



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CLAIMS BOARD

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Office of the County Counsel

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

The Los Angeles County Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, July 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012. **Members of the public who would like to listen to the open session of the meeting or would like to provide public comment may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 417 590 649# at 9:30 a.m. on July 6, 2026.**

Reports of actions taken in Closed Session. The Los Angeles County Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, July 6, 2026, at approximately 11:30 a.m. Members of the public who would like to hear the reportable actions taken on any Closed Session items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 417 590 649# at 11:30 a.m. on July 6, 2026. Please note that this is an approximate start time and there may be a short delay before the Closed Session is concluded and the actions can be reported.

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

You may submit written public comments by e-mail to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov or by mail to: Attention: Los Angeles County Claims Board, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comments or documentation must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4, 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.

If you wish to address the Los Angeles County Claims Board in person, you may come to the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, and enter on the Second Floor. Please advise the security guard station personnel that you would like to attend the public portion of the Claims Board meeting, and you will be escorted to the Sixth Floor and be assisted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment is limited to the specific items on the agenda and general public comment is limited to subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: The Agenda and any supporting documents will be posted at <https://lacounty.gov/newsroom/public-information/los-angeles-county-claims-board/> and can be provided upon request. Please submit requests for supporting documents to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov.

If you would like more information, please contact Claims Board Administrator Thomas Finley at tfinley@counsel.lacounty.gov or Management Specialist Raina Mey at rmey@counsel.lacounty.gov.

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 Item(s) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.)

- a. K. G. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:25-cv-04754

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault by a Department of Mental Health employee while Plaintiff was in custody at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$550,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Ji Yun Choi vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV14032

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$35,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Nathaniel Riley v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV06789

This wrongful death lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department arises out of the in-custody death of Plaintiff's mother; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$112,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- d. Kimberly Tague v. County of Los Angeles et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-05985

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by Plaintiff due to alleged negligence of the Sheriff's Department; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$225,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- e. Darral Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV23077

This lawsuit arises from alleged excessive force against Plaintiff by the Sheriff's Department; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$800,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- f. Gwendolyn Taylor v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV16474

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Internal Services Department was subjected to retaliation and that the Department failed to accommodate Plaintiff; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$175,000.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	K.G.. v. County of Los Angeles, Alyssa Villalobos, Guillermo Viera Rosa, Lisa H. Wong, and DOES 1-10
CASE NUMBER	2:25-cv-04754
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	May 27, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Probation Department Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 550,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jeremy I. Lessem LESSEM. NEWSTAT & TOOSON, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	CAROLINE S. CRADDOCK Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff alleges that he was coerced into a sexual relationship with his psychiatric social worker while in custody. Due to the risks and uncertainties of trial, a full and final settlement is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 82,635
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 20,056

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ji Yun Choi vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24STCV14032
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 4, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 35,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	PAUL S. ZUCKERMAN, ESQ. Carpenter & Zuckerman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on June 12, 2023. Plaintiff claims she suffered injuries and damages as a result of the collision.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 71,743
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 19,643

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Nathaniel Riley v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	18STCV06789
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 30, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 112,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	JONATHAN AVIRAM ALON, ESQ., and EDWARD ELAD ALON, ESQ. Alon, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD HSUEH Senior Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division TOM GUTERRES, ESQ. Collins + Collins, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$112,000 inclusive of attorney's fees and costs, a State wrongful death lawsuit filed by Nathaniel Riley arising out of the death of Angela Connor in the Bellflower Courthouse. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 223,244
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 22,079



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:	November 2, 2017
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-248</p> <p>Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.</p> <p>Based on multiple investigative reports, the Decedent was transported from a detention center via Los Angeles County Sheriff Transportation bus at approximately 6:52 a.m., on November 2, 2018, for a scheduled court appearance.</p> <p>After her court appearance she returned to the holding cell. The Deputies in lock-up received a notification which indicated the Decedent is to be released. The Deputies began to process her required paperwork.</p> <p>At approximately 12:39 p.m., Custody Assistant One was in the receiving area of lock-up when she heard an inmate in the holding cell calling for help. She went to the cell, opened the main door and saw the Decedent lying on the floor. Custody Assistant One walked to the main control area of lock-up and yelled inside to Deputy Two there was a "Man Down!"</p> <p>Deputy Two contacted LA County Fire and Paramedics.</p> <p>Paramedics arrived and began to administer first aid. The Decedent was transported to the hospital for additional medical treatment but was later pronounced deceased.</p>

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Custody Assistant One's failure to utilize her Department hand-held radio to advise the Decedent needed medical assistance.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's personnel failure to continuously check for a pulse, immediately administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and/or call for an AED prior to the arrival of paramedics.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel failure to continuously monitor the Decedent's condition.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the absence of CCTV in Cell "D."

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was numerous health issues combined with the use of illicit substances.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Court Services Global Email - Emergency Medical Procedures

First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) shall be administered by personnel whenever necessary prior to the arrival of paramedics and/or ambulance personnel, in accordance with procedures taught in Department training.

In cases where the inmate is found to be unresponsive, personnel shall administer the Narcan Nasal Spray. In cases where the inmate is found to be unresponsive, does not appear to be breathing, or lacks a pulse or other signs of circulation, custody personnel shall employ the AED.

Custody personnel should not employ the AED if the inmate is conscious, breathing, or has a detectable pulse or other signs of circulation.

Personnel involved in this incident attended additional training related to this matter.

Court Services Global Email – Response to Inmate Medical Emergencies

Custody personnel shall immediately notify the facility clinic and/or the facility control via handheld radio broadcast. Custody personnel shall describe the nature of the emergency (e.g., seizures, hanging, unresponsive, etc.), provide the location of the inmate, request medical personnel to respond to the location, and request an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and the emergency response kit, as necessary. If a handheld radio is not available or working, the use of a facility telephone or other means of communication shall be used to relay the information.

Custody personnel shall ensure there are sufficient personnel present prior to entering any location where an inmate is having a medical emergency.

When there are officer safety concerns and/or the scene is not safe, a sergeant shall be notified immediately.

First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) shall be immediately administered by personnel whenever necessary and reasonably safe to do so prior to the arrival of medical personnel. CPR shall be conducted for an inmate who is not breathing and has no pulse.

Instructional Bulletin - Proper Use of the Automated External Defibrillator

The purpose of this instructional bulletin is to familiarize custody personnel with the proper application of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). The AED will typically be applied by medical staff; however, in the event an AED is available, and medical personnel are delayed or require additional assistance, custody personnel have an obligation to provide the level of medical care for which they are trained. This includes the application of the AED.

Newsletter 17-01 - Deputies Duty to Provide Emergency Medical Care

Sworn personnel are usually the first uniform presence to arrive on scene of an emergency. When the situation involves a medical emergency, deputies have a duty to provide basic or emergency care to all injured person(s) including suspects.

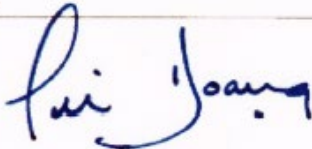
CCTV

Two cameras were installed within the holding cell.

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)	
Tri Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 4.16.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Shawn R. Kehoe, Acting Chief Court Services Division	
Signature: 	Date: 5/12/26

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:
Betty Karmirlian

Date:
5/13/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Kimberly Tague v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-cv-05985
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 12, 2026
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 225,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	GREGORY L. KIRAKORIAN Kirakosian Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JAMIE LOPEZ Deputy County Counsel TOM GUTERRES Collins + Collins, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$225,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Kimberly Tague against the County of Los Angeles, Deputy Kimberly Firman, and Deputy Oscar Vazquez alleging state-created unsafe conditions, denial of medical care, and negligence related to bodily injuries sustained during transport to the Century Regional Detention Facility. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 62,990
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 242



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Date of incident/event:	
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-260</p> <p>Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.</p> <p>On February 16, 2024, the Plaintiff was arrested for criminal domestic violence against her husband. The husband reported the Plaintiff struck him approximately four times on the back of his head with her open hands, while she was extremely intoxicated. The Plaintiff was transported to a patrol station for booking. The Plaintiff showed no visible preexisting injuries, nor did she complain of pain during the arrest.</p> <p>On February 17, 2024, Deputies One and Two were assigned to transport the Plaintiff from the patrol station to a detention facility. The Plaintiff, who was handcuffed behind her back, was escorted from the station jail to a patrol vehicle. The Plaintiff entered the patrol vehicle's left rear passenger side. Deputy One closed the door without securing the Plaintiff with the vehicle's factory installed seatbelt and entered the driver's seat. Shortly after, Deputy Two exited the station jail and sat in the front passenger seat of the patrol vehicle. Deputy One drove out of the parking lot and began driving towards the detention facility. Neither Deputy One nor Deputy Two activated their Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs).</p> <p>While enroute, emergency radio traffic was broadcast regarding a deputy involved fight. Deputies One and Two headed back to the station to drop the Plaintiff off at the station jail, so they could assist with the deputy involved fight. While they were driving back to the station, the Plaintiff became frightened by the patrol vehicles which were driving past them, responding Code-3.</p>

	<p>The Plaintiff shifted around in the backseat and ended up falling onto the floorboard. The Plaintiff was transported back to the patrol station and reported having pain in her right wrist, prompting a medical evaluation by station jail personnel.</p> <p>After Deputies One and Two finished assisting with the deputy involved fight, they returned to the patrol station and were informed the Plaintiff complained of pain in her right wrist and needed to be medically evaluated. Deputy One escorted the Plaintiff to the patrol vehicle and fastened her seatbelt. Based on the Plaintiff alleging she was injured, Deputies One and Two activated their BWCs and transported her to a local medical center for a medical evaluation.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One's failure to safeguard persons in custody by securely fastening the vehicle's factory installed seatbelt for the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One's failure to drive at a safe speed while transporting an unsecured passenger in the back seat.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputies One and Two failed to activate their BWCs during an in-custody transport of a female to the detention facility.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's physical assault on her husband, which resulted in her arrest.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Administrative Station Unit Investigation

This incident was investigated to determine if any Department policy violations occurred. Appropriate departmental action was taken and additional training was completed.


Body-Worn Cameras

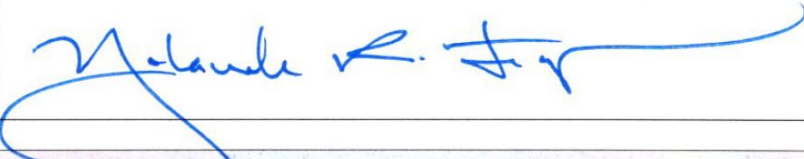
Deputies One and Two attended BWC refresher training. The use of BWCs ensures reliable recording of enforcement and investigative contacts with the public. The Department established policy and procedures for the purpose, use, and deployment of the Department issued BWC.

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)	
Tri Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 5.27.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Yolanda Figueroa, Chief Central Patrol Division	
Signature: 	Date: 6/3/2026

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: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature: 	Date: 6/3/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Darral Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23STCV23077
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 25, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 800,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	DAN STORMER Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MINAS SAMUELIAN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$800,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a State civil rights lawsuit filed by Darral Scott (Plaintiff), for negligence, assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violations of the Bane and Ralph Civil Rights Acts. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$800,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 245,697
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 21,892



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Date of incident/event:	
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-272</p> <p>On December 31, 2022, at approximately 1745 hours, Deputies One and Two were conducting a patrol check in the city of Gardena. They observed the Plaintiff sitting in his vehicle with the engine running in a parking lot, missing a front license plate and there was litter outside the driver's side door.</p> <p>Upon approaching the Plaintiff's vehicle, Deputy One smelled marijuana emitting from the vehicle. He opened the Plaintiff's driver's side door and ordered him to step out of the vehicle. The Plaintiff did not comply.</p> <p>Deputy Two approached the driver's side of the Plaintiff's vehicle to assist Deputy One. The Plaintiff continued to be uncooperative and moved his hands near his lap area. Deputies One and Two unholstered their firearms, and Deputy One verbally warned the Plaintiff not to move his vehicle.</p> <p>The Plaintiff complied and stepped out of the vehicle. Deputies One and Two placed him in handcuffs and conducted a brief search of the vehicle for weapons and contraband.</p> <p>The plaintiff was subsequently released with a citation for a missing front license plate, in violation of California Vehicle Code Section 5201(a). No arrest was made.</p> <p>Shortly after the incident, the Plaintiff went to the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station to make a complaint. While at the station, the Plaintiff filmed a verbal encounter with Deputy Two. The video shows Deputy Two stand near a desk and appear to advise the Plaintiff he stopped him for a lawful reason and that the entire incident was recorded on BWC. The Plaintiff is heard on the video requesting a watch</p>

	<p>commander and accused Deputy Two of being racially biased.</p> <p>This investigation was submitted to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to determine if the deputies' actions were legally justified and/or if any criminal misconduct occurred. On December 30, 2025, the District Attorney's Office declined to file charges, citing insufficient evidence to prove the allegations beyond a reasonable doubt.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the Deputies use of control techniques on the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputies One and Two pointed their Department firearms at the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy Two was talking on his cellphone when Deputy One contacted the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputies One and Two did not immediately activate their Body Worn Cameras (BWC) upon their arrival and prior to contacting the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy Two's interaction with the Plaintiff in the Station Lobby prior to the Plaintiff filing a complaint with the shift supervisor.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's failure to obey lawful orders given by Deputies during a lawful detention.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Criminal Investigation

A criminal investigation was initiated by the Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau (ICIB). On December 30, 2025, the District Attorney's Office declined to file charges, citing insufficient evidence to prove the allegations beyond a reasonable doubt.

Administrative Investigation

On December 30, 2025, upon completion of the Criminal Investigation, the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) resumed its investigation into this incident to determine if any

administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after this incident. Upon completion of the administrative investigation, the findings will be presented to the division chief for review and disposition.


Station Personnel Briefing and Training


To enhance the deputies' training and experience, the deputies involved attended additional training after the incident. Additionally, station supervisors continue to brief station personnel regarding pertinent case law and legal updates.

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)	
Tri Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 6.9.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff Patrol Operations	
Signature: 	Date: 6/10/26

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:

Betty Karmirlian

Date:

6/11/26

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2026

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:37 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro, Claims Board Member Oscar Valdez, Claims Board Member Liliana Campos, and Claims Board Administrator Thomas Finley participating in person at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: Latasha Corry, Nena Voung, Richard Hsueh, Melissa McCaverty, Minas Samuelian, Anna Reitano, Wendy Sha, Kent Sommer, Natalie Luongo, and Vanessa Evangelista appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Stanley S. Yen appeared for the Department of Mental Health. Christina Lee and Chelsea O'Neill appeared for the Department of Children and Family Services. Kathryn Beigh appeared for the Probation Department. Julie Dixon Silva appeared for the Office of the District Attorney. Stephanie Lara, Richard Sigur, Clinton Yates, Sergeant Jennifer Romero, Sergeant Veronica De La Rosa, Captain Tania A. Giggles, Captain John Lecrivain, Commander Terrance Bell, Commander Robert L. Jones II, Commander Brian Tolmasoff, and Commander Damon A. Jones appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Kevin Rashidi appeared for Hurrell Cantrall, LLP. Laura Inlow appeared for Collinson Greco. Avi Burkwitz appeared for Peterson Bradford Burkwitz Gregorio Burkwitz & Su, LLP. Nohemi Ferguson appeared for Gutierrez Preciado & House, LLP. Chandler Parker appeared for Collins + Collins, LLP. Thomas Barajas appeared for Glaser Weil Fink Howard Jordan and Shapiro, LLP.

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 member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

At 9:38 a.m., Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro convened the meeting in closed session to discuss items 3(a) through 3(m).

Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

No member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 1:52 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via video conference and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

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a. **Tae W. Yoo v. Andrea Yvonne White, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV09943

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Mental Health employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(a) in the amount of \$35,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

b. **Maria De Lourdes Galvan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23VECV02914

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Children and Family Services employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(b) in the amount of \$22,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

c. **Zyra Waters v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23AVCV01422

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Children and Family Services employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of \$65,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

d. **Diamond McDowell, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV12704

This lawsuit arises from alleged emotional and physical injuries sustained by Plaintiffs when the Sheriff's Department responded to an agency assist call from social workers.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of \$99,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

e. **Marina Barajas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2420710

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiffs sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of \$305,964.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

f. **Jayvonte George v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV29933

This lawsuit arises from alleged emotional and physical injuries sustained when Plaintiff was detained and arrested by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of \$250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

g. **Christopher Prevedello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-08435

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by Plaintiff due to alleged negligence of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(g) in the amount of \$490,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

h. **Donel Crespín v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV25582

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by Plaintiff due to alleged negligence of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(h) in the amount of \$800,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

i. **Beckham Cardona v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06225

This lawsuit arises from alleged emotional and physical injuries sustained when Plaintiff was a detainee at Kilpatrick Juvenile Detention Camp.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item e(i) in the amount of \$395,775.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

j. **Rosalyn Campfield v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV11418

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Department of Mental Health was subjected to harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued Item 3(j) to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

k. **Jan Williams v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV39355

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services was subjected to discrimination and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(k) in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

l. **James Padilla v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV13214

This lawsuit alleges that the Sheriff's Department failed to accommodate Plaintiff's disability.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued Item 3(l) to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

**m. Amy Pentz v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV28237**

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the District Attorney's Office was subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(m) in the amount of \$1,750,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Liliana Campos

Noes: 1 – Destiny Castro

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 18, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



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