

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT
BUENA VISTA ROOM
3500 RAMONA BOULEVARD,
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA 91754
and VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Patrick Kearney, Margaret Finlay, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte.

Alternates Present: Christopher Lopez, John Erickson, Thaddeus McCormack, Michael Davitt, Daniel Jordan, Eddie De La Riva, Kelly Honig.
Call to Order.

1. **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. **Jacy Houseton, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States 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

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

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. Amayel Aji Garfitas, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV13676

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 agendaized at a future meeting.

**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 of the 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.

[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.

None

8. Other Business.

None

9. Adjournment.

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

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 8, 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, Posada 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; Brian Villalobos, East Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; John Moreno, South Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Christopher Lopez, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division. **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Caroline Shahinian, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Robert Bailey, Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Anna Sargsyan, Paralegal, Office of the County Counsel; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Alan Liu, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ann Trimblay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joshua Bardon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Evelyn Vega, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Damon Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diaz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Richard Ruiz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joseph Fender, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Cartmill, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Yolanda Figueroa, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Kusayanagi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; V. Puebla, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Crus, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brandon Barclay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dan Holguin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lt. White, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. **Attendees:** Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Tom Hurrell, Outside Counsel; Hellen Kim, Outside Counsel; Jull Williams, Outside Counsel; Angela Powell, Outside Counsel; Jen Keuper, Outside Counsel; Michael Gee, Outside

Counsel; Chandler Parker, Outside Counsel; Joseph Miller, Outside Counsel.
Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA
Chris Gray, 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.

Chair James Bozajian announced that Item 4c. Gustavo Gomez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al. had been pulled from agenda.

At 11:11 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. Consolidated Cases:

Samuel Herrera,, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36013

Estate of Samuel Herrera, et al., v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV38673

These lawsuits concern allegations of wrongful death, assault, battery, negligence, false imprisonment, violations of Ralph and Bane Acts 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 \$9,600,000.

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

b. Herberto Flores v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00490

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

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, Brian Villalobos, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Christopher Lopez.

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

a. 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..

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

b. Aaron Glazier v, County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00924.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, unreasonable seizure, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution and Monell liability.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

**c. Gustavo Gomez v. County of Los Angeles, et al. **

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV03248

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented at a future meeting.

Action taken.

No action taken.

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

United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-04805

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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

e. Thomas Sanchez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25TRCV02973

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving 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 1:39 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 11, 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, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Brian Villalobos, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte 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

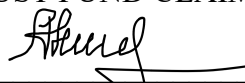
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


ANNA SARGSYAN