



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, **September 9, 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

215 Summer Ave. Avalon. CA 90704

15308 Lefloss Ave., Norwalk CA 90650

2432 Kristen Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

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

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

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 vrui@cjpi.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 September 8, 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

Passcode: 306983

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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. **Non-Litigated Claim of Mercury Insurance ASO Joshua Hoffman.**

Claim No. 24-3654

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

[See supporting document](#)

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

a. **Diego Aquino v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 26AVCV00054

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

b. **Kyle Glen McDaris, et al. . County of Los Angeles, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25TRCV00738

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the August 12, 2026, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.
[See supporting document](#)
7. Approval of Biennial Review of the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board Conflict of Interest Code.
8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Mercury Insurance ASO Joshua Hoffman
CASE NUMBER	None
COURT	None
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department - Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 32,648.75
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kelsey Nau, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a Sheriff's Department automobile accident that occurred on June 4, 2024, on Pacific Coast Highway. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

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MINUTES OF MEETING

August 12, 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 11:06 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; Ken Striplin, North Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Brian Villalobos, East Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Christopher Lopez, Central Division; Ernie Hernandez, At-Large; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager, CEO; Kelsey Nau, Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Sanjay Athalye, Deputy County Counsel; Anna Reitano, Deputy County Counsel; Ronald Kopperund, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Yolanda Figueroa, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Fanny Lapkin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Meza, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jose Hernandez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Robert Hahnlein, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joseph Tender, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jenn Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mark Collins, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Matthew Liang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Alan Liu, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Jay Lake, Outside Counsel; Nyasha Buchango, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Chris Gray, Manager; Chris Kustra, Liability Program Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Paul Zelgovitch, 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 11:09 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. Sky Miller v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-09169

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, including unreasonable search and seizure, unlawful arrest, malicious prosecution, fabrication of evidence, negligence and violation of Bane Act.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

b. Porfirio Orozco v. Nicholas Rivas Lopez, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25TRCV00136

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

Action taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$37,500.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

c. Non-Litigated Claims of Ofelia Sanchez de Rodriguez and Ethan Sebastian Armenta

Claim No. 24-1423

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

Action taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$41,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

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

- a. **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.

- b. **Vahan Kazikhanyan v. James Bermudez, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV32848

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

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. **Maria Del Carmen Mariz Nunez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01341

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

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. **Eric Rios v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-04782

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, including unreasonable seizure, use of excessive force, Monell liability, assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence and violation of Bane Act.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

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

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:49 a.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 July 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: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

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 11:52 a.m.

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