

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 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).**

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.

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

[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.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$5,000,000.

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

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.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$450,000.

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

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.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

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

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 August 3, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – 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	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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

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.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Derek Stane