

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021, 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 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. **Non-Litigated Auto Subrogation Claim of Privilege Underwriters Reciprocal Exchange**

This claim for property damage arises from a collision between insured's vehicle and a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$22,989.20.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Virginia Cuevo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP02357

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient who died after falling while hospitalized 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 \$230,000.

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 3, 2021, 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 an 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	Nonlitigated Claim of Privilege Underwriters Reciprocal Exchange
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 22,989.20
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	A Sheriff's patrol vehicle collided with a civilian vehicle on Fiji Way in Marina del Rel, rendering the civilian vehicle a total loss. The department admits fault. Claimant insurer seeks reimbursement for compensation paid to its insured.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 3, 2021

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:40 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: Joseph Langton, Shawn Luna, Jennifer Lehman, Elizabeth Miller, Lana Choi, Millicent Rolon; Sheriff's Department: Melanie Rivers, Scott Gage, James Powers, Dennis Kneer, Christopher Reed, Hector Mancinas, Diana Holloway, Todd Weber and Charles Duncan; Department of Public Works: Ronald Castaneda, Martin Moreno, and Michael Hays; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel

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.

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

At 9:42 a.m., Chair Steve Robles 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.

No members of the public were on the public teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 11:27 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via the public teleconference line and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

a. Non-Litigated Claim of Tarlena Owens

This claim seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for property damage allegedly caused by a backflow of sewage due to a mainline blockage.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,780.85.

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

- b. **Karla Garcia Aranda, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-1770
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV25347

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and negligence against the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$400,000.

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

- c. **Philip Margulies, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-05491

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and false arrest against a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$26,000.

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

- d. **Michael Cusumano v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC696951

This lawsuit alleges plaintiff was wrongfully detained and injured by Sheriff's Department deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$175,000.

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

- e. **Don Spence, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-00808

This wrongful death lawsuit alleges excessive force and violations of civil rights during a physical altercation with Sheriff's Department deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,000,000.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 19, 2021, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

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

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.

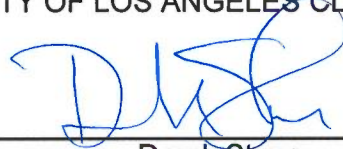
No such matters were discussed.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



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