



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
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 11, 2024, 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**

2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

Calabasas City Hall, 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302 | (818) 224-1600

La Cañada Flintridge City Hall (Rose Conference Room), One Civic Center Drive, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 | (818) 790-8880

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

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 [vruiz@cjpia.org](mailto:vruiz@cjpia.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 10, 2024. 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(253) 215-8782**, **Enter Meeting ID: 846 3516 2538; Passcode 250873.**

**Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/84635162538?pwd=fhGdlAcNpPG8esryGSpOzaEYj6YTyH.1&from=addon>

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
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. Antonio Curiel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV39326  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.  
  
[See Supporting Document](#)
  - b. Jose Luis Martinez v. Laina Mai Do, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV38476  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.  
  
[See Supporting Document](#)
4. Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).
  - a. Garcia, Salvador, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV00967  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and wrongful death shooting involving Sheriff's Deputies.

- b. Landgrave, Samuel, et al. v. Magallanes, Richard, JR., et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 23STCV03959

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

- c. Washington, Dominique v. Lopez, Deputy D., et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-08319

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations (First and Fourteenth Amendments). involving Sheriff's Deputies.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the August 14, 2024, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Approval of the Biennial Review of the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board Conflict of Interest Code.
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Antonio Curiel vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV39326
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 13, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Daisy Perez Esq. Javaherian & Ruszecki, PC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa A. McCaverty, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on October 16, 2018, when a Deputy Sheriff rear ended a vehicle causing a chain reaction accident ending with Plaintiff's vehicle on Firestone Boulevard in the City of Norwalk.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 47,163
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 68,700

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jose Luis Martinez vs. Laina Mai Do, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV38476
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 18, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 47,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Steven Bash, Esq. Bash & Polyachenko, P.C.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa McCaverty, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On May 19, 2021, a Sheriff's Department patrol unit, ran a red light causing a collision with Plaintiff Jose Luis Martinez's vehicle, on Western Avenue and 135th Street in the City of Gardena. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement in the amount of \$47,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 19,393.00
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,315.00

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

August 14, 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 11:16 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; Chris Constantin, East Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen; Senior Deputy County Counsel; Irene Lee, Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Myron Johnson, 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; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Tom Hurrell, Outside Counsel; Sivi Pearson, Outside Counsel; Kimberly Sarmiento, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer, 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 11:19 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)**

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 No. 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 for 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.

**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 12:29 p.m.

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*Stephanie Rodriguez*  
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