

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, September 8, 2021, AT 11:00 AM

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

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. Sarkis Kazaryan; Krisine Avetisyan; H.K., a Minor by and through Sarkis Kazaryan, Parent and Guardian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

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 Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$380,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Rashina Daniel, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-02669

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unreasonable search and seizure and 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 \$50,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Non-Litigated Auto Liability Claim of Southern California Edison
CRM No. 21-4383153*003

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 \$29,431.65.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Alegria, Jesus v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV0750

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false imprisonment, excessive force, denial of medical attention, and denial of substantive due process by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. AAV, a Minor By Segura, Mireya, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-07393

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Brejanea B., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027341

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. McCleary, Flenoid Lamar v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV42053

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and malicious prosecution 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 August 11, 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 Horvath, 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	Sarkis Kazaryan; Kristine Avetisyan; H.K., a Minor by and through Sarkis Kazaryan, Parent and Guardian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20AVCV00702
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court, Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse
DATE FILED	October 1, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund – Palmdale
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 380,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Ronald Gabler, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a Sheriff's Department automobile accident involving Deputy Dustin Wiemann who made an unsafe turn causing Plaintiffs to broadside his vehicle. 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 Rashina Daniel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER 2-20-CV-02669

COURT United States District Court

DATE FILED January 21, 2020

COUNTY DEPARTMENT Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 50,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Corey Alan Carter, Esq.

COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY Carrie Clarke, Deputy County Counsel

This is a recommendation to settle for \$50,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by ("Plaintiff") Rahina Daniel obo of minor K.D. (her son) and Nikeya Daniel (K.D.'s aunt) against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD"), and Deputy Hudson D. Carothers alleging unreasonable search and seizure of car and of persons, municipal liability, inadequate training, and unconstitutional custom, practice or policy.

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 \$50,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 32,205

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 12,011

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Auto Liability Claim of Southern California Edison ("SCE")
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff, Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund (Malibu)
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 29,431.65
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a single-vehicle collision between a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle and a utility pole on October 15, 2020, in Malibu, requiring replacement of the pole, which was owned and maintained by SCE. Settlement of this claim, involving property damage only, will avoid the costs of defending a lawsuit.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 11, 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 11:01 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; 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; At-Large; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; **Alternate:** Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; 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; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Jessica Rivas, 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; Scott Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mark Flores, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Stacey Luster, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Alex Smith, Deputy Executive Officer; 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. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$190,000.

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

- b. Non-Litigated Claim of Carlos Loiza
CRM No. 20-1159395*002

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 \$24,125.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, 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. Claim of Bottros, Moheb
CRM No. 20-1164213*001

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and failure to summon medical attention by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Gonzalez Rivas, Georgina v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV17817

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Slaughter, Dorrell v. Fernandez, Deputy S., et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00393

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and false imprisonment 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 11:35 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 July 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 Horvath, 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 11:40 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
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