



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, **January 14, 2026, 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

Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 929-5700

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

Maywood City Hall, 4319 E Slauson Ave, Maywood, CA 90270 (323) 562-5700

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 January 13, 2026. 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://cjpiaorg.zoomgov.com/j/1606695339?pwd=psz8HU3gvmAgav5FbSvgRV0S1zCR.1>

Meeting ID: 160 669 5339

Passcode: 306983

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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. Juan Avalos, et al. v. Durghinescu, Daniel, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01219.

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

[See supporting documents](#)

4. **Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).**
 - a. Perez, Miguel Angel, v. Hernandez, Nicholas Rubio, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00054

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.
 - b. Quan, Jennie, et al, v, County of Los Angeles.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 2:24-CV-04805

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violation, use of excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, denial of medical care, Monell liability, negligence, battery, violation of Bane Act.

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5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the December 10, 2025, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See supporting documents](#)

7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Juan Avalos, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23CMCV01219
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 3, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	ANDREW TREGAR, ESQ. Baer Treger, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN ENGELIEN, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on December 7, 2022. Plaintiff claims he suffered injuries and damages as a result of the collision. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 20,218
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,447

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MINUTES OF MEETING

December 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 Chair Mark Waronek at 11:13 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; John Moreno, South Division, Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** John Erickson, North 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; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Allende, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sheriff Morsi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Victor Puebla, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ismael Opina, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Cartmill, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ron Coppeland, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Terrence Bell, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Glen Emery, 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. **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 11:14 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. Consolidated cases:
Zamora, Antonio De La v. County of Los Angeles, et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV38123
Ontiveros, Freddy v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV48053

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 \$850,000.00 and \$900,000.00.

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

- b. Gonzalez, Alejandra v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV01995

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 \$1,500,000.00.

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

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

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 \$98,000.00.

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

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, unlawful seizure and Monell liability.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$499,999.99.

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

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

- a. Amador Gutierrez, Luis Alberto, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23PSCV01037.

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Avalos, Juan, et al, v. Durghinescu, Daniel, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01219.

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 12:15 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 December 10, 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: 11-0 – Mark Waronek, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Jennifer Perez, Marcel Rodarte.

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 12:16 p.m.

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