

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021, 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. Non-Litigated Claim of Edith & Jaime Campo

This claim seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for property damage allegedly caused by a backflow of sewage due to a mainline blockage.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$39,339.21.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

b. Non-Litigated Claims of John and Sondra Lombardo

These claims seek compensation from the Department of Public Works for property damage allegedly caused by a backflow of sewage due to a mainline blockage.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$116,979.22.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Ericka Aceves v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV13902

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving an employee of the Department of Public Works.

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](#)

d. **Karalee Ensign v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV13928

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in a trip and fall accident in a Department of Beaches and Harbors parking lot.

Action Taken:

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

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. **Jorge Sigala v. Los Angeles County Fire Department, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV33812

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Fire Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$61,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

f. **Larry Soong, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV28716

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**g. Tamika Fair v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 19-CV-5574**

This lawsuit involves allegations of physical and sexual battery by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**h. Alvaro Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-08680**

This lawsuit involves allegations of federal civil rights violations arising from a non-fatal Sheriff Deputy-involved shooting.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$440,000.

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

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**i. Sarah Tillman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV38394**

This lawsuit involves allegations of civil rights violations and wrongful detention of plaintiff's child by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$898,728.98.

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

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**j. Juan Manuel Correa, Sr., et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 690171**

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the death of plaintiff's son, who died while in the 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 \$1,500,000.

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 March 15, 2021, 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 an 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	Non-litigated Claim of Edith & Jaime Campo
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 39,339.21
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a blocked sewer mainline that caused a sewage backflow into Claimants' residence and damaged their real and personal property. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Nonlitigated Claims of John and Sondra Lombardo
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 116,979.22 (including advance payments to contractors of \$52,828.77)
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	These claims arise from a backflow of sewage resulting from a sewer mainline blockage in Valencia. The backflow caused damage to a commercial building and personal property in the building. Because DPW found the County responsible for the blockage, settlement of these claims is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,227 (fee of independent adjuster)

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ericka Aceves v. County of Los Angeles, et. al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV13902
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 22, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Cheryl Turner, Esq. Law Office of Cheryl Turner, Inc.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Yuan Chang Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile collision that occurred on April 24, 2017, when a vehicle operated by an employee of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works rear ended Plaintiff's vehicle. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 15,279
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,655

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Karalee Ensign v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV13928
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 22, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Beaches and Harbors
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jack Bazerkanian, Esq. C&B Law Group, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On June 25, 2018, Plaintiff allegedly tripped and fell on a pot hole in a County-owned parking lot in Marina Del Rey, which caused her to sustain personal injuries. The Department of Beaches and Harbors is responsible for maintaining and repairing the pavement, including potholes, in the parking lot where the incident occurred. Plaintiff contends the parking lot was a dangerous condition of public property that caused her injuries for which she seeks damages.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$60,000 is recommended</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 14,676
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,347

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jorge Sigala v. Los Angeles County Fire Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV33812
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 23, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 61,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Sergio F. Benedetto, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LaTasha N. Corry Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile collision that occurred on June 11, 2019, when a vehicle operated by an employee of the Los Angeles County Fire Department rear ended Plaintiff's vehicle on the Interstate 110 freeway. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 8,933
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,275

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Larry Soong, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV28716
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 29, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Stephen P. Grayson, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile collision that occurred on February 15, 2020, when a patrol vehicle operated by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy collided with Plaintiffs' vehicle in the intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 8,886
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 70

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME Tamika Fair v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER 19-CV-5574 (DSF)

COURT United States District Court

DATE FILED 6/26/19

COUNTY DEPARTMENT Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 70,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Jennifer A. Bandlow, Esq.
Social Justice Law Group

COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY Lana Choi, Deputy County Counsel

NATURE OF CASE

This is a request to settle for \$70,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the lawsuit brought against the County and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD") by Plaintiff ("Tamika Fair"). Plaintiff seeks damages arising from a May 24, 2018 incident during which she alleges she was physically and sexually battered inside of an LASD patrol vehicle.

Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time to avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement amount of \$70,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 64,150

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 8,281

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alvaro Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-08680
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 8, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 440,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian T. Dunn, Esq. The Cochran Firm California
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$440,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Alvaro Jimenez against the County and Sheriff's Deputy Luis Cano, alleging federal civil rights violations arising from a non-fatal deputy-involved shooting.</p> <p>Due to the high 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 \$440,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 46,293
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,268



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	October 27, 2018
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alvaro Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan 2010-32</p> <p>On October 27, 2018, at approximately 3:29 a.m., two uniformed deputy sheriffs assigned to South Los Angeles Station working as a two-man unit were parked in a marked patrol vehicle on the corner of 104th Street and South Grevillea Avenue monitoring vehicle traffic. An unknown woman flagged down both deputy sheriffs and approached their patrol vehicle. The women reported and requested a patrol check of a large crowd of people on 104th Street and Burin Avenue drinking alcohol, being unruly, and loud (violation 415 PC disturbing the peace).</p> <p>The first deputy sheriff, who was the driver, drove south on Burin Avenue from east 104th Street to investigate any possible illegal activity. As the deputy sheriffs approached mid-block of Burin Avenue, the deputy sheriffs saw a group of individuals standing on the east sidewalk in front of 10534 Burin Avenue, next to a parked, silver sedan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: The plaintiff resides in one of the two back houses located on the property (10534 Burin Avenue, Lennox). The plaintiff's grandparents own the front house. The plaintiff's aunt resides in the second back house with her husband and three children.</p> <p>The first deputy sheriff stopped the patrol vehicle just north of 10534 Burin Avenue, and both deputy sheriffs exited the patrol vehicle. The second deputy sheriff saw the plaintiff wearing a green jacket, immediately walking away, and disassociating himself from the crowd.</p> <p>The second deputy sheriff saw the plaintiff walk across the street to the west sidewalk of Burin Avenue and walk south. The second deputy sheriff maintained a visual of the plaintiff and proceeded to walk around an unknown parked gray color vehicle. The second deputy was approximately ten feet away from the plaintiff when the plaintiff stopped, turned, then faced north toward the second deputy sheriff. The plaintiff reached into the front of his pants with his right hand and removed a long rifle. Fearing the plaintiff was about to shoot the second deputy sheriff with the rifle, the second deputy sheriff discharged three to four rounds from his duty weapon at the plaintiff.</p> <p>The plaintiff turned back and ran south on the west sidewalk. The plaintiff then made a half-way turn towards the second deputy sheriff and pointed the barrel of the long rifle at the second deputy sheriff. The second deputy feared the plaintiff was about to shoot him and the first deputy sheriff. The second deputy sheriff discharged a second volley at the plaintiff striking</p>

	<p>the plaintiff in both legs (11 total fired rounds). The plaintiff fell to the ground on the sidewalk in front of 10609 Burin Avenue.</p> <p>The second deputy sheriff did not issue any verbal commands to the plaintiff prior to firing his duty weapon.</p> <p>The first deputy sheriff was simultaneously ordering the large crowd to disperse when he heard 10-12 gunshots. The first deputy sheriff did not witness the shooting nor did he discharge his duty weapon.</p> <p>At approximately 3:30 a.m., the first deputy sheriff advised via his handheld radio of a deputy involved shooting had occurred, requested additional patrol units, and medical care for the plaintiff.</p> <p>The second deputy sheriff detained the plaintiff at gunpoint pending the arrival of assisting units. The first deputy sheriff remained with the large unruly crowd on the east sidewalk.</p> <p>Once assisting units arrived, the second deputy sheriff along with assisting units approached the plaintiff, handcuffed the plaintiff, and briefly conducted a pat down search to ensure the plaintiff did not have additional weapons.</p> <p>The Los Angeles Fire Department personnel treated the plaintiff at the scene and the plaintiff was transported to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center via ambulance. The plaintiff sustained gunshot wounds to his lower extremities. The plaintiff injuries consisted of fractures of right tibia (part of calf) and femoral condyle (bottom of thigh bone, just above knee). Although, significant the injuries were not life-altering.</p> <p>The first deputy and second deputy sheriffs were not injured.</p> <p>Investigators interviewed several civilian witnesses and some refused to give statements. The civilian witness' who provided statements only heard gunshots and did not see the actual incident, nor did they see the events preceding it.</p> <p>A canvass of the scene was conducted and surveillance cameras were located at 10530 South Burin Avenue pointing toward where the incident occurred. However, after the detectives viewed the cameras angle it became clear the cameras were obstructed by heavy foliage in the front yard of 10530 South Burin Avenue and did not capture the incident. Additional surveillance cameras were located by detectives at 10600 and 10604 South Burin Avenue. The cameras at both locations pointed towards the driveways and entry courtyards and not toward the west sidewalk of Burin Avenue where the incident occurred.</p> <p>During the collection of evidentiary items, the long rifle, was recovered in the grass next to the sidewalk, approximately 25 feet from the plaintiff. It was later determined the rifle was not loaded and the rifle's grip had the plaintiff's DNA.</p> <p>The plaintiff was arrested for exhibiting a firearm in the presence of a peace officer, 417 (c) PC and a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, 29800 (a) (1) PC. A jury deadlocked on the charges, with 11-1 in favor of acquittal. The plaintiff pled no contest to a misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace, 415 (2) PC.</p>
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	<p>Note: According to the statements from jurors after the criminal trial, they did not find the second deputy credible. The second deputy sheriff provided inconsistent testimony at the preliminary hearing and jury trial.</p> <p>The second deputy sheriff initially reported the plaintiff pointed the rifle at him and testified the plaintiff never pointed the rifle at him. The second deputy sheriff, at the preliminary hearing, testified that the rounds ejected from his duty firearm were up and to the right, but changed that testimony at the trial to fit the physical evidence. The second deputy sheriff would say he was left-handed and the rounds would eject up to the left.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the second deputy sheriff's use of deadly force against the plaintiff, who possessed a rifle.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the second deputy sheriff's failure, during a criminal court proceeding, to adequately articulate the immediate threat the plaintiff presented to him, which necessitated the use of deadly force.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the plaintiff's possession of a rifle, which he concealed in his pants and then removed with his hand pointing at the second deputy sheriff.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Criminal Investigation

The incident was investigated by the Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau to determine if any criminal misconduct occurred. The results of the investigation were presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for evaluation and filing consideration.

On November 16, 2020, the Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office concluded the shooting was legally justified, as the second deputy sheriff acted in self-defense. The District Attorney's Office closed their file on this incident and will take no further action in this matter.

Administrative Investigation

The Sheriff's Department's Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) will investigate this incident to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after this incident.

The California Government Code's Peace Officer Bill of Rights sets guidelines for administrative investigation statute dates. Upon completion of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's investigation, a statute date was set regarding the administrative investigation.

Once the IAB investigator completes the investigation, it will be submitted for approval. Approximately one month after the case has been approved, the case will be presented to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) for adjudication.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing Department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Albert M. Maldonado, Captain
Risk Management Bureau

Signature:



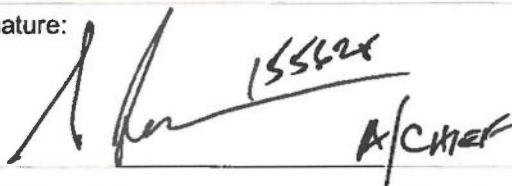
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Name: (Department Head)

Matthew J. Burson, Chief
Professional Standards Division

Signature:



Date:

2-15-21

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☐ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
☒ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)

Destiny Castro

Signature:

Destiny Castro

Date:

02/19/2021

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sarah Tillman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV38394
COURT	Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
DATE FILED	10/24/2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 898,728.98
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Shawn A. McMillan, Stephen D. Daner, Adrian M. Paris of The Law Offices of Shawn A. McMillan, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Shawn Luna, Deputy County Counsel Tom Guterres and Megan Lieber Collins Collins Muir + Stewart, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle, for \$898,728.98, this lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles, the Department of Children and Family Services, and several employees alleging that Plaintiff's constitutional rights were violated when social workers fraudlently detained her child in retaliation for her frequent complaints.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ \$61,686
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ \$993

Case Name: Tillman, Sarah. vs. COLA, et al.



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Date of incident/event:	November 3, 2017
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiff alleged violation of civil rights by Department and Children and Family Services (DCFS) when DCFS removed her child, S. C. from her care and custody.

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

Possible misconduct by staff members involved in the DCFS case.

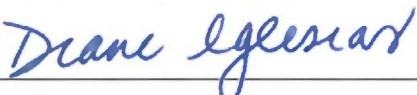
2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

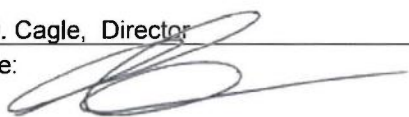
Internal Affairs conducted an investigation of possible misconduct by the Children's Social Worker (CSW), Supervising Social Worker (SCSW) and Assistant Regional Administrator (ARA). They concluded there was no misconduct by the CSW and SCSW. They found that the ARA had used inappropriate language in his emails in violation of DCFS Management Directive #17-01, B, Office Practices and Personal Conduct. He received a Confirmation of Counseling as a result.


3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

The corrective actions address department-wide system issues

✓ The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
Diane Iglesias, Senior Deputy Director	
Signature: 	Date: 3/2/21

Name: (Department Head)	
Bobby D. Cagle, Director	
Signature: 	Date: 03/05/21

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Destiny Castro	
Signature: 	Date: 3/16/2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 15, 2021

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:38 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: Kevin Engelen, Millicent Rolon, David Lee, Shawn Luna, Kent Sommer, and Camille Granville; Sheriff's Department: Elier Morejon, Mark Reyes, Andrew Rosso, Ernest Bille, John Barkley, Todd Weber, Darren Harris, Melynie Rivers, and Kristine Corrales; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel; Probation Department: Chereise Martin, Robert Smythe, and Patrick Page; Health Services: Arun Patel, Anish Mahajan, Lan Soeur, Haya Nemptzov; and Outside Counsel: Avi Burkwitz.

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 9:39 a.m., the Chair 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 12:12 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via the public teleconference phone line and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

**a. Francisco A. Macias v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV30121**

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from injuries allegedly sustained at a County-owned park near the City of South Gate.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$23,000.

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

b. **Yesenia Segura Bernal v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV28567

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 \$35,000.

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

c. **Rajni Dua v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 654297

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$200,000.

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

d. **Michelle Contreras v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-4198 SVW

This federal civil rights lawsuit involves allegations of sexual assault by a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$950,000.

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

e. **Ryan Randalls v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 696606

This lawsuit arises from injuries allegedly sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department bus driven by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000.

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

f. **Robert W. Wolff, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No 18AVCV00087

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Probation Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.

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

g. **A.A. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-10031

This federal civil rights lawsuit involves allegations of failure to protect a minor from abuse while under the supervision of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000.

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

h. **Jesus Duran v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV08815

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a Department of Children and Family Services employee was subjected to sexual discrimination, retaliation, and failure to prevent discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$246,500.

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

i. **Anthony Carpenter, Jr. et al v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 610458

This lawsuit arises from the death of a patient who received care at Long Beach Community Health Center and Harbor UCLA Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$200,000.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the March 1, 2021, 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 12:20 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By


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