



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **June 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Posada Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and Via Teleconference.**

### **TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS**

**La Canada Flintridge City Hall, One Civic Center Drive, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 (818) 790-8880**

**Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91355 (661) 259-2489**

**Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 (562)929-5700**

**West Hollywood City Hall CONF 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor CMD Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069 (323) 848-6400**

**Paramount City Hall, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 (562) 220-2000**

**Maywood City Hall, 4319 E Slauson Ave., Maywood, CA 90270 (323) 562-5700**

In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Agency Clerk at (562) 467-8736. Notification 48 hours before the meeting will enable the Authority to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.  
(28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

You may submit public comment by e-mail at [vruiz@cjpia.org](mailto:vruiz@cjpia.org) or by mail to:  
Attention: Contract Cities Claims Board Agenda, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2026. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to listen to open sessions of the meeting may call the California JPIA's teleconference number **at 1 (669) 254-5252**.

**Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://cjpia-org.zoomgov.com/j/1606695339?pwd=psz8HU3gvmAgav5FbSvgRV0S1zCRSc.1>

Meeting ID: 160 669 5339

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call.
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.

a. **Filing of CCP 998 and FRCP 68 offers for Contract Cities cases**

b. **Corey Crittenden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

United States District Court Case No. 2:25-CV-02852

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations, use of excessive force, Monell liability arising from a non-fatal deputy-involved shooting.

4. Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

a. **Christopher Mercurio, Estate of, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**

United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-11089

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, interference with familial relationship and Monell liability, arising from a fatal deputy-involved shooting.

b. **Curtis Markson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

United States District Court Case No. 5:25-CV-01275

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of

excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, First Amendment interference/retaliation, Monell liability, false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, assault, battery, negligent infliction of emotional distress, violation of Bane Act and Ralph Act.

- c. **Ledezma Perez, Fernanda v. State of California, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV01687

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

- d. **Marco Pinhero v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV01993

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

- e. **Marisela Salazar, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00152

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

- f. **Marlon Torres, et al. v. AutoZone Inc., et al.**  
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-05103

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, battery, assault, negligence, infliction of emotional distress, defamation and slander.

- g. **Richard New v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24CHCV01311

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the May 20, 2026, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

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7. Other Business

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8. Adjournment

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

May 20, 2026

**1. Call to Order**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Chair James Bozajian at 11:12 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Buena Vista Room, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and via-teleconference.**

**Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members:** James Bozajian, Chair, North Division; Bryan Cook, Vice Chair, Member At-Large; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; John Moreno, South Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Christopher Lopez, Central Division; John Erickson, North Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division; Kelly Honig, At Large; . **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager, CEO; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Keever Rhodes Muir, Assistant County Counsel; Nena Vuong, Deputy County Counsel; Steven Rich, Deputy County Counsel; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Alan Liu, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brenda Sema, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joseph Fendor, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Juan Briseno, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Quiana Penn, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Meza, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Walid Ashrafnia, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jenn Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Tania Giggles, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Nicholas Vallozi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Yolanda Figueroa, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Kusayanagi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Victor Puebla, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Robert Hahnlein, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ron Kopperud, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. **Attendees:** Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Grohler, Protelligent, Inc.; Kelly Duncan, Outside Counsel; Tony Sain, Outside Counsel; Sanaz Rashidi, Outside Counsel; Robert Kahn, Outside Counsel; Angela Powell, Outside

Counsel; Angela Parayno, Outside Counsel. **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Alex Smith, CEO; Chris Gray, Manager; Chris Kustra, Liability Program Mnager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Paul Zeligovitch, COO; Ben Rodriguez, Technology Project Manager; Jennifer Torres, 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 11:17 a.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. **Jacy Houseton, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
United Stated District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06887

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, use of excessive force, false arrest, Monell liability, assault and battery, negligence, violation of Bane Act.

**Action Taken:**

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$3,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Daniel Jordan and Christopher Lopez.

- b. **Teresa Nguyen Huynh v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NNCV02780  
(Consolidated with Nationwide Insurance Company of America vs. County of Los Angeles Case No. 24STLC03833

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

**Action taken:**

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$135,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Daniel Jordan and Christopher Lopez.

- c. **Edgar Noel Limon v. Amavel Aji Garfitas, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV13676

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

**Action taken:**

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$450,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Daniel Jordan and Christopher Lopez.

- d. **Estate of Edgar Ortiz, et al., v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV01015

This lawsuit concerns allegations of state civil rights violations, assault and battery, wrongful death, negligence, negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress, violations of Bane Act and Ralph Act, arising from a fatal deputy-involved shooting.

**Action taken:**

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$675,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Daniel Jordan and Christopher Lopez.

*Presentation on the Use of FRCP 68 Offers of Judgment and CCP 998 Offers to Compromise as strategic tools to maximize settlement pressure and shift litigation costs for Contract Cities cases.*

No action taken. Requested this be agendized at a future meeting.

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

- a. **Richard Boyd v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV07050

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, unreasonable search and seizure, use of excessive force, false arrest and imprisonment, battery, assault, violations of Bane Act, negligence, violation of Ralph Act.

**Action taken:**  
No reportable action taken.

- b. **Antonio Campos, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV22501

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

**Action taken:**  
No reportable action taken.

- c. **Crittenden Corey v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
United States District Court Case No. 2:25-CV-02852

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations, use of excessive force, Monell liability arising from a non-fatal deputy-involved shooting.

**Action taken:**  
No reportable action taken.

- d. **Derrion Davenport v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CMCV00071

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

**Action taken:**  
No reportable action taken.

- e. **Gustavo Gomez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV03248

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

**Action taken:**  
No reportable action taken.

- f. **Allisun Hand v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV02696

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

**Action taken:**  
No reportable action taken.

- g. **Benjamin Le, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
.Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25NNCV06432

This lawsuit concerns allegation of civil rights violations, taxpayer injunction, wrongful death, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence, violation of Bane Act arising from a fatal deputy-involved shooting.

**Action taken:**  
No reportable action taken.

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

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:09 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 April 8, 2026, 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: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Daniel Jordan and Christopher Lopez.

**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

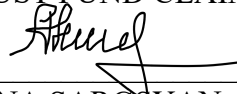
**8. Other Business**

None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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