

**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
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013, AT 9:30 AM**

Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, 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. **Timothy Smith v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-05958**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies on an inmate.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$59,999.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

**b. Ronald Teeman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 052 118**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force by an off-duty Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Pat Wu

[See Supporting Documents](#)

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 September 16, 2013, meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Timothy Smith vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 12-05958
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	July 11, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 59,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	The Cochran Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Timothy Smith alleges that his federal civil rights were violated when he was subjected to excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies in the County Jail.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that the force used was reasonable and in response to Mr. Smith's resistance.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of the litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$59,999 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 61,203
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,585

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ronald Teeman vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	PC052118
COURT	North Valley District - Chatsworth
DATE FILED	December 13, 2011
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Joseph Avrahamy, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Ronald Teeman alleges that he was wrongfully shot at by an off-duty Sheriff's Deputy as Mr. Teeman was leaving a parking lot where he had damaged the Deputy's car.</p> <p>Due to the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 136,057
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 30,856

Case Name: **Ronald Teeman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**



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:	Friday, August 20, 2010; approximately 10:30 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Ronald Teeman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan No. 2013-024</p> <p>On Friday, August 20, 2010, at approximately 10:30 p.m., the plaintiff's vehicle collided with the unoccupied personal vehicle of an off-duty Los Angeles County deputy sheriff in the parking lot adjacent to 25323 Chiquella Lane, Stevenson Ranch (unincorporated Los Angeles County). Following a brief argument, the deputy sheriff discharged his service weapon in the direction of the plaintiff.</p>

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

In his lawsuit, the plaintiff alleged excessive force committed by a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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 the incident.

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

This case was thoroughly investigated by representatives of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and reviewed by representatives from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the County of Los Angeles Office of Independent Review. As a result, appropriate administrative action was imposed upon one member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

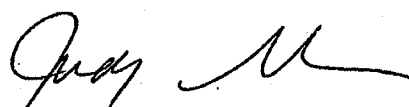
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County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

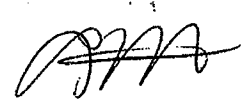
3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
 No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Judy A. Gerhardt, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 9/6/13

Name: (Department Head) Glen Dragovich, Division Director Administrative and Training Division	
Signature: 	Date: 9/16/13

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) LEO COSTANTINO	
Signature: 	Date: 9/23/13

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2013

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 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, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Talin Halabi and Richard Kudo; Department of Public Works: James Sparks and Michael Hays; and Sheriff's Department: Lt. Patrick Hunter and Sgt. Bruce Cantley.

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 9:34 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 10:27 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Accent Builders, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 486 315**

This lawsuit seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for additional work performed during the course of a construction project.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$64,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

**b. George Norton v. Nick Vavakin, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2012-00575201**

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

5. Approval of the minutes of the August 19, 2013, meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

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 10:30 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Carol J. Slosson