

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, NOVEMBER 16, 2009, AT 9:30 AM

Present: Rocky Armfield, John Krattli and John Naimo
(Mr. Armfield left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.)

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.
3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).

- a. Rosa Bellini v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 022 546

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual harassment by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement in the amount of \$90,000.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- b. Darnell Wheat v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 380 785

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Children and Family Services failed to adequately protect a dependent of the Juvenile Court.

(Continued from the meeting of October 5, 2009.)

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this matter.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- c. Claim of DePuy Shine, Johnson and Johnson Company

This claim arises from the loss or theft of a vendor's surgical medical supplies that were in the custody and control of the LAC+USC medical center.

(Continued from the meeting of October 5, 2009.)

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this matter.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- d. Ruben Romero, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 043 490

This medical negligence/wrongful death lawsuit arises from treatment received by a patient while hospitalized at the Olive View Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this matter.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- e. Jaelyn Mancinas and Claudia Chavez v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 044 264

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from treatment received by a patient and her mother at the Olive View Medical Center.
(Continued from the special meeting of November 9, 2009.)

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this matter.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- f. Mark Warr and Roberto Fidani v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 392 267

This lawsuit concerns allegations of misconduct and retaliation by employees of the Fire Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this matter.

Absent: Rocky Armfield

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 the minutes for the October 5, 2009, regular meeting of the Claims Board, and the October 23, 2009 and November 9, 2009, special meetings of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The minutes for the October 5, 2009, regular meeting of the Claims Board, and the October 23, 2009 and November 9, 2009, special meetings of the Claims Board were approved.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

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.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Rosa Bellini v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	Case No. TC 022546
COURT	Compton Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 28, 2008
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 90,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Anthony De Los Reyes
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Gordon W. Trask
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Rosa Bellini alleges that she was sexually harassed by a Sheriff's Department Sergeant during a traffic stop. The Sheriff's Department conducted an investigation which substantiated Ms. Bellini's allegations.</p> <p>Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$90,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 31,476
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 599



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	<u>Rosa Bellini v. County of Los Angeles</u> (Summary Corrective Action Plan #2009-017) Thursday, May 29, 2008; 4:30 a.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On Thursday, November 13, 2008, the plaintiff filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and one individual member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In her lawsuit, the plaintiff alleged she was the victim of criminal misconduct committed by a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in the course and scope of his employment.

1. Briefly describe the root cause of the claim/lawsuit:

A public entity is responsible for the intentional and negligent acts of its employees when the acts are committed in the course and scope of their employment.

In the plaintiff's lawsuit, she alleged that on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at approximately 4:30 a.m., she was the victim of sexual harrasment committed by a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department during the execution of a traffic enforcement stop in the city of Compton.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions, if appropriate.)

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedures/protocols in effect at the time of this incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum sufficiently addresses the circumstances which occurred in this incident.


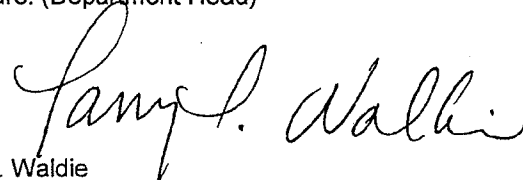
Appropriate administrative action was taken.

A full and final settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs and a potential jury verdict which may exceed the recommended settlement amount.

County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has Countywide implications.
- Potentially has implications to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).
- Does not appear to have Countywide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator)  David J. Long, Captain Risk Management Bureau	Date: 11-5-09
Signature: (Department Head)  Larry L. Waldie Undersheriff	Date: 11-09-09

REVISED
CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Darnell Wheat v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	56-2008-00327558-CU-PP-SIM
COURT	Ventura County Superior Court
DATE FILED	11/15/2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 42,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Christopher J. Keane Law Offices of Christopher Keane (415) 398-2777
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lauren M. Black Social Services Division (213) 974-0695
NATURE OF CASE	Darnell Wheat alleges that, as a result of the County's failure to adequately protect his son while he was a dependent of the Juvenile Court, his son was beaten to death by the boyfriend of the minor's biological mother.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 100,474
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,872



Summary Corrective Action Plan Department of Children and Family Services



The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	February 4, 2004 through August 8, 2006
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Minor died as the result of abuse by his mother's boyfriend.

1. Briefly describe the root cause of the claim/lawsuit:


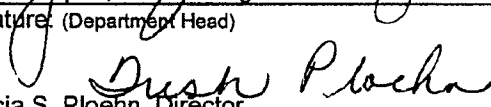
The root cause(s) of this claim/lawsuit is (are):
staff violations of established policies.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Corrective actions to address root cause
The process non-conformance was referred to Performance Management for review and action. All appropriate personnel action was taken.

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has County-wide implications.
- Potentially has implications to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).
- Does not appear to have County-wide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator)  Jennifer Lopez, Risk Management Division Chief	Date: 7/28/2009
Signature: (Department Head)  Patricia S. Ploehn, Director	Date: 8-7-09

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

CASE NAME	DePuy Spine, Johnson and Johnson Company
CASE NUMBER	None
COURT	None
DATE FILED	January 21, 2009
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$235,992
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	None
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Eva Vera-Morrow
NATURE OF CASE	Breach of Contract -- LAC+USC acknowledges receipt of vendor's products. Products were lost or stolen while in the custody and control of LAC+USC.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$7,500.00
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	None



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	Between May 17 to 19, 2008
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Upon request, on Saturday, May 17, the vendor, DePuy Spine, J&J Company, delivered instrumentation trays for a May 19 spine surgery. The trays included expensive newly designed implants. On that same day, facility staff wrapped and sterilized the trays and stored them in the Central Processing Unit (CPU) in preparation for the surgery.</p> <p>The morning of the surgery, the trays were missing from the CPU. A search located two unwrapped trays; however four trays were missing and could not be located.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause of the claim/lawsuit:

Lack of security in the CPU.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- Relocated vendor representative room to a location adjacent to the CPU main desk.
- Implemented the practice of keeping the vendor representative room locked at all times.
- Improved the latch/locking mechanism on the vendor representative room door.
- Required that vendors be allowed access only when accompanied by staff.
- Trained CPU staff and vendors regarding these changes.
- Ceased vendor access to the CPU between 11:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Notified the County Police, vendors, and staff that the CPU was closed to vendors between 11:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Revised the facility's Vendor Visiting Policy

The following were implemented after the CPU moved to a new location:

- Required that vendors check in at the CPU window and present the vendor badge issued by Materials Management.
- Locked the vendor representative room.
- Required that vendors only be given access when accompanied by staff.
- Developed a Nursing Policy on "Borrowed or Consigned Instruments".

System-wide Corrective Action

- Conducted a system-wide survey and confirmed that other departmental facilities with operating rooms secure loaned equipment; require vendors to check in and be issued a visitor's badge; have either a policy or procedure for logging in loaned equipment and keeping it secure; staff accompany vendors while they are in the operating room; and that the policies and/or procedures are consistent.

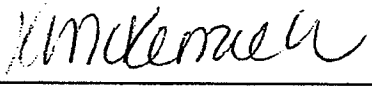
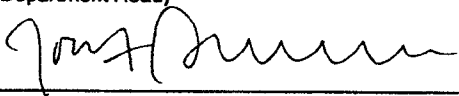
REVISED

County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:

(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has County-wide implications.
- Potentially has implications to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).
- Does not appear to have County-wide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) 	Date: 10/14/09
Signature: (Department Head) 	Date: 10-19-09

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ruben Romero, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	PC 043490
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Northeast District
DATE FILED	September 18, 2008
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 382,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	George Royce, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On October 8, 2007, Maria Irazabal, was admitted to Olive View Medical Center complaining of right upper abdominal pain with nausea and vomiting. An ultrasound was performed and the patient was diagnosed with multiple gallstones and inflammation of the gallbladder. Ms. Irazabal underwent laparoscopic cholecystectomy procedure, which proved to be difficult and complicated.</p> <p>On October 17, 2007, Ms. Irazabal was re-admitted to Olive View Medical Center. Another diagnostic procedure was</p>

performed and the patient was suspected of having a tear in her small intestine.

As the patient's condition deteriorated, various medical consultations were requested and the patient was then re-operated on. She was taken to the ICU following surgery and was noted to have multiple organ failure. Despite the resuscitative efforts, she died on October 23, 2007.

Ms. Irazabal's surviving family filed a wrongful death action against the County of Los Angeles, alleging that the staff at Olive View Medical Center negligently treated Maria Irazabal.

The County proposes to settle this case in the amount of \$382,500.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	35,090.50
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	7,647.79

Summary Corrective Action Plan



Date of incident/event:	October 17, 2007
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On October 8, 2007, Maria Irazabal was admitted to Olive View/UCLA Medical Center complaining of right upper abdominal pain with nausea and vomiting. An ultrasound was performed and Ms. Irazabal was diagnosed with multiple gallstones and inflammation of the gallbladder. Ms. Irazabal underwent a laparoscopic cholecystectomy procedure, which was difficult and complicated. On October 17, 2007, Ms. Irazabal was re-admitted to the hospital and underwent another procedure at which time it was suspected that she may have a perforation in the small intestine. As her condition deteriorated, various medical consultants were requested and Ms. Irazabal was taken back to surgery. Following surgery she was taken to the ICU and was noted to have multiple system organ failure. Despite resuscitative efforts, she died on October 23, 2007.

1. Briefly describe the root cause of the claim/lawsuit:

- Delay in surgery

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- Appropriate personnel corrective actions were done
- Resident supervision was monitored system-wide

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has County-wide implications.
- Potentially has implications to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).
- Does not appear to have County-wide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) <i>K McKemmel</i>	Date: 10/1/09
Signature: (Interim Chief Medical Officer) <i>R Splawn</i>	Date: 10/1/09
Signature: (Interim Director) <i>G M. [Signature]</i>	Date: 10/1/09

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jaelyn Mancinas and Claudia Chavez v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	PC 044264
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Northeast District
DATE FILED	December 18, 2008
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 5,920,488 plus the assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$80,139.46
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Peter McNulty, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 22, 2008, Claudia Chavez, who was pregnant with twins, was admitted to Olive View Medical Center. The staff began monitoring her closely.</p> <p>On April 25, 2008, at around 4:00 p.m., Jaelyn Mancinas' (one of the twins), fetal monitor tracings showed a concerning pattern. The staff examined the patient and continued to monitor her. The concerning pattern on the monitor resolved at 4:30 p.m., but retained later. The staff continued to monitor the mother.</p>

Since the fetal monitoring strips continued showing concerning patterns, at about 2:17 a.m., on April 26, 2008, Ms. Chavez was taken to the operating room for an urgent Cesarean section. Jaelyn was delivered, but was diagnosed as having injuries caused by lack of oxygen to her brain.

Jaelyn Mancinas filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles contending that the Olive View Medical Center staff failed to comply with the standard of care and delayed performing a Cesarean section.

Claudia Chavez, Jaelyn's mother, also brought an action against the County of Los Angeles for the emotional distress which she experienced during the birth of her daughter, Jaelyn.

The County proposes to settle this case in the amount of \$5,920,488 plus the assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$80,139.46.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	\$124,310
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	24,512.74

Summary Corrective Action Plan



Date of incident/event:	April 26, 2008
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On April 22, 2008, Claudia Chavez, who was pregnant with twins, was admitted to Olive View/UCLA Medical Center. The staff began monitoring her closely. On April 25, 2008, at approximately 4:00 PM, one twin's fetal monitor tracing showed a concerning pattern. Staff examined the patient and continued to monitor her. The pattern resolved at 4:30 PM, but returned later. Staff continued to monitor. Since the fetal monitoring strips continued to show a concerning pattern, at approximately 2:17 AM on April 26, 2008, Ms. Chavez was taken to the operating room for a cesarean delivery. One twin was diagnosed with brain injury due to lack of oxygen.

1. Briefly describe the root cause of the claim/lawsuit:


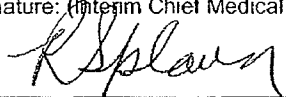
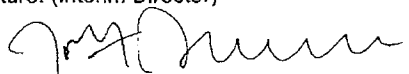
- Delay in performing a cesarean section

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- Appropriate personnel corrective actions were done
- A new policy was developed for consultation of the attending on call and the mandatory consultation policy was revised to include perinatology consultation.
- All other DHS hospitals were surveyed and determined to have satisfactory policies for physician consultation
- A policy was revised for the process of obtaining uncrossmatched blood.
- All other DHS hospitals were surveyed and determined to have satisfactory policies and procedures for obtaining uncrossmatched blood.
- System put in place for remote access to documents
- All applicable DHS hospitals have remote access to documents
- Fetal monitor competence testing was conducted at the facility
- Fetal monitor competence testing was conducted system wide for applicable DHS hospitals

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has County-wide implications.
- Potentially has implications to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).
- Does not appear to have County-wide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) 	Date: 10/1/09
Signature: (Interim Chief Medical Officer) 	Date: 10/1/09
Signature: (Interim Director) 	Date: 10/1/09

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

October 5, 2009

1. Call to Order.

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:34 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Rocky Armfield, John F. Krattli, and John Naimo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian, Eva Vera-Morrow, Manuel A. Valenzuela, Jr., Mary Wickham, Donna Koch, Lauren Black, and Gary Gross; Office of Affirmative Action: David Kim; Office of the Public Defender: Ruben Marquez; Probation Department: Tracy Jordan-Johnson; Department of Health Services: Kim McKenzie, Bonnie Billitch, Evelyn Szeto, Myrlene Decatur, and Todd Bowers; Department of Children and Family Services: Michelle Victor, George Smith, and Lynne Bowles Condon; Department of Mental Health: Shelli Amber Weeks; Outside Counsel: Elizabeth M. Kessel.

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.

George E. Adeeb addressed the Claims Board regarding Item 4(b).

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

At 9:40 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(f) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 12:57 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

- a. Rafael Alarcon and Maria Alarcon v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 398 372
This lawsuit concerns the care provided to a patient at the
LAC+USC Medical Center – Ingleside Psychiatric Hospital;
settlement is recommended in the amount of \$395,000.
(Continued from the meeting of August 18, 2009.)

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors
the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$395,000.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all
members being present.**

- b. Claim of DePuy Shine, Johnson and Johnson Company

This claim arises from the loss or theft of a vendor's surgical
medical supplies that were in the custody and control of the
LAC+USC medical center; settlement is recommended in the
amount of \$235,992.

The Claims Board continued this matter.

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all
members being present.**

- c. Carlos Fargas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 407 464

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a former employee of the
Department of Mental Health was subjected to racial and sexual
harassment and retaliation; settlement is recommended in the
amount of \$75,000.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the
amount of \$75,000.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all
members being present.**

- d. Stephen Galindo v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 07-07911

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Public Defender's office was discriminated against based on his disability and religious beliefs.

The Claims Board authorized a statutory offer. The substance of the settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry if the offer is accepted.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- e. Darnell Wheat v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 380 785

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Children and Family Services failed to adequately protect a dependent of the Juvenile Court.

The Claims Board continued this matter.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- f. Sara Bajkowski v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 041 654

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from injuries received in a slip and fall at a housing unit at a juvenile hall.

The Claims Board authorized a statutory offer. The substance of the settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry if the offer is accepted.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the September 21, 2009, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

The Minutes for the September 21, 2009, regular meeting of the Claims Board were approved.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By


Renee F. Mendoza

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

October 23, 2009

1. Call to Order.

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:14 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Rocky Armfield, John F. Krattli, and John Naimo. Mr. Naimo left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Brian Chu, Warren Wellen, and Karen Lichtenberg; Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures: Kurt Floren; Department of Animal Care and Control: Patricia Learned; Department of Public Works: Mike Hays, Robert Swartz, and Shawn Danaei; Outside Counsel: Clay Averbuck of Monroy, Averbuck & Gysler.

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).

At 8:17 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(e) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 11:05 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

- a. Arleen Griffith v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 018 450

This lawsuit arises from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$2,853,029.38.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,853,029.38.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- b. William Watson v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 019 749

This lawsuit arises from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Animal Care and Control; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$50,000.

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

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- c. Southern California Edison Company v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC 098 030

This lawsuit seeks compensation for damage to an underground power line caused by the excavation of a trench by the Department of Public Works; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$35,000.

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

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with John Naimo being absent.

- d. Ara and Georgette Boyajian v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 379 922

This lawsuit seeks compensation for damage caused by a sewer back-up; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$492,545.99.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board disapproved the proposed settlement of this matter in the amount of \$492,545.99

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- e. Lechuza Villas West, LLC v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 112 115

This lawsuit concerns the construction by the Department of Public Works of a rock wall on private property; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$70,000. (Continued from the meeting of August 3, 2009.)

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with John Naimo being absent.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By


Michelle Ramelot

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

November 9, 2009

1. Call to Order.

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:31 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Rocky Armfield and John Naimo. John Krattli was absent.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian and Ed Benveniste; Department of Health Services: Dr. William Loos and Kim McKenzie; Outside Counsel: George Peterson.

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).

At 8:36 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the item listed as 4(a) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 11:05 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session. The meeting was recessed until 3:00 p.m. At 3:01 the meeting was reconvened.

At 3:05 the Claims Board reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

- a. Jaelyn Mancinas and Claudia Chavez v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 044 264

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from treatment received by a patient and her mother at the Olive View Medical Center.

Action Taken:

This Claims Board continued this matter.

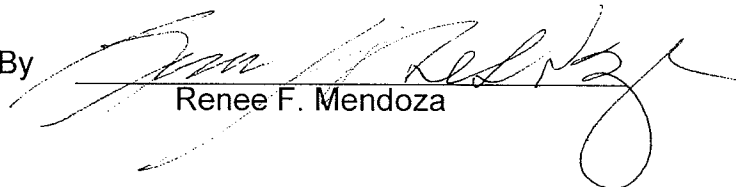
The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with John Krattli being absent.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renee F. Mendoza", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends to the right of the line.

Renee F. Mendoza