

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers, with Chair Steve Robles being absent.

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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. **Priscilla Anderson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-02753

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations including assault, battery, negligence, false imprisonment, and negligent hiring, training and retention.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$97,500.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers
Absent: Steve Robles, Chair

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Claim of Sierra-Cedar, Inc.**

This claim concerns an alleged breach of contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$394,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers
Absent: Steve Robles, Chair

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Monica Perez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 663 631

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained as a result of a slip and fall at a Department of Public Social Services building.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$62,500.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers
Absent: Steve Robles, Chair

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. **Sharon Benjamin v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 620 632

This lawsuit concerns allegations made by an employee from the Department of Mental Health who claims that the County discriminated against her.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers
Absent: Steve Robles, Chair

e. **Claim of Jerry Sefiane**
County of Equity Investigations Unit Complaint No.
CEIU_2018_12604

This County of Equity Investigations Unit Complaint concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Mental Health was subjected to sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$92,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers
Absent: Steve Robles, Chair

f. **Neydi Abrams v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV02132

This lawsuit concerns allegations made by an employee from the Department of Mental Health who claims that the County discriminated against her.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$85,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers
Absent: Steve Robles, Chair

4. **Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2019, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers
Absent: Steve Robles, Chair

[See Supporting Document](#)

6. **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.

7. **Adjournment.**

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Priscilla Anderson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:18-CV-02753
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	January 10, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 97,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Geragos & Geragos PC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$97,500, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by the Plaintiff against the County of Los Angeles and a Sheriff's Deputy, alleging assault, battery, negligence, false imprisonment, and negligent hiring, training and retention.</p> <p>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 \$97,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 118,661
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,537

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Claim of Sierra-Cedar, Inc.
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	April 11, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 394,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Daniel Purcell, Esq. Keker Van Nest & Peters LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jeffrey M. Goldman, Esq. Pepper Hamilton LLP
NATURE OF CASE	Patrice Salseda Principal Deputy County Counsel Breach of Contract - Claimant seeks compensation for services rendered under Board approved contract for maintenance and support of the Sheriff's Modified Automated Process & Accounting System and for damages related to its replacement system. Due to the costs, risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 32,000 (fixed fee)
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Monica Perez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC663631
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 1, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Social Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 62,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gilbert Perez, Law Offices of Mauro Fiore, Jr.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kelsey Nau, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a June 2, 2016, slip and fall incident at the DPSS office located at 2959 East Victoria Street, in an unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries as a result. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 38,136
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,374

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2019

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:34 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera and Adrienne Byers.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Eduardo Montelongo, Joyce Aiello, and Camille Granville Townsend; Department of Health Services: Karen Nunn.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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)

At 9:36 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the item listed as 4(a).

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:27 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Michael Ross v. County of Los Angeles.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 480 374**

This lawsuit alleges a former employee with the Department of Health Services was subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$820,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

5. Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2019, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

6. 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.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Derek Stane