# STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

# FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES

# CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

## HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, MONTEREY HILL RESTAURANT,

## CARMEL BALLROOM, 3700 RAMONA BOULEVARD, MONTEREY PARK,

## CALIFORNIA 91754

## ON

## WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018, AT 11:00 AM

- <u>Members Present:</u> Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Hernandez, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin
- Member Absent: Marcel Rodarte and Mark Waronek
- <u>Alternates Present</u>: Michael Davitt, Reva Feldman, Darrell George, Christian Hernandez, Steven Mandoki, and John Moreno
- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. 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).

a. <u>Brian Kahn v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 598547

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in 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.

- Vote: Ayes: 9 Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Hernandez, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin.
  - Absent: Marcel Rodarte Mark Waronek

See Supporting Document

b. <u>Antonio Ramirez. v. David Alan Niseoff, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 657869

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries received in 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.

- Vote: Ayes: 9 Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Hernandez, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin.
  - Absent: Marcel Rodarte Mark Waronek

See Supporting Document

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

a. <u>Kathleen Anderson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 635915 (Consolidated with <u>Kathleen Anderson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> United States District Court Case No. CV 15-09289)

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and federal civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

b. <u>Sandy Delgadillo v. County of Los Angeles, et al</u>. United States District Court Case No. CV 17-0786

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

## 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

# 6. Approval of the minutes of the September 5, 2018, 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 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Ernie Hernandez, Patrick Kearney, Doug Prichard, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte Mark Waronek

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 subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No such matters were discussed.

8. Other Business.

None

9. Adjournment.

# CASE SUMMARY

# **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME CASE NUMBER	Brian Kahn v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al. BC598547
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 21, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Herbert C. Rubinstein, Esq. Law Offices of Herbert C. Rubinstein
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas, Esq. Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on September 25, 2014, when Sheriff's vehicle driven by a Deputy rear ended Plaintiff Brian Kahn's vehicle. Due to the risks and uncertainities of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warrented.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 41,261
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,703

## CASE SUMMARY

# **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Antonio Ramirez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC657869
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 14, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Patrick C. Obioha, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On June 21, 2016, Plaintiff was involved in a motor vehicle versus motor vehicle collision with an on-duty employee of the Sheriff's Department, while driving on Bouquet Canyon Road near its intersection with Valencia Boulevard in the City of Santa Clarita. He allegedly sustained injuries to his neck, back, and knee, and underwent physical therapy and three lumbar spine epidural injections as a result of injuries sustained in the collision.
	Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$50,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 9,839
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,683

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

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

September 5, 2018

#### 1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris at 11:27 a.m. The meeting was held in the Monterey Hill Restaurant, Carmel Ballroom, 3700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Curtis Morris, Chairman, At-Large; Mark Alexander, East Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Jose Pulido, Central Division: Ken Striplin, Member North Division, Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association; Alternate: Michael Davitt, East Division; Reva Feldman, At-Large, Darrell George, East Division: Christian Hernandez, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; County of Los Angeles Staff: Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel: Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Lana Cho, Deputy County Counsel: Ed Winslow, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Scott Gage, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Eric Parra, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Matthew Squire, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Richard Shear, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Attendees: Harold Becks, Harold Becks & Associates; Ronald Housman, Harold Becks & Associates; Tom Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantrall, LLP; Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; California JPIA: Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Denise Covell, Administrative Assistant.

#### 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 11:28 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>Mildred Mae Mendonza, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 594206

This lawsuit involves excessive force shooting and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$14,350,000.

- Vote: Ayes: 9 Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Jose Pulido, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte
  - Absent: Ernie Hernandez Doug Prichard

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

a. <u>Estate of Leroy Browning v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 026632

This lawsuit involves excessive force shooting and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

b. <u>Brejanea B. a minor et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 027341

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

c. John Warner v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. CV 18-00388

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and battery by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

#### 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:21 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 August 08, 2018, 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 - Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Ken Striplin, Patrick Kearney, Jose Pulido, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

Absent: Ernie Jimenez Doug Prichard

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 12:24 p.m.

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