



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, September 18, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Estancia 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. 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Derry Naylor v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 707213

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the August 14, 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	Patricia Minero v. County; Dr. Michael Fong v. County
CASE NUMBER	BC630745
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 19, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund - West Hollywood
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 46,215,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Paul Keisel for Plaintiff Minero Garo Mardarrosian for Plaintiff Fong
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon, County Counsel Thomas Hurrell, Hurrell Cantrall, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	On October 15, 2015, a Deputy Sheriff was responding with lights and siren to an emergent call on Santa Monica Boulevard near its intersection with San Vicente in the City of West Hollywood when his vehicle clipped co-defendant, Viridiana Perez's vehicle, which had failed to yield the right-of-way as required. The Deputy Sheriff lost control of his vehicle as a result and spun off of the roadway eventually colliding with Plaintiff Dr. Michael Fong and Plaintiff Patricia Minero's decedent, Jonathan Pena, who were walking on the sidewalk at the time of the incident. Dr. Fong sustained serious injuries as a result of the incident and Jonathan Pena died as a result of injuries he sustained in the incident.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 635,408.04
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 447,623.66

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MINUTES OF MEETING

August 14, 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 11:20 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; Reva Feldman, At-Large; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ernie Jimenez, South Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; **Alternate:** Darrell George, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Lindsey Horvath, North Division; Steve Mandoki, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian G. Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Kudo, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Steven Robles, County of Los Angeles; Jess Carrasco, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steven Gross, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Patrick Jordan, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ed Hummel, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Greg McKnight, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Tom McNeal, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Matthew Squire, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Wolak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** John La Salle, USI Insurance Services; Sandra Armenta, President of California Contract Cities Association; **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; 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 11:20 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. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisor the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$3,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Jimenez, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Jose Pulido

- 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.

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 \$800,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Jimenez, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Jose Pulido

**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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:39 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 July 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: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Jimenez, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: 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

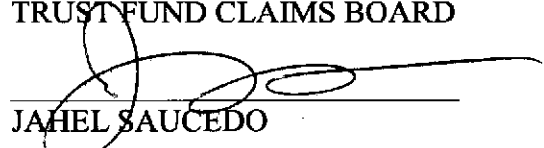
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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