

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL**  
**ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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. **Charlton Sanders v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:15-CV-00907**

This federal lawsuit alleges civil rights violations and intentional infliction of emotional distress to a pretrial detainee by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,950.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Ellie Tae Yeon Yoon v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV12304**

This lawsuit arises from alleged personal 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 \$40,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Steven Kunz-Bost v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV34675**

This lawsuit arises from alleged personal injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee with the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,000.

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

d. **Robert Gallardo v. Wendell Enix, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 704391**

**Cypress Insurance Company, administered by Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV13852**

This lawsuit arises from alleged personal injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee with the Internal Services Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. **Anthony Tanon v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 649913**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of medical malpractice for injuries sustained while the plaintiff was receiving care at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

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

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 October 19, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

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

[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	Charlton Sanders v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:15-CV-00907
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 26, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,950
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Orange Law Offices Olu K. Orange, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh, Deputy Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$99,950, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal lawsuit filed by Charlton Sanders against the County, former Sheriff Leroy Baca, and three Sheriff's Department Deputies alleging federal and State civil rights violations as well as State-law tort claims.</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 \$99,950 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 173,811
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,335

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### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ellie Tae Yeon Yoon v. County of Los Angeles, et. al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV12304
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 27, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Reza Mikhchi, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle versus vehicle collision that occurred on November 11, 2018, when a Deputy of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department entered the intersection of the Old Road and Valencia Boulevard while facing a red traffic signal and collided with the vehicle driven by Plaintiff Ellie Tae Yeon Yoon. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 16,544
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 50

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Robert Gallardo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.; Cypress Insurance Company, administered by Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	BC704391 and 19STCV13852
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 2, 2018; April 22, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Internal Services Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Sharifi Firm, PLC Scott Good, Esq. (For Mr. Gallardo) Gregory F. Johnsen Law Offices of Gregory F. Johnsen (For Cypress)
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Justin Clark, Esq. Kevin Engellen, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle versus vehicle collision that occurred on May 4, 2017, when a County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department employee made a left hand turn and collided with the rear end of the vehicle Plaintiff Mr. Gallardo was traveling in as a passenger. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 44,437
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,654



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2020

### 1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:36 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference with all Claims Board Members participating telephonically. Claims Board Members online for the teleconference meeting were: Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers. Chair Steve Robles was absent.

All other persons also appeared telephonically. Those attending the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Richard Hsueh, Kelsey Nau, Michael Gordon, Richard Kudo, Katherine Bowser, Narbeh Bagdasarian, and Jennifer Lehman; Sheriff's Department: Joe Williams, Mark Allen, Pilar Chavez, George Valdez, Melanie Rivers, and Kristine Corrales; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel; Office of the District Attorney: Julie Dixon-Silva, and Joey Esposito; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays and Ronald Castaneda; Department of Health Services: Nick Teophilov, Dawn Abarca, and Arun Patel; and Outside Counsel: Danielle Foster, and Jeff Hausman.

### 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 phone line to address 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., Arlene Barrera 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.

No members of the public were on the public teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 11:36 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via the public teleconference line and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

#### a. Estate of Ricardo Cendejas v. County of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court No. 2:18-CV-09560

This lawsuit alleges wrongful death and civil rights violations arising out of a fatal Deputy-involved shooting.

#### Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$825,000.

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

b. **Maria Correa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV10069**

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 \$75,000.

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

c. **Ryan Jenson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18SSTCV00164**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$88,000.

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

d. **Ramon Rosales v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV07415**

This dangerous condition lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises from injuries sustained in a fatal vehicle accident in an unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$60,000.

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

e. **Maria Frescas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 645585**

This dangerous condition lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises from injuries sustained in a fatal vehicle accident in an unincorporated area of the County near West Covina.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$475,000.

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



f. **Andrew Wilson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-05775**

This lawsuit against the District Attorney's office alleges that Plaintiff was wrongfully convicted which resulted in his imprisonment for 32 years.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,500,000.

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

g. **Sheila Mayfield, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-01298**

This lawsuit against the Department of Children and Family Services alleges civil rights violations and wrongful detention of Plaintiff's minor child.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$425,000.

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

h. **Michael Callanan, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**  
**United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-02229**

This wrongful death lawsuit alleges deliberate indifference to the medical needs of an inmate while in custody of the Sheriff's Department and while receiving care from the Department of Health Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,350,000.

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

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2020, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

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

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.**

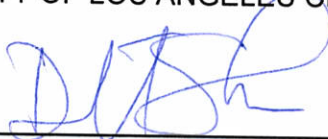
No such matters were discussed.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Derek Stane