

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006, AT 8:00 AM

Present: Chairperson Maria M. Oms and John Krattli
Absent: Rocky Armfield

The following items were presented to the Claims Board for consideration and the Board took actions as indicated in bold.

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 addressed the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).
 - a. Indra Systems, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 323 293

This lawsuit concerns a breach of contract arising from a purchase order from the Internal Services Department.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Action Taken:

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- b. Victor Gamont v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 316 350

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Animal Care and Control was wrongfully terminated.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- c. Samuel Stella v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 322 735

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public and Social Services was subjected to racial harassment and discrimination.

Action Taken:

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. John Michael Brown v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 04-3789 DDP

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest by Sheriff's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. Joseph Burris v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 04-09967 RSWL

This lawsuit concerns allegations of use of excessive force by a Sheriff's deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$46,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- f. Rodney Steele, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 02-5981 GPS (Ssx)

This lawsuit seeks compensation for unlawful detainment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$67,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- g. Erika Cline, Dina Larabee, and Frank Cline v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 044 774

This lawsuit seeks damages for injuries received in a vehicle accident.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- h. Alameda Truck & Van Parts, Inc., A California Corp., et al.v. Erika Cline, Dina Larabee, and Frank Cline v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 312 566

This lawsuit seeks compensation for economic damages caused by the County's construction activities.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- i. A.D. General Engineering Construction, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 316 761

This lawsuit seeks compensation for additional work performed in the replacement of sanitary sewers.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$87,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- j. County of Los Angeles v. Accordis Inc., et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 340 582

Claim of HMS Holding Corp.

This lawsuit and claim concern payment for breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter whereby the County will receive approximately \$1,300,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- k. Mary Craig v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 05-01711 ER

This lawsuit seeks compensation for a death which occurred while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Action Taken:

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

- I. Marilyn and Kevin H. v. County of Los Angeles and Martin A. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. BC 319 625 and BC 327 883

These lawsuits concern allegations of abuse while in foster care.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$230,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Children and Family Services' budget.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

4. Approval of minutes for the meeting of the Claims Board of March 20, 2006.

Action Taken:

The Minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2006, were approved.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: Rocky Armfield

Vote: Unanimously carried

5. 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.

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.