

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, OCTOBER 1, 2007, AT 8:00 AM

Present: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield and John Krattli

The following items were presented to the Claims Board for consideration and the Claims 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. David Canchola v. County of Los Angeles
LASC Case No. BC 338 451

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Health was subjected to disability discrimination.

Action Taken:

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- b. Claudia Gonzalez v. County of Los Angeles
OAAC Charge No. IN 06-0331

This claim concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Social Services was subjected to sexual harassment.

Action Taken:

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

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Joanne Williams v. County of Los Angeles
USDC Case No. CV-06-1766 DSF (JTLx)

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to race and gender discrimination.

Action Taken:

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

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Padma Narasimhan v. County of Los Angeles
LASC Case No. TC 018 955

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to race, age, gender, and disability discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$313,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. MedQuist Transcriptions, Ltd

This matter concerns a potential contract claim by the County of Los Angeles arising from the provision of transcription services at County health facilities.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter whereby the County will receive a credit of \$126,412.20 toward future transcription services.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Document](#)

- f. Thomas M. Smith, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
LASC No. BC 355 204

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Children and Family Services failed to notify a parent of his daughter's dependency status.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$225,000 and the forgiveness of \$91,500 of child support debt and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Children and Family Services' budget.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Document](#)

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 for the September 17, 2007, meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Minutes of September 17, 2007, were approved.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[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 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.