



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

John Naimo
Auditor-Controller
Steve Robles
Chief Executive Office
Roger H. Granbo
Office of the County Counsel

NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, May 2, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are 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. Terry Muhammad v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-01228

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, false arrest, and wrongful incarceration by Sheriff's Deputies; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$49,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Non-Litigated Claim of Julio and Christina Munoz

This claim seeks compensation from the Sheriff's Department for real and personal property damage allegedly caused by chemical agents deployed in order to apprehend a suspect barricaded in Claimants' house; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$24,653.27.

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. Non-Litigated Claim of Stanley and Rosemary Wong

This claim seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for real and personal property damage allegedly caused from a backflow of sewage due to a sewer mainline blockage; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$82,696.78.

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
5. Approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[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.
7. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Terry Muhammad v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 15-01228
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 19, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department/MTA Trust
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 49,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Adam Axelrad, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$49,000, the lawsuit filed by Terry Muhammad alleging she was unlawfully detained, searched, arrested, and incarcerated in violation of her civil rights.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of 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 \$49,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 27,551
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,200

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Julio and Christina Munoz
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	September 29, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 24,653.27
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lindsay Yoshiyama, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim is for damages to Claimants' real and personal property caused by Sheriff's Deputies while apprehending a criminal suspect at the Claimants' residence. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Stanley and Rosemary Wong
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	June 19, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 82,696.78
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lindsay Yoshiyama, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a blocked sewer mainline that caused a sewage backflow into Claimants' residence and damaged their real and personal property. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 2016

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:32 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: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Rosa Linda Cruz, Craig Hoetger, and Anthony Morrone.

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 9:33 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 10:00 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

- a. L.A. Builders, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 549 947

This breach of contract lawsuit against the Department of Parks and Receptions concerns a capital project construction contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$254,793.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

- b. David Dunbar v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 520 276

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Social Services was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$295,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

5. Approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

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.

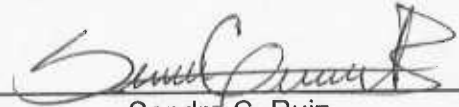
No such matters were discussed.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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