 for real and personal property damage allegedly caused from a sewage backflow which occurred when the main waterline was being repaired by County employees.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

b. **Tomas Estarella, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 527 749

This lawsuit arises from an alleged dangerous condition in which Plaintiff's vehicle struck a utility pole after colliding with an ambulance.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

c. **Jasmine Purifoy v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 655 220

This lawsuit concerns allegations made by a former employee of the Office of the Assessor who alleges discrimination and wrongful termination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$32,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

d. **Stacy Johnson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 683 552

This lawsuit concerns allegations made by a former employee of the Department of Public Social Services who claims that the County discriminated against her.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

e. **Enid Goldenberg v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 674 920

This lawsuit concerns allegations made by a former employee of the Department of Public Social Services who claims that the County discriminated against her.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$600,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers.
Abstention: Steve Robles

5. Approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2019, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

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. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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By



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