

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT
POSADA ROOM
3700 RAMONA BOULEVARD,
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA 91754
and VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2024, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: Gustavo Camacho, Thaddeus McCormack, Alfonso Noyola, Michael Davitt and 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).**

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

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

- a. Flores, George vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 23CHCV03852

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Flores, Joshua A., et al. v. Molina, Deputy Adonay, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 23STCV19167

This lawsuit concerns an allegations of wrongful death shooting by Sheriff's Deputies and Bane Act violations.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Russell, Yeayo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-05979

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, unlawful search and seizure, and wrongful arrest 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 12:28 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 July 10, 2024, 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, Chris Constantin, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Jennifer Vasquez, and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

[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

9. **Other Business.**

None

10. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 10, 2024

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Margaret Finlay at 11:11 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Posada Room, 3700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and via-teleconference.**

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Margaret Finlay, Chair; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Tim Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Kudo, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem; Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael J. Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Myron Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Noah Corrales, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dru Strong, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Joe Esposito, Seki, Nishimura, & Watase LLP; Chandler Parker, Collins + Collins LLP; Tomas Guterres, Collins + Collins LLP; Raymond Sakai, Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi PC; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

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 11:12 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. Adrian Reyes, et al. vs Andrew Lizarde, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20AVCV00347

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 \$99,999.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

- b. Eric Coyazo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV10736

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 \$70,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

- c. Ismael Zamorano vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01132

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 \$25,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

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

- a. Allen, Jayshawn R, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-09475

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and State civil rights violations, including excessive force, conspiracy, *Monell* liability, Bane Act violation, negligence, and battery involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Flores, Marla, et al. v. Arreola, Samantha, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 22STCV07401

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Franey, Katherine Bernice v. McGee, Jason Andrew, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV29427

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Glazier, Aaron 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, including mishandling of evidence, malicious prosecution, wrongful search and seizure, and false arrest involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. Gonzalez, Fernando v. Gomez, Oscar, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV20966

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- f. Lugo, Richard v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-06620

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, and wrongful death shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- g. Zamora, Antonio De La Cruz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV38123

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 12:44 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 May 15, 2024, 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, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

7. Approval of the Minutes for June 12, 2024, 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, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

8. 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

9. Other Business

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

Stephanie Rodriguez
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