

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT,
POSADA BALLROOM,
3500 RAMONA BOULEVARD, MONTEREY PARK,
CALIFORNIA 91754

ON

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2020, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Mark Waronek, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Ernie Hernandez, Margaret Finlay, Mark Alexander, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Curtis Morris, Marcel Rodarte, Jennifer Vasquez.

Alternates Present: *Kevin Chun, Steven Hofbauer, John Moreno, Rob Wishner.*

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. Rene Duarte v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18AVCV00098

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries and property damage 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 \$35,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Curtis Morris, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Donna Huff v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-01733

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Matthew Richardson v. Christopher Quinn Jackson; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; County of Los Angeles; Does 1 through 20, inclusive.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 669104

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

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 February 12, 2020 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 - Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Curtis Morris, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin.

[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

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| CASE NAME | Rene Duarte v. City of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | 18AVCV00098 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | November 15, 2018 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Los Angeles Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 35,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Patrick M. Saboorian, Esq. |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | LaTasha N. Corry, Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | This lawsuit arises from an auto vs. auto collision that occurred on April 20, 2018. A Sheriff Deputy's vehicle rear-ended plaintiff's vehicle while driving in the City of Palmdale. As a result of this accident, plaintiff sustained property damage and personal injuries. Due to the risks and uncertainties of trial, a full settlement of the case is warranted. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 16,933.62 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 230 |

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 12, 2020

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Margaret Finlay at 12:03 p.m. The meeting was held in the City of Monterey Park, Luminarias Restaurant, Posada Ballroom, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** James Bozajian, North Division; Reva Feldman, At-Large; Ernie Hernandez, South Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Curtis Morris, At-Large; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Kevin Chun, Central Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles; County of Los Angeles; Bryan Aguilera, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Patrick Jordan, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jeff Carrasco, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steve Gross, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Scott Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Greg McNight, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Albert Maldonado, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Wolak, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; James J. Hellmold, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Meza, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Michael DeMattei, Millman; Sandra Armenta; Alex Small; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Lilian Salcedo, Office 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 12:04 p.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. Bianca Hernandez, Esmeralda Sanchez v. Jorge Perez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Does 1 through 20 inclusive.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 686495

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries and property damage 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 \$80,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Curtis Morris, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek

- b. Deanna Martinez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV02466

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries and property damage 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 \$45,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Curtis Morris, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek

- c. Barry R. Sheppard, et al. v. City of Westlake Village, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 686607

This lawsuit concerns allegations of dangerous conditions and property damage.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$69,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Curtis Morris, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek

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

- a. Davis, Andy, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18AVC00202

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Lewin, Kevin v. Thorne, Jr., Albert Henry, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 697359

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Taylor, Stafford By Davies, Grace, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 18-CV-09259 AB (SSx)

This lawsuit concerns allegation of civil rights violations 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 12:41 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 January 15, 2020, 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 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Curtis Morris, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek

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 12:42 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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