

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE**

ON

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2021, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Mark Waronek, James Bozajian, Ernie Hernandez, Lindsey Horvath, Margaret Finlay, Mark Alexander, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Jennifer Vasquez.

Alternates Present: *Kevin Chun, Steven Hofbauer, John Moreno, Rob Wishner, Gustavo Camacho, Bryan Cook, Jose Gonzalez, Michael Davitt.*

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund 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).

- a. Heh, Kenneth v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-04258

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and federal civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,500.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, Ernie Hernandez, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Reva Feldman

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Claim of Gwasoo Baik; Rachel Baik; Changwoo Jang; Chung S. Choi-Kwon.
File Nos. 20-1159832*001; 20-1159832*002

This lawsuit concerns allegations of property damage received during an enforcement of action by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Lombardi, Michael v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV04771

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Marshall, Shaun, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 8:20-CV-00916

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and falsified police report by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. Patterson, Nahan IV v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-02669

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

6. Approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2021 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, Ernie Hernandez, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Reva Feldman

[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.

No such matters were discussed.

8. Other Business.

None

9. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Kenneth Heh v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-04258
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	May 16, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Peter L. Carr, IV PLC Law Group, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$45,500, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights and State-law lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Kenneth Heh against the County and Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies Vu Bui and Jerry Liang.</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 of the case in the amount of \$45,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 60,858
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,011

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND
CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 10, 2021

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by James Bozajian at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: James Bozajian, Chair; Mark Waronek, South Division; Reva Feldman, At-Large; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte; **Alternate:** Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Kevin Chun, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; Rob Wishner, East Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Timothy Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Bryan Aguilera, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steve Gross, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Albert Maldonado, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurances Services Inc., Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., Tomas Guterres, Collins Collins Muir & Steward; Chandler Parker, Collins Collins Muir & Steward; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

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 11:08 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. Jasmine Lopez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-10396

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and federal civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Vote: Anoes: 1 - James Bozajian

Absent: Ernie Hernandez

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

- a. Claim of Explorer Insurance Company: ASO Avetisayan, Kristine; Kazaryan, Sarkis; H.K.
File Nos. 19-1148864*001; 19-1148864*002; 19-1148864*003; 19-1148864*004

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. B., J., Minor, By Esparaza, Rose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-10607

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force shooting, false arrest, wrongful detention, and denial of adequate medical care by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Marshall, Shaun, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 8:20-CV-00916

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and falsified police report by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. Neal, Timothy Reeves, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-06315

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, negligence, and a Deputy involved shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- e. V.AA, a Minor By Segura, Mireya, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-07393

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, and wrongful death 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 12:14 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 January 13, 2021, 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: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Ernie Hernandez

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 12:19 p.m.

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TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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