



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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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, **August 13, 2025, 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

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

West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069 | (323)848-6400

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Paramount City Hall, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 | (562) 220-2000

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 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 August 12, 2025. 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.**

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/81210708129?pwd=6L4CG7ncbiFcbwU4vLgbJ70QPv22eY.1>

Meeting ID: 812 1070 8129

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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. Abelar, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-23-CV-01606

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations, excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, conspiracy and Monell liability which arose from a Sheriff's deputy involved shooting.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Lara, Francisco. v. Diego Escobar, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00287

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Nava, Rosa, et al v. County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV18914

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. Cernas, Alexis, et al. v County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No.2:24-CV-03261

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, excessive force, conspiracy, Monell liability, violation of Bane Act, negligence and battery.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the July 9, 2025, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Abelar, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-01606
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 6, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 700,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	THOMAS E. BECK, ESQ. The Beck Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MILLICENT L. ROLON Principal Deputy County Counsel THOMAS C. HURRELL Hurrell & Cantrall, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$700,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Adrian Abelar after he was shot by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$700,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 153,069
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 66,450

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Francisco Lara vs. Diego Escobar, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24AVCV00287
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 11, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CAMERON BROCK, ESQ. and ISAAC RADNIA, ESQ. Law Offices of Burg & Brock
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On September 6, 2023, Deputy Escobar rear-ended Plaintiff's vehicle causing injuries and damages. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 24,525
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,656

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Rosa Nava, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV18914
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 9, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 220,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	RICHARD C. DEANDA, ESQ. Law Offices of Richard C. DeAnda
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On December 3, 2021, Deputy Ledesma crossed double yellow lines to make a U-turn, when Plaintiffs' car collided into Deputy Ledesma's patrol car. Nava claims she sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$220,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 50,400
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 45,554

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CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 9, 2025

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 Mark Waronek at 11:09 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: Mark Waronek, Chair, South Division; Brian Villalobos, Vice Chair, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Bryan Cook, Member at-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division Eddie De La Riva; Central Division. **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal County Counsel; Michael J. Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Erin Chang, Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Mark Lomax, Deputy County Counsel; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jose Hernandez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Damon A. Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Janet B. Huoth, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dustin A. Carr, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris M. Kusayanagi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Christopher D. Allende, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Christopher R. Minott, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jose Hernandez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick O. Rector, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Captain Strong, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Daniel C. Sully, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Walker, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Terrence L. Bell, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin R. Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Richard J. Cartmill, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joshua A. Bardon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ismael Opina, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Daniel Holguin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Karen Bartak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc, Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance;

Christina Gasparian, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; 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 11:11 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. Bradley J., James et al v. County of Los Angeles et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-22-CV-05623

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations, use of excessive force, denial of medical care, retaliation and unlawful search and seizure.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte; Alfonso Noyola, Thadeus McCormack.

- b. Brown, Brittany v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV40711

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 \$40,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte; Alfonso Noyola, Thadeus McCormack..

- c. Franey, Catherine B. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte; Alfonso Noyola, Thadeus McCormack.

- d. Martinez, Anastasia v. County of Los Angeles, et al
United States District Court Case No. 22-CV-06589

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual abuse and civil rights violations 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 \$2,430,000.00.

Vote: 6-3 Ayes: 6- Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte, Thadeus McCormack; Nays: 3 -James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay and Alfonso Noyola.

- e. Mercury Insurance Company v. County of Los Angeles.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23SMCV02256

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 \$42,348.52.

Vote: Ayes: 9-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte; Alfonso Noyola, Thadeus McCormack.

- f. Non- Litigated Claims of USAA-ASO Richard and Keesha Glover, and Century Surety Company ASO KOKA Center, Inc.
Claim Nos. 24-609 and 24-1547

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 \$33,102.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte; Alfonso Noyola, Thadeus McCormack.

- g. Torres, Heaven v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV30710

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 \$675,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte; Alfonso Noyola, Thadeus McCormack.

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

- a. Bustos-Areola, Salvador , et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CMCV00390.

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Flores, Herberto 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Jones, Adonis Lason v. Hale, Taylor, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV00625

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving 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 12:18 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 June 11, 2025, 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: 9-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Marcel Rodarte; Alfonso Noyola, Thadeus 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 12:21 p.m.

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