

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 3, 2005, AT 8:00 AM

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

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. Claim of Xiang Li

This claim seeks compensation for damages caused by a damaged storm drain.

Action Taken

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$57,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- b. Meronica Franklin v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 324 567

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation was subjected to sexual harassment.

Action Taken

The Claims Board continued this matter to the next meeting.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- c. Woodrow Cox v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 305 717

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Probation Department was subjected to discrimination and harassment based on physical disability and age.

Action Taken

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. Jose Castro v. County of Los Angeles
Long Beach Superior Court Case No. NC 034 931

This lawsuit concerns allegations of legal malpractice by the Los Angeles County Public Defender.

Action Taken

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$42,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. People of the State of New York by Eliot Sptizer, Attorney General of New York v. Aon Corporation and Related Actions
Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County
Index No. 05-400726

This class action lawsuit concerns the improper payment of contingent commissions to insurance carriers.

Action Taken

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter whereby the County will receive approximately \$23,713.12 89,234 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved;
Rocky Armfield Abstained

- f. Veronica Oliveros, Jesus Oliveros v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 013 770

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient while hospitalized at the Harbor/UCLA Medical Center.

Action Taken

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,500,000 plus assumption of the Medi-Cal lien not to exceed \$155,334 plus waiver of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's bill in the amount of \$66,426 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

See Supporting Document

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- g. Lizbeth Quintero, a minor, by and through her Guardian Ad Litem, Cecilia Herrera, Cecilia Herrera and Jose Quintero v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 033 989

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from injuries sustained during the birth of a patient at Olive View/UCLA Medical Center.

Action Taken

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,600,000, plus assumption of the Medi-Cal lien not to exceed \$58,725.23 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

See Supporting Document

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- h. Jereatha J. Thomas v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 017 979

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the death of a patient following her transfer from King/Drew Medical Center.

Action Taken

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$195,000, plus assumption of the Medi-Cal lien not to exceed \$2,390 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

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 minutes for the meeting of the Claims Board of August 1, 2005 and September 19, 2005.

Action Taken:

The Minutes for the meetings of August 1, 2005 and September 19, 2005, were approved.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

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.