

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M.

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

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 were on the public teleconference line to address the Claims Board or to listen to the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision [a] of Government Code section 54956.9).**

- a. **Andre McClelland v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-6755-SVW**

This federal lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff's civil rights were violated while he was incarcerated at Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$450,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Jane Doe, a minor v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV29320**

This lawsuit alleges that a minor was sexually assaulted by a Detective of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$5,500,000.

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

c. Claim of Cynthia Maluto

This claim by a former employee of the Fire Department alleges gender discrimination, harassment, failure to accommodate, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,999.

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

**d. Ruchika Bharadwaj v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 650281**

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Auditor-Controller was subjected to disability discrimination, failure to accommodate and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$325,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Steve Robles, and Adrienne Byers
Recusal: 1 – Arlene Barrera

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 May 18, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

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

[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	Andre McClelland v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-6755-SVW
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 21, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 450,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jovan Blacknell Law Office of J. Blacknell
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Amie Park Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$450,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a lawsuit filed by Andre McClelland ("Plaintiff") against the County and several deputy defendants, alleging civil rights violations. The lawsuit arose from an altercation between Plaintiff and another inmate at Men's Central Jail on August 28, 2018. Plaintiff alleges that the deputies facilitated the fight.</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 amount of \$450,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 12,338
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,007

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 2020

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 via teleconference with all Claims Board Members participating telephonically. Claims Board Members online for the teleconference meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers.

All other persons also appeared telephonically. Those attending the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Richard Kudo, Amie Park, Wendy Sha, and Narbeh Bagdasarian; Sheriff's Department: Dwayne Allen, Kristine Corrales, Kevin Percy, Mark Allen, and Sergio Mancilla; Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services: Derrick Martin; Department of Health Services: Arun Patel, Antoinette Ross, and Catherine Reyes; and Outside Counsel: Brian Stewart, and Tomas A. Guterres.

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 were on the public teleconference line to address the Claims Board or to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

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

At 9:35 a.m., the Chairperson convened the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(i).

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:48 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via public teleconference line and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. John Goslin, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV04807

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

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

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

b. **Andre McClelland v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-6755-SVW

This federal lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff's civil rights were violated while he was incarcerated at Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this item to a future meeting date.

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

c. **Stephen Acker v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 703706

This lawsuit alleges that a former employee with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services was subjected to disability and gender discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$350,000.

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

d. **Fernando Gomez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STC00943

This wrongful death lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff's pregnant wife and newborn child received inadequate care at Olive View Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000.

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

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 4, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Chair 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 10:50 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By  _____
Derek Stane