

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE SPECIAL 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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006, AT 8:00 AM

Present: Chairperson Maria 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. Elvira Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 03-6883 RSWL

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$175,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- b. PharmChem Inc. v. County of Los Angeles
Norwalk Superior Court Case No. VC 044 584

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a breach of contract regarding drug abuse testing services for the Probation Department.

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: John F. Krattli

Vote: Unanimously carried

- c. Ramon S. Melendez v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC 042 307

This lawsuit concerns payment for life saving medical services provided by the County of Los Angeles.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter whereby the County will receive up to \$66,143.00 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. County of Los Angeles v. Sandra Shewry and State Department of Health Services
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 090 939

This lawsuit concerns payments under the State Medi-Cal program.

Action Taken

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter whereby the County will receive approximately \$365,714 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. Donato Garcia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 288 712

This lawsuit seeks compensation for alleged defamatory statements made by two County employees.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Approved by Rocky Armfield and John Krattli;
Maria M. Oms abstained

- f. Benjamin Gonzalez v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC 043 505

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries arising from an automobile accident with an Internal Services Department vehicle.

Action Taken:

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- g. Linda Alegria v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 044 503

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries arising from a vehicle accident with a Sheriff's patrol unit.

Action Taken

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter to accept payment in the amount of \$150,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget

[See Supporting Document](#)

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- h. Martin Davis v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 295 561

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries sustained by the plaintiff while placed in a holding cell.

[See Supporting Document](#)

Action Taken:

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- i. Richard Duran v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 322 873

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

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: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- j. William Gardner v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 319 183

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

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: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- k. Linda Labon-Banks v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 314 293
(Department of Health Services)

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

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: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- I. Wallace McCabe v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 318 270

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the District Attorney's Office was subjected to employment discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$130,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the District Attorney's Office budget.

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. Adjournment.