



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 Los Angeles County Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, November 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**, via online conference call. Members of the public who would like to listen to the open sessions of the meeting may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 933 427 015#, at 9:30 a.m. on November 15, 2021.

Reports of actions taken in Closed Session. The Los Angeles County Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 11:10 a.m. Members of the public who would like to hear reportable actions taken on any Closed Session items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 933 427 015# at 11:15 a.m. on November 15, 2021. Please note that this time is an approximate start time and there may be a short delay before the Closed Session is concluded and the actions can be reported.

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 comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 2021. 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 supporting documents to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov.

If you would like more information, please contact Derek Stane at dstane@counsel.lacounty.gov.

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. Diane Earle, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP02645

This lawsuit alleges that the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Guardian failed to timely file a parent/child exemption form at the time of plaintiff's mother's death; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$23,032.94.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Lydia Buford, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19AVCVOQ244

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving an employee of the Department of Public Health; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$29,500.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Allen Laframboise v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV41524

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$92,500.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Krystal Reyes as Guardian Ad Litem for I.R. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-5209-GW-KS and 2:20-CV-40471

This lawsuit alleges that plaintiff's civil rights were violated while she was under the supervision of the Probation Department at the Eastlake Central Juvenile Hall; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$220,000.

- e. Maria Lopez v. UCLA Harbor Medical Group
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV22953

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to disability discrimination, failure to accommodate, and failure to prevent discrimination; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$50,000.

- f. Claim of Richard Doyle

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the District Attorney's office was subjected to retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$800,000.

- g. Alexa Stubblefield v. Los Angeles County
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCV08446

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an applicant for employment with both the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Mental Health was subjected to disability discrimination, unlawful medical inquiries, and failure to accommodate; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$250,000.

- h. Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS172865

This lawsuit involves the production of records by the Sheriff's Department under the California Public Records Act; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$265,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Approval of the minutes of the November 1, 2021, 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 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.

6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Diane Earle, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	21STCP02645
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 20, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Guardian
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 24,032.94
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Joel Simon, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Tomas Guterres, Collins+Collins,LLP Kevin J. Engeliem Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from the alleged breach of fiduciary duty of the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Guardian due to its alleged failure to timely file a Proposition 58 (Parent/Child) exemption on inherited residential property at the time of the Plaintiff's mother's death. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Lydia Buford, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19AVCV00244
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 25, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Health
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 29,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Donald Weissman, Esq. Weissman Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Yuan Chang Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises from a automobile collision that occurred on January 9, 2018, when a car operated by a Los Angeles County Department of Public Health employee rear-ended Plaintiffs' car. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is recommended
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 50,912
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 713

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Allen Laframboise v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV41524
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 26, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 92,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Thomas McGreal, Esq. Law Offices of John Ye
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan McCaverty Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff alleges that the vehicle he was driving was struck by a Sheriff's vehicle as it attempted to make a left turn onto Studebaker Road as it exited the parking lot of Coast Plaza Hospital in Norwalk. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 6,828
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,549

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS172865
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court/Stanley Mosk
DATE FILED	March 20, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 265,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Ms. Kelly A. Aviles Law Offices of Kelly A. Aviles 1502 Foothill Boulevard, Suite 103-140 La Verne, CA 91750
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard D. Bloom
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$265,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a petition for writ of mandamus filed by the Los Angeles Times (Times), seeking records requested in several California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests the Times submitted to the County. The requests in question concerned investigations and personnel records related to complaints of sexual misconduct and/or sexual assault occurring within the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office; two public records act manuals maintained by the County; electronic information on all homicide cases handled by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department over a sixteen-year period; work histories of eight specified Sheriff's Department employees; and e-mail addresses of all Sheriff's Department employees.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 269,447
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 23,084

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:45 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, Jessica Rivas, Kevin Engelen, and Timothy Kral; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays, and Bill Winter; Sheriff's Department: Melynie Rivers, Shanese Winfrey, and Michael Abbott; Department of Parks and Recreation: Devyne Dawson, Anush Gambaryan, and Brian Mejia; Outside Counsel: Jonathan Fang.

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 9:47 a.m., the Chair convened the meeting into closed session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(d).

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 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. Non-Litigated Claims of Edith Morgan, Sal Casola, and Jennifer Conrad

The claimants seek 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 recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$252,233.19.

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

b. Non-Litigated Claim of Patrick Lim, et al.

These claims seek 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 recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$140,354.83.

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

**c. Ashlee Lischke by Stephanie Lischke v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV05385**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$60,000.

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

**d. Mark Anthony Brown v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:15-CV-02162**

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations while plaintiff was in custody of the Sheriff's Department and was an inmate at the Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,000,000.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the October 18, 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 10:48 a.m.

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By *Derek Stane*
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