

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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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, October 15, 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

2432 Kristen Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

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PUBLIC COMMENT

You may submit public comment by e-mail at wruiz@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 9, 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.

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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

Passcode: 594176 One tap mobile +12532158782

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. <u>Castro, Regina v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
 United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-02810

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violation, use of excessive force, unreasonable seizure, Monell liability, battery, negligence, violation of Bane Act arising from a fatal shooting during an investigatory stop involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

See Supporting Document

b. <u>Garcia, Salvador, et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV00967

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and civil rights violation, negligence, assault and battery, negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress arising from a fatal shooting involving Sheriff's deputies.

See Supporting Document

c. <u>Truss, Krystal v. Christian Marin, et al.</u>
 Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CHCV03304

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. <u>Campos, Antonio, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
 <u>Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV22501</u>

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

b. <u>Hand, Allisun, v County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV02696

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

c. <u>Ramirez Cabrera, Abigail, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV03050

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

d. <u>Sky, Miller v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-09169

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, including unreasonable search and seizure, unlawful arrest, malicious prosecution, fabrication of evidence, negligence and violation of Bane Act.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the September 10, 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 Regina Castro v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER 2:23-CV-02810

COURT United States District Court

DATE FILED April 14, 2022

COUNTY DEPARTMENT Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 2,550,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF DALE K. GALIPO

Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo

COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY RICHARD T. HSUEH

Senior Deputy County Counsel

NATURE OF CASE

This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,550,000

inclusive of attorney's fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Regina Castro arising out of fatal shooting of her son, Samuel Nunez, on

March 13, 2022.

Given the high 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 \$2,550,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 67,285

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 15,245

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME Salvador Garcia, et al., County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER 20STCV00967

COURT Los Angeles County Superior Court

DATE FILED January 9, 2020

COUNTY DEPARTMENT Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 1,250,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF FRANK PEREZ

MIGUEL CABALLERO Perez & Caballero

COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY RICHARD HSUEH

Senior Deputy County Counsel

NATURE OF CASE

This is a recommendation to settle the federal civil

rights lawsuit filed by Salvador Garcia, Ana Maria Garcia, and Ana Morales arising from the deputy-involved fatal shooting of Pablo Garcia on May 21,

2019, for a sum of \$1,250,000, inclusive of

attorneys' fees and costs.

Due to the high 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 \$1,250,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 465,924

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 85,780

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME Krystal Truss v. Christian Marin, et al.

CASE NUMBER 23CHCV03304

COURT Los Angeles Superior Court

DATE FILED October 30, 2023

COUNTY DEPARTMENT Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 70,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF MASON RASHTIAN, ESQ.

The Mason Law Firm, PC

COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY MELISSA A. MCCAVERTY, ESQ.

Deputy County Counsel

NATURE OF CASE

This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that

occurred on May 27, 2023, when a Deputy Sheriff made a U-turn against a red traffic signal colliding into the vehicle Plaintiff was a passenger in. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from

the incident.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full

and final settlement of the case is warranted.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 31,779

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 1,345

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 10, 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 Vice Chair Brian Villalobos 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: Brian Villalobos, Vice Chair, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Bryan Cook, Member at-Large; John Moreno, South Division, Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. Alternate: Gustavo Camacho, South 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; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelien, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior CDeputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Anna Sargsyan, Paralegal; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Nicole Palomino, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; François Chang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ann Tremblay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maria Soriano, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brandon Barclay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joseph Fender, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Kimberly Guerrero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Paul Bartlett, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Damon Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Eileen Decker, Los Angeles Sheriff;s Department; Daniel Inez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Christopher Minott, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department;. Attendees: Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc,; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Marina Samson, Outside Counsel. Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager; 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 11:09 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. <u>Bustos Arreola, Salvador v. County of Los Angeles.</u>
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CMCV00390

This lawsuit concerns allegations 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

b. <u>Flores, George v. County of Los Angeles et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CHCV03852

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 \$300,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

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c. <u>H.R., A Minor, et al. v. Los Angeles County, , et al.</u> United States District Court Case No. 2-22-CV-05706

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, negligence, battery, Bane Act violation, Monell liability which arose from a deadly shooting 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 \$3,500,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

d. <u>Laney, Brook v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.</u> <u>Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV15639</u>

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 \$75,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

e. Reyes, Hector Manuel II, et al. v. Garcia Figueroa, Alberto et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00195

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 \$80,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

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

a. <u>Hand, Allisun v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
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.

b. Ramirez Cabrera, Abigail, et al, v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV03050

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

c. Rios, Eric v. County of Los Angeles.
United States District Court Case No. 2-24-CV-04782

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, including excessive force, Monell violation, assault, battery, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, violation of Bane Act.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:48 a.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 August 13, 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: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

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 11:51 a.m.

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