

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 Claims of Miriam Khatchatryan**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Jovany Munoz v. County of Los Angeles.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-10110-JFW-GJS

This lawsuit alleges Americans with Disabilities Act and California Disabled Persons Act violations against the Sheriff's department and the Department of Public Work's for alleged failure to enforce parking restrictions.

Action Taken:

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

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**c. Camille Harris v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV12418**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

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

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**d. Carrie Couser v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV19733**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a clerk was subjected to retaliation and discrimination by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$290,000.

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 October 4, 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	Non-Litigated Claims of Miriam Khatchatryan v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a Sheriff's Department automobile accident involving Deputy Bonnie Hanson who rear-ended Claimant, Miriam Khatchatryan. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<i>Jovany Munoz v. County of Los Angeles</i>
CASE NUMBER	2:20-cv-10110-JFW-GJS
COURT	United States District Court Central District of California
DATE FILED	November 3, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department and Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Center for Disability Access
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Keever Muir
NATURE OF CASE	This is a complaint filed by plaintiff Jovany Munoz for injunctive relief and damages based on County's alleged violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Disabled Persons Act, California Civil Code section 54.3, et seq. He alleges that the County failed to accommodate his disability by refusing to enforce parking restrictions and allowing drivers to obstruct sidewalks and curbs with their vehicles on Hereford Drive in East Los Angeles.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 106,789
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,634

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Camille Harris v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV12418
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 30, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Victor Alexandroff, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile collision that occurred on August 24, 2019, when a patrol vehicle operated by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy collided with Plaintiffs' vehicle in the intersection of Slauson Avenue and La Cienega Boulevard. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 33,581
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,176

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2021

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:44 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: Shawn Luna, Richard Hsueh, Steven Edwards, Kevin Engeliem, Adrian Gragas, Jonathan McCaverty, Minas Samuelian, Richard Kudo, Stacey Lee, and Rick Brouwer; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays, and Jeff Howard; Sheriff's Department: Melynie Rivers, Shanese Winfrey, Kerry Carter, Jason Wolak, Michael Abbott, Geradette Montoya, Jose Rios, Antonio Leon, and Anne Devane; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel; and Outside Counsel: Gil Burkwitz, Jill Williams, Darren Pang, and Paul Berkowitz.

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 9:46 a.m., the Chair convened the meeting into closed session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(j).

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 12:23 p.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. Orlando Rouchon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-10029**

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations against the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,999.99.

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

b. **Desiree Grisham v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-08079

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations against the Sheriff's department while the plaintiff was incarcerated at the Century Regional Detention facility.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$38,000.

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

c. **Sohntee Webb v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-09353

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations against the Sheriff's department for injuries allegedly sustained at the Inmate Reception Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

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

d. **Jenny Youngnim Jung v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19AVCV00526

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department sergeant.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

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

e. **Marco Banderas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27953

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a sergeant with the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$61,000.

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

f. **Barry John Montgomery v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC692204

This lawsuit alleges assault, battery, and civil rights violations against Sheriff's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,750,000.

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

g. **Carmen A. Trutanich v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Court Case No. 20STCV09359

This lawsuit seeks reimbursement of legal expenses incurred in defending a State Bar disciplinary proceeding.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$225,000.

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

h. **Richard Gerald Hall III v. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV07297

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving an employee from the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$66,000.

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

i. **Carrie Wiley v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV22419

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$85,000.

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

j. **Judith Zissa v. County of Los Angeles**
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-10174

This class action lawsuit involves allegations that plaintiff and other social workers were not properly compensated by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,350,000.

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

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 20, 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 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.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



Derek Stane