

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers.

1. **Call to Order.**
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 or were present to hear the reportable actions.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).**

- a. **John Goslin, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV04807**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Andre McClelland v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-6755-SVW**

This federal lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff's civil rights were violated while he was incarcerated at Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this item to a future meeting date.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**c. Stephen Acker v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 703706**

This lawsuit alleges that a former employee with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services was subjected to disability and gender discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$350,000.

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

**d. Fernando Gomez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STC00943**

This wrongful death lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff's pregnant wife and newborn child received inadequate care at Olive View Medical Center.

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 – Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the May 4, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

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

[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.

No such matters were discussed.

7. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	John A. Goslin, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	18STCV04807
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 13, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Bruce L. Schechter Parris Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises out of a four-vehicle, intersection collision when the Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle driven by defendant Jaime Alvarez-Ruiz ran a red light and struck two vehicles, one of which was driven by plaintiff John Goslin. Plaintiffs Stacey Goslin and Danielle Bain were passengers in Mr. Goslin's vehicle. The force of the impact caused Mr. Goslin's vehicle to back into a fourth vehicle. The accident occurred just after midnight on October 10, 2017, at the intersection of Arbor Vitae Street and Airport Boulevard, in the City of Inglewood. Deputy Sheriffs were pursuing Mr. Alvarez-Ruiz because he was driving recklessly by speeding and driving without his headlights turned on. Just after the deputies ceased their pursuit, the collisions occurred. Plaintiffs claim to have suffered injuries and damages as a result of the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 66,443
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,373

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Andre McClelland v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-6755-SVW
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 21, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 450,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jovan Blacknell Law Office of J. Blacknell
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Amie Park Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$450,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a lawsuit filed by Andre McClelland ("Plaintiff") against the County and several deputy defendants, alleging civil rights violations. The lawsuit arose from an altercation between Plaintiff and another inmate at Men's Central Jail on August 28, 2018. Plaintiff alleges that the deputies facilitated the fight.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement amount of \$450,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 12,338
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,007

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Fernando Gomez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	18STCV00943
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 31, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 300,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Neil M. Howard, Esq. Law Office of Neil M. Howard
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On August 31, 2018 Ms. Morales, a 28-year-old female who was 39 weeks pregnant was admitted to Olive View Medical Center ("OVMC") for routine induction of labor. On September 2, 2018, Ms. Morales underwent a cesarean section.</p> <p>Ms. Morales and her newborn infant were later transferred to UCLA Medical Center where they both died within one week as a result of an indiscernible and previously undiagnosed genetic condition that Ms. Morales suffered from.</p> <p>Ms. Morales's husband, and their minor son, filed a wrongful death action against the County contending that OVMC failed to provide adequate medical care to Ms. Morales, which caused her death and the death of her newborn infant.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 48,399
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 13,950

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 4, 2020

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:35 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference with all Claims Board Members participating telephonically. Claims Board Members online for the teleconference meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers.

All other persons also appeared telephonically. Those attending the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Casey Youn, Katherine Bowser, Shawn Luna, Jennifer Lehman, Michael Gordon, and Narbeh Bagdasarian; Chief Executive Office: Amir Alam; Department of Public Works: Alicia Ramos; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel; Department of Health Services: Arun Patel; and Outside Counsel: Tomas A. Guterres.

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 9:39 a.m., the Chairperson convened the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(i).

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:59 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. Cogen Landfill Claim

This claim alleges that the County failed to comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Solid Management Waste Program order to install a gas control system at the Cogen Landfill.

Action Taken:

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

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

b. **J.C. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 18-CV-03045-DMG-FFM

This federal lawsuit alleges Plaintiffs' civil rights were violated when social workers wrongfully detained her child.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000.

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

c. **Hani Yasin, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 18-CV-001178

This federal lawsuit alleges Plaintiffs' civil rights were violated when employees from the Department of Children and Family Services wrongfully detained her children.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$750,000.

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

d. **Angela Kodzhanyan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 712402

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from Plaintiff's injuries due to an alleged slip and fall on a set of stairs at the clinic tower at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$65,000.

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

e. **Peprone Adzhyan, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 18STCV09379

This lawsuit arises from the death of a patient at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$750,000.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

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

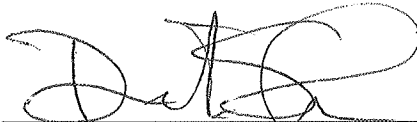
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No such matters were discussed.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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By  _____
Derek Stane