

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES**  
**CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE**

**ON**

**WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2021, AT 11:00 AM**

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

Alternates Present: *Kevin Chun, Steven Hofbauer, John Moreno, Rob Wishner, Gustavo Camacho, Bryan Cook, Jose Gonzalez, Michael Davitt.*

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. B., J., Minor, By Esparaza, Rose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-10607

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force shooting, false arrest, wrongful detention, and denial of adequate medical care by Sheriff's Deputies.

**Action Taken:**

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,999.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Lindsey Horvath

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

- b. Lim, Young Ho, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 72286

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 \$500,000.

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

**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.**

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 March 10, 2021 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, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

[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

CASE NAME	B., J., a minor by and through his GAL, Rose Esparaza v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-10607)
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 14, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Peter L. Carr & Na'Shaun neal, Esq. PLC Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel  This is a recommendation to settle for \$99,999, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by B., J., a minor by and through his guardian ad litem, Rose Esparaza ("Plaintiff"), against the County arising out of the non-fatal shooting of the Plaintiff.
NATURE OF CASE	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 \$99,999 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 52,575
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,080

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

March 10, 2021

**1. Call to Order**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by James Bozajian at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

**Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members:** James Bozajian, Chair; Mark Waronek, South Division; Ernie Hernandez, South Division; 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; **Alternate:** Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Kevin Chun, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; Rob Wishner, East Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Timothy Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Bryan Aguilera, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Albert Maldonado, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Scott Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Tom McNeal, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Ganon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., Tomas Guterres, Collins Collins Muir & Steward; Collins Collins Muir & Steward; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Alex Smith, Deputy 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 11:02 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. Heh, Kenneth v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-04258

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and federal civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,500.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, Ernie Hernandez, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Reva Feldman

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

- a. Claim of Gwasoo Baik; Rachel Baik; Changwoo Jang; Chung S. Choi-Kwon.  
File Nos. 20-1159832\*001; 20-1159832\*002

This lawsuit concerns allegations of property damage received during an enforcement of action by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Lombardi, Michael v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV04771

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force shooting and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Marshall, Shaun, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 8:20-CV-00916

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and falsified police report by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. Patterson, Nahan IV v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-02669

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, false arrest, false imprisonment, and denied medical treatment 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 11:48 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 February 10, 2021, 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, Ernie Hernandez, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Reva Feldman

**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 11:50 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY  
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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