

CLAIMS BOARD

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., Via Teleconference.

In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Agency Clerk at (562) 467-8736. Notification 48 hours before meeting will enable the Authority to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. (28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II)

PUBLIC COMMENT

You may submit public comment by e-mail at <u>vruiz@cjpia.org</u> or by mail to: Attention: Contract Cities Claims Board Agenda, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2021. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to listen to open sessions of the meeting may call the California JPIA's teleconference number at 1(669) 900-9128, Enter Meeting ID: 924 9486 8516; Passcode 844552.

Zoom Meeting Link

https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/92494868516?pwd=OFRpaWtlTHpPa1E4ODJkZ1 A5RX1WZz09&from=addon

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
- 3. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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

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

See Supporting Document

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

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the December 9, 2020, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

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.
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Matthew Richardson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC669104
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 19, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 165,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Sean M. Novak, Esq. The Novak Law Firm, P.C.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On December 24, 2016, Plaintiff Matthew Richardson's sedan collided with a Sheriff's Department SUV in the intersection of Fairfax Avenue and Fountain Avenue in the City of West Hollywood. It is alleged that the Deputy Sheriff driving the SUV caused the collision by running a red light. Plaintiff alleges he sustained bodily injuries, loss of earnings and general damages as a result of the incident.
	Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$165,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 56,453
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 40,599

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MINUTES OF MEETING

December 9, 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 Mark Waronek at 11:02 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Mark Waronek, Chair; James Bozajian, North Division; Reva Feldman, At-Large; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte; Ernie Hernandez, South Division; At-Large; Alternate: Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Kevin Chun, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; Rob Wishner, East Divison; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Michael Davitt, East Division: Gustavo Camacho, South Division: County of Los Angeles Staff: Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steve Gross, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Albert Maldonado, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Attendees: Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; California JPIA: Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

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 11:05 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>Lewin, Kevin v. County, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 697359

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisor the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,000.

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

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

a. <u>Lim, Yong Ho, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 712286

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

b. <u>Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation</u> (Paragraph (2) of Subdivison (d) of Government Code section 54956.9) Significant exposure to litigation (three cases)

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:58 a.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 November 18, 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 Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, 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 11:59 a.m.

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