



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Posada Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754.

### **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. 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Allison Ewart v. Gillian Verner, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 522492

This lawsuit concerns allegations of vehicular negligence by a Sheriff's Deputy.

- b. Matthew Flores v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 627785

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

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the July 10, 2019, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[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.
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Adjournment

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Garcia, Armando, The Estate of v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 687480
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 18, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 3,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Thomas A. Schultz, Panish Shea & Boyle, LLP  Nareg Gourjian Gourjian Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$3,000,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the lawsuit filed by 17-year-old decedent Armando Garcia's mother, Roberta Alcantar, against the County after her son was fatally shot by Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies.</p> <p>The Deputies deny the allegations and contend their actions were reasonable.</p> <p>Due to the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$3,000,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 167,832
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 21,597

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Earving Gonzalez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	MC026383
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 15, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 800,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael Shemtoub Beverly Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Yuan Chang  Los Angeles County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on March 25, 2015, when a Deputy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department made a left turn in front of Plaintiff's vehicle at the intersection of Lancaster Boulevard and Division Street in the City of Lancaster. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 123,437
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 42,589

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

July 10, 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 11:16 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; Ken Striplin, North Division; **Alternate:** Michael Davitt, East Division; Darrell George, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; John Moreno, South Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian G. Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Rosanne Wong, Senior Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Deputy County Counsel; Kelsey Nau, Deputy County Counsel; Steven Robles, County of Los Angeles; Maria R. Gutierrez, Assistant Sheriff; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jeff Scroggin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Wolak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Kimberly Unland, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** John La Salle, 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; Lyndsie Buskirk, 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 11:16 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. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$77,000.

Vote: Ayes: 8- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Reva Feldman, Ernie Jimenez, Jose Pulido.

- b. Ching Hsien Wang et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 701625

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 \$49,999.

Vote: Ayes: 8- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Reva Feldman, Ernie Jimenez, Jose Pulido.

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

- a. 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

- b. Mahoe, Monique v. Westlake Imports, Inc. D.B.A. Ladin Subaro, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV08891

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

**5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:02 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 June 12, 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: 8- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian,  
Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin,  
Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Reva Feldman, Ernie Jimenez, 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

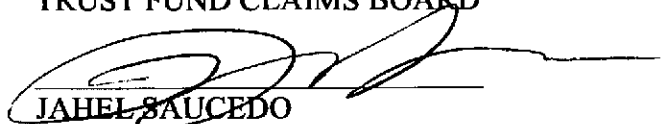
**8. Other Business**

None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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