

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON MONDAY, August 17, 2026, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair Destiny Castro, Liliana Campos, and Oscar Valdez

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.**

One unidentified member of the public appeared on the public teleconference phone line but did not respond to the opportunity to address the Claims Board. No member of the public appeared in person.

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

- a. **Bryan Jacobo v. City of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV10128

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained on a sidewalk maintained by the Department of Public Works.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Trudy Eloise Luna Jefferson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV01503

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

Action Taken:

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

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Jahnasia McCain, et al. v. Benjamin Aranda, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24CMCV00770

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of \$45,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. **Jay Stevens, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-06054

This federal lawsuit arises from alleged Plaintiffs' civil rights violations by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of \$40,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. **Walter Ragsdale v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV42239

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained at a Probation Department office.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of \$55,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**f. Jeu'Quay Wooden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.,
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-00122**

This lawsuit arises from alleged excessive force against Plaintiff by the Probation Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of \$130,000.

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

[See Supporting Documents](#)

g. PACE Tax Claim – Eloy Rodriguez

This is a tax claim brought by a property owner alleging fraudulent behavior of home improvement contractors of the Los Angeles County's Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(g) in the amount of \$55,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**h. Alma Foster v. Renovate America, Inc. et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27965**

This lawsuit arises from a tax claim brought by a property owner alleging fraudulent behavior of home improvement contractors of the Los Angeles County's Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(h) in the amount of up to \$58,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- i. **Lance Wong, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV23055
Lance Wong v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV0099

These lawsuits allege that employees of the District Attorney's Office were subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(i) in the amount of \$2,500,000.

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 3, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the August 3, 2026, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Abstention: Liliana Campos

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. 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 an 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.

6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Bryan Jacobo vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	25STCV10128
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 4, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$35,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	SHANTEL YAGHOOBIAN, ESQ. LA Century Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN J. ENGELIEN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises from a scooter accident on County owned and maintained property. Plaintiff alleges the sidewalk near 8009 Crocket Boulevard was a dangerous condition of public property in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 30,072
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 370

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Trudy Eloise Luna Jefferson vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24NWCV01503
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 14, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 35,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	KAREN A. GAJEWSKI, ESQ. Gajewski & Baughan
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On February 2, 2024, Plaintiff allegedly sustained injuries and damages when her vehicle was struck by a Department patrol vehicle in the City of Norwalk. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 14,952
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,549

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jahnasia McCain, et al. vs. Benjamin Aranda, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24CMCV00770
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 21, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	NIKO KRAVCHENKO, ESQ. McReynolds Vardanyan, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile accident that occurred on November 25, 2023. Plaintiffs allege injuries and filed a lawsuit. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 64,380
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 34,880

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jay Stevens, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-CV-06054
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	June 28, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	VINCENT MILLER, ESQ. Law Offices of Vincent Miller
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JOSEPH A. LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel MARINA SAMSON, ESQ. ANGELA POWELL, ESQ. Jones Mayer
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$40,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jay Stevens, Briana Ortega, Elijah Ortega, Mariah Ortega, and Marissa Ortega alleging Title 42 of the United State Code section 1983 Civil Rights violations by former Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Sergeants Adam Nelson and Richard Mendoza; Deputies Shawn Merrick and Justin Masri. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 123,613
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,179

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Walter Ragsdale v. County of Los Angeles, et al.,
CASE NUMBER	20STCV42239
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 4, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Probation Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 55,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	DANIEL AZIZI, ESQ. Downtonw LA Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. McCAVERTY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On November 22, 2019, while at the Pomona Probation Office, Plaintiff sat on a chair which collapsed under him. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from this incident. Due to the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 143,910
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 43,666

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jeu'Quay Wooden, v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-00122-AB-JPR
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	January 17, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Probation Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 130,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	JUSTIN E. STERLING Law Offices of Justin Sterling
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JAMIE LOPEZ Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division JIN CHOI, ESQ. Lawrence, Beach, Allen, & Choi, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$130,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, in Plaintiff Jeu'Quay Wooden's federal civil rights lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles, Probation Department, former Chief Adolfo Gonzalez, and Senior Detention Services Officer Frank Najera. The case alleges excessive force, failure to intervene and summon medical care, Monell liability, Bane Act violations, and negligence arising from a use-of-force incident at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 190,557
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,628

Case Name: J.W. vs. County of Los Angeles



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:	April 11, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On April 11, 2022, Barry J. Nidorf was placed on a facility-wide lockdown from approximately 4:50 p.m. to 7:11 p.m. due to multiple incidents occurring throughout the institution. The Plaintiff, who was housed in living unit C/D, alleges that during this period the Department intentionally deprived him of his routine medical care, withheld regular monitoring and treatment, and violently attacked him without cause. When the Plaintiff informed Probation staff that he needed to see the nurse, he alleged that Probation Staff threatened him and sprayed him in the face with oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray resulting in the staff being bit by the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff further alleged that staff slammed him to the ground and kicked and stomped his head. He also alleged that staff picked him up and took him to his room, banging his head on various objects along the way. The Plaintiff alleged due to the lockdown, he was not allowed to see the nurse prior to dinner for his typical medical routine check. He further alleged that staff retaliated against him for seeking treatment and other staff refused to intervene to protect the Plaintiff.

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

- A. Lack of access to medical services during a lockdown.
- B. Use of force
- C. Inappropriate use of discipline
- D. Lack of CCTV footage
- E. Internal Affairs Investigation

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

A. A memorandum will be issued to all Barry J. Nidorf staff reminding them of their roles and responsibilities regarding access to medical services during a lockdown. The memorandum states, in part, during any partial or facility-wide lockdown, **essential medical services must continue without interruption**. The safety and well-being of those in our custody require that we maintain timely access to medical evaluation, treatment, and monitoring, regardless of operational restrictions.

B. In 2023, all Detention Services Bureau staff attended mandatory Physical Intervention training on Departmental policy and procedure on how to respond to critical incidents.

Title 15 for Juvenile Institutions requires initial and regular/ refresher training for use of force but does not define the frequency of refresher training. Currently Officers are receiving the following refresher trainings:

- Juvenile Institutions Use of Force Policy Refresher - The purpose of this course is to serve as a refresher training. This course will review and discuss the Los Angeles County Probation's Use of Force Policy for Juvenile Institutions. This course will reinforce established knowledge in the subject matter as well as update the trainee in current changes in the law and departmental policies. NO PHYSICAL SKILL OUT/ POLICY REFRESHER ONLY.
- Physical Intervention Training (Take-Down Control and Arrest) - Participants will be trained in a range of take-down methods, both with and without a partner, to achieve dominant prone control positions. The curriculum emphasizes practical skills for transitioning from control holds to secure handcuffing.

C. SYTF Manual section 1100 (Discipline of Youth) was revised on May 10, 2024. It addresses Abusive Institutional Practices (section 1102) and Corporal Punishment (section 1104).

D. CCTV Monitor Post Order was issued on September 11, 2025, to all juvenile facility staff. Staff are assigned to watch the cameras in real-time. If a camera is blocked or covered, it must be reported to the Officer of the Day. The janitorial staff cleans/clear debris from the cameras. Malfunctions are documented and reported to ISB. The post order outlines the following:

- A. Chain of Command
- B. Duties and Responsibilities, including maintaining constant vigilance throughout the shift to promptly identify and address any security or safety concerns.
- C. General Expectations, including maintaining confidentiality and adhering to facility protocols and guidelines regarding CCTV operation, incident documentation, and reporting procedures.
- D. Emergency Procedures
- E. Shift Handover
- F. Additional Post-Order Information for Similar Positions
- G. Compliance and Training

CCTV will aid in ensuring that all youth in our juvenile detention facilities shall be continually treated with dignity and respect regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity, education, or disability.

BJNJH – Construction on the project began in August 2022. The project was placed on hold in Spring 2023 due to prioritization of CCTV delivery for LP. The project restarted in early 2024 and installation was completed in December 2024. There are currently 665 active cameras on the FLIR system with ongoing efforts to improve coverage.

E. Internal Affairs investigated and determined the allegations were unsubstantiated.

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.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Crystal Barker

Signature:

Crystal Barker

Date:

7/22/2026

Name: (Department Head)

Stacy Lopez-Maddox

Signature:

Stacy Lopez-Maddox

Date:

7/22/2026

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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: (Risk Management Inspector General)

Betty Karmirlian

Signature:

Betty Karmirlian

Date:

7/22/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	PACE Tax Claim of Eloy Rodriguez
CASE NUMBER	N/A PACE Tax Claim
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Internal Services Department (ISD)
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$55,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael Owens
NATURE OF CASE	
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alma Foster v. Renovate America, Inc. et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV27965
COURT	LASC Dept. 516
DATE FILED	8/9/2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Internal Services Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	Up to \$58,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Andres Rappaport, Esq. Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael Owens
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to pay two tax claims brought by property owners impacted by fraudulent behavior of home improvement contractors under the County's PACE Program. Each Claimant alleges their home improvement contractors did not complete construction on Claimant's residential property.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 358,630.21
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 3, 2026

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:41 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro, Claims Board Member Oscar Valdez, 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. Claims Board Member Liliana Campos was absent.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: LaTasha Corry, Natasha Mosley, Michael Gordon, Melissa McCaverty, Kevin Engelen, Jessie Lee, Katherine Bowser, Joshua Goodman, Stacey Y. Lee, and Vanessa Evangelista appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Roberto Avitia, Arun Patel, Sean Henderson, and Dawn Monique Abarca appeared for the Department of Health Services. Stanley S. Yen appeared for the Department of Mental Health. Shant Janoyan appeared for the Child Support Services Department. Julie Dixon Silva appeared for the Office of the District Attorney. Veronica Sigala, Alejandro Ostos, and Derrick Martin appeared for the Aging & Disabilities Department. Deputy Nancy Madarasz, Captain Brian Jones, Acting Captain Patrick Hayes, Commander Stacy Morgan, Commander Ernest Bille, Commander Brian Tolmasoff, Acting Commander Christopher Minott, Sergeant Jennifer Romero, Lieutenant Jennifer Roth, Lieutenant Daniel Rodriguez, Lieutenant James Eggers, and Chief Yolanda Figueroa appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Christina Lee, Betty Luu, and Christopher Mcghee appeared for the Department of Children and Family Services. Amber A. Logan appeared for Logan Mathevosian & Hur, LLP. Jennifer Gysler appeared for Monroy, Averbuck & Gysler. Yelena Bakman appeared for Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont. Angelica Victoria O. De Mesa, David Daftary, and Christian A. Yip 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.

One unidentified member of the public appeared on the public teleconference phone line but did not respond to the opportunity to address the Claims Board. No member of the public appeared in person.

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

At 9:42 a.m., Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro convened the meeting in closed session to discuss items 3(a) through 3(l).

Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

On the public teleconference phone line, one caller who self-identified as "Richard Lara" was present to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 1:00 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

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**a. Estate of Roger Morales, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-10144**

This lawsuit arises from the in-custody death of Decedent at Los Angeles General Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(a) in the amount of \$300,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

b. Non-Litigated Claims of Juana Navarro, et al.

These claims arise from alleged injuries Claimants sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(b) in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

**c. Jamie Lawson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV22192**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff 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(c) in the amount of \$175,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

**d. Jose Yanez, et al. v. Travon Dajuan Skinner, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22CMCV00419**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiffs sustained in a vehicle collision that occurred when the Sheriff's Department was in pursuit of a vehicle.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of \$230,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

e. **Carla Rodriguez v. Gerardo Marroquin, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV26508

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff 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 \$5,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

f. **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 rescinded its approval of \$35,000 on June 15, 2026, and approved settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

g. **Mary Jane Juranek vs. Calimay Pham, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AHCV01382

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Child Support Services Department employee.

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

h. **Robin Ruse Rinehart Barris v. Suzette Guillen, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24VECV05578

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 recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(h) in the amount of \$750,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

i. **Yvonne Escobar, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV14825

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the alleged negligent acts of the Aging and Disabilities Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(i) in the amount of \$4,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

j. **Mitra Rashti v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC718438

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and that the Department failed to accommodate Plaintiff and engage in the interactive process.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board rescinded its approval of \$99,000 on May 18, 2026, and approved settlement of Item 3(j) in the amount of \$99,999.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

k. **Lesley Klein Sonnenberg v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36770

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(k) in the amount of \$1,200,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

l. **Michael Matoba v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV17988

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(l) in the amount of \$1,250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro
Absent: Liliana Campos

4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 20, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Destiny Castro

Absent: Liliana Campos

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



Thomas Finley
Claims Board Administrator
Office of the County Counsel