

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
SPROUL ROOM, 13200 CLARKSDALE AVENUE, NORWALK,
CALIFORNIA 90650

ON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Marcel Rodarte and Michael Egan

Alternates Present: Reve Feldman, Patrick Kearney, and Steve Mandoki

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund 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. William Fetters v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 437875

This lawsuit involves excessive force shooting and civil rights violations by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Marcel Rodarte and Michael Egan

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

- a. Corozon Alvir v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 543100

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Rosa Linda Bellman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 545771

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Leeza Nelly De Santiago v. Monty Rankin Buckallew, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 586383

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Allison Ewart v. Gillian Verner, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 522492

This lawsuit concerns allegations of vehicular negligence by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. Terry Smoot, Jr. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV-16-02626

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and excessive force by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

6. Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2017, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Marcel Rodarte and Michael Egan

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. 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.

8. Other Business.

None

9. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	William Fetters v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 437875
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 17, 2010
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert R. Shiri Law Offices of Robert R. Shiri
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$40,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities federal civil rights lawsuit filed by William Fetters, alleging excessive force.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that the force used was reasonable and in response to Mr. Fetters' actions.</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 \$40,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 862,049
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 134,339

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND
CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 12, 2017

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris at 1:14 p.m. The meeting was held in the Community Meeting Center, Sproul Room, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, At-Large; Mark Alexander, East Division; Michael Egan, South Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Doug Prichard, At-Large; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association; **Alternates:** Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; Steve Mandoki, Central Division; David Spence, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Jennifer Lehman, Assistant County Counsel; Ruben Baeza, Assistant County Counsel; Keith Swensson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jackie Guevarra, Auditor-Controller; Jung Son, Auditor-Controller; Jim Godsey, Auditor-Controller; Amy Chiang, Auditor-Controller; Linda Hurley, Auditor-Controller; Chris Kang, Auditor-Controller; **Attendees:** James Bozajian, North Division; Jose Pulido, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Karen Bartak, President, Bedford Falls Insurance; Alan Boring, Managing Director, Wells Fargo Insurance Services; Victoria Diaz, Account Executive, Wells Fargo Insurance Services; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Silvia Hernandez, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Denise Covell, Office Assistant; Lam Le, Financial Analyst; Jennifer Fullerton, Administrative Analyst.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 1:15 p.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

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

- a. Essam Assaad v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-09233

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Marcel Rodarte,
Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek,
and Michael Egan

- b. Susan Berry, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-09715

This lawsuit involves allegations of excessive force shooting and wrongful death by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$3.3 Million.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Marcel Rodarte,
Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek,
and Michael Egan

- c. Laurel Forrest v. Deputy Robin Soukup, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 025025

This lawsuit involves excessive force and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$36,250.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Marcel Rodarte,
Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek,
and Michael Egan

4. **Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. Corozon Alvior v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 543100

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Luis Arias v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-02170

This lawsuit involves excessive force shooting and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Rosa Linda Bellman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 545771

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Rabecca Lynn Braden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 499223

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. Leeza Nelly De Santiago v. Monty Rankin Buckallew, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 586383

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- f. Allison Ewart v. Gillian Verner, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 522492

This lawsuit concerns allegations of vehicular negligence by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- g. Louise Olin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 551857

This lawsuit concerns allegations of vehicular negligence by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 2:41 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

6. Approval of the Minutes for March 8, 2017, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Marcel Rodarte, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, Michael Egan, Mark Alexander, and Margaret Finlay

7. **Items Not on the Posted Agenda, to be Referred to Staff or Placed on the Agenda for Action at a Further Meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims 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**

None

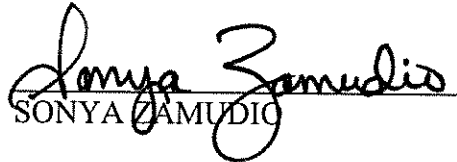
8. **Other Business**

None

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


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