

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, June 10, 2026, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: Christopher Lopez, John Erickson, Gustavo Camacho, Ernie Hernandez, 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. **Filing of CCP 998 and FRCP 68 offers for Contract Cities cases**

Action Taken:

Claims Board Authorized the California JPIA designated staff member to respond to County Counsel requests to make 998 and Rule 68 Offers of \$500,000 or less for a one-year trial period.

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

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.

Action Taken:

This report was presented for information only. No action was taken.

**Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing 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.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

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.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

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.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

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.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

e. **Marisela Salazar, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, 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. **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.

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:48 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 May 20, 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, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Ernie Hernandez.

[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 12:49 p.m.

**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 Engelién, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelién, 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 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 11:17 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 agendaized 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

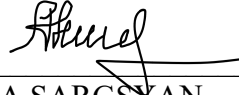
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Sargsyan', is written over a horizontal line.

ANNA SARGSYAN