



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Arlene Barrera
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Office of the County Counsel

NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, August 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.**, via online conference call. Members of the public wishing to listen to the open session of the meeting may call (323) 776-6996, then enter the ID number 498777545#, at 9:30 a.m. on August 17, 2020.

Reports of actions taken in Closed Session. The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 10:40 a.m. Members of the public wishing to hear reportable actions taken on any Closed Session Items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter the ID number 498777545#, at 10:30 a.m. on August 3, 2020.

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

You may submit written public comments by e-mail to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov or by mail to: Attention: Los Angeles County Claims Board, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012.

Written public comments or documentation must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Any supporting documents will be posted and can be provided upon request. Please submit requests for any supporting documents to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov.

If you would like more information, please contact Derek Stane at (213) 974-1870.

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. Anthony Louis Gallo, Jr. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-0008-JLS-RAO

This federal civil rights lawsuit alleges that Sheriff deputies/custody assistants failed to protect him from an assault by other inmates; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$80,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Luis Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC689849

This lawsuit arises from a multiple-fatality vehicle accident involving an on-duty Sheriff's deputy; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$5,000,000.

- c. Dominga Guzman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC682446

This lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff was sexually assaulted by a Deputy Public Defender; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$450,000.

- d. Francesca Anello v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV09801

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Department of Health Services was subjected to disability discrimination and failure to accommodate; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$250,000.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 3, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. 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.

6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Anthony Louis Gallo, Jr. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:18-CV-00088-JLS-RAO
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 13, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 80,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Marc Steven Colen, Esq. Marc Colen Law Offices
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J. Kral Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$80,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit in which Anthony Louis Gallo, Jr. ("Plaintiff") alleges that deputies/custody assistants failed to protect him from an assault by other inmates and deliberately misclassified him for general population housing while at Men's Central Jail ("MCJ"). Specifically, Plaintiff claims jail staff failed to properly treat him as a "K-10" (keep away – protective custody) inmate and allowed the assaulting inmates access to him..</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 \$80,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 48,692
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,522

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2020

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 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: Millicent Rolon, Timothy Kral, and Pirjo Ranasinghe; Sheriff's Department: Mark Allen, Scott Gage, Phillip Marquez, Sergio Mancilla, Chris Reed, Salvador "Chuck" Becerra, Melanie Rivers, and Kristine Corrales; and Outside Counsel: Laura Inlow, Justin Clark, and Andy Baum.

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 were on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board or to listen to the reportable actions of 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 Chair 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 10:45 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via the public teleconference phone line and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

**a. Maria Reza v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 19STCV09463**

This wrongful death lawsuit arises out of the shooting of Plaintiff's son by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$925,000.

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

b. **Duncan Roy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:12-CV 09012

This federal civil rights class action lawsuit alleges over-detentions arising from the Sheriff's Department's former policy and practice of detaining inmates beyond the expiration of their sentences because of immigration detainees.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$14,000,000.

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

c. **Tui Wright v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV40769

This lawsuit brought by a retired Sheriff's Sergeant alleges that he was subjected to discrimination and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,000.

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

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

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 10:46 a.m.

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By



Derek Stane