

**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 16, 2012, AT 9:30 AM**

Present: Chair John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser and Patrick Wu

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. **Rahul Sheth v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 464 946**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was wrongfully discharged based on discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$97,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 - Laurie Milhiser and Patrick Wu  
Noes: 1 - John Naimo

**b. Michael Rogne v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 412 936**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of age discrimination against a former employee of the Department of Health Services, which allegedly led to his early retirement.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$55,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

**c. Lela Bohannon v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 11-05251**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Community and Senior Services failed to properly compensate employees for overtime under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

**d. Rlynn Smith-Thomas v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 11-05249**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Community and Senior Services failed to properly compensate employees for overtime under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$32,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

e. **Jesse Rivas v. County of Los Angeles**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 11-08538**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Community and Senior Services failed to properly compensate employees for overtime under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$32,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

f. **Jose Troconis v. County of Los Angeles**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 08-04289**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Community and Senior Services failed to properly compensate employees for overtime under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

g. **Khosrov Tavitian v. County of Los Angeles**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 11-09777**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Community and Senior Services failed to properly compensate employees for overtime under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$68,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

**h. Jorge Salcedo v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 11-09775**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Community and Senior Services failed to properly compensate employees for overtime under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$68,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

**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 of the April 5, 2012, special meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser, and Patrick Wu

[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.**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**APRIL 5, 2012**

**1. Call to Order.**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:00 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: John Naimo, Laurie Milhiser; with Patrick Wu being absent.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian and Rosemarie Belda; Department of Health Services: Nicholas Testa, Bonnie Billitch, Irene Recendez, Kim McKenzie and Karen M. Lampert.

**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 8:01 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(b) below.

**4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

At 8:32 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Denise Hines, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 445 797**

**This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient while hospitalized at Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center.**

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount \$299,999, plus the assumption of the Medicare lien in the estimated amount of \$38,875.22.

Vote: Ayes: 2 - John Naimo and Laurie Milhiser  
Absent: Patrick Wu

- b. **Rene Wolf v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 447 785; and**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 09-03601**

**This lawsuit concerns allegations of retaliation by an employee of the Office of Public Safety.**

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 2 - John Naimo and Laurie Milhiser  
Absent: Patrick Wu

5. **Approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2012, and April 2, 2012, regular meetings of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes of both meetings.

Vote: Ayes: 2 - John Naimo and Laurie Milhiser  
Absent: Patrick Wu

6. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By Carol J. Slosson  
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