

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2021, AT 12:30 PM

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

Alternates Present: *Steve Hofbauer, Kevin Chun, John Moreno, Rob Wishner,
Gustavo Camacho, Jose Gonzalez, Michael Davitt,
Thaddeus McCormack, Jennifer Perez.*

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. Rodrigo Zarazua v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV34070

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$44,000.

Vote: Ayes: 9 -Mark Alexander, James Bozajian,
Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno,
Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek,
Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Bryan Cook, Lindsey Hovath.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. 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

- b. Mary Starks v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV38462

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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 May 12, 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, James Bozajian,
Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno,
Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek,
Marcel Rodarte.

Absent: Bryan Cook, Lindsey Hovath.

[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	Rodrigo Zarazua v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV34070
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 16, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 44,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert Zavidow, Esq. Law Offices of Larry H. Parker
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engalien Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on December 1, 2018, when a Los Angeles County Sherrif's Department employee made a change of lanes and struck the Plaintiff's vehicle. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 4,891
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,754

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 12, 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; John Moreno, 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, Executive Director; Bryan Cook, At-Large; **Alternate:** Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Kevin Chun, Central Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Rob Wishner, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Mark Lomax, Deputy County Counsel; Bryan Aguilera, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Albert Maldonado, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steve Gross, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Greg McKnight, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; **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 11:04 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. Non-Litigated Auto Liability Claim of Kansley Mallari
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33732

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$34,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Hovath, 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)

- a. Victor White v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-04071

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, wrongful detention, malpractice malicious prosecution and search and seizure without a warrant by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Mary Starks v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV38462

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force shooting, wrongful death 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 11:11 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 April 14, 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Hovath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

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 11:13 a.m.

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