



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CLAIMS BOARD  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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Arlene Barrera  
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Office of the County Counsel

NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**, via online conference call. Members of the public who would like to listen to the open sessions of the meeting may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 529 705 121#, at 9:30 a.m. on October 18, 2021.

**Reports of actions taken in Closed Session.** The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 10:50 a.m. Members of the public who would like to hear reportable actions taken on any Closed Session items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 529 705 121# at 10:40 a.m. on October 18, 2021. Please note that this time is an approximate start time and there may be a short delay before the Closed Session is concluded and the actions can be reported.

**TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

You may submit written public comments by e-mail to [claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov) or by mail to: Attention: Los Angeles County Claims Board, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 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.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Any supporting documents will be posted and can be provided upon request. Please submit requests for supporting documents to [claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov).

If you would like more information, please contact Derek Stane at [dstane@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:dstane@counsel.lacounty.gov).

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. Non-Litigated Claims of Miriam Khatchatryan v. County of Los Angeles

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$40,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

b. Jovany Munoz v. County of Los Angeles.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-10110-JFW-GJS

This lawsuit alleges Americans with Disabilities Act and California Disabled Persons Act violations against the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Work's for alleged failure to enforce parking restrictions and allowing drivers to obstruct sidewalks with their vehicles; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$99,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. Camille Harris v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV12418

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$99,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. Carrie Couser v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV19733

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a retired clerk was subjected to retaliation and discrimination by the Sheriff's Department after she alleged time-card fraud was being committed by her subordinates; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$290,000.

4. Approval of the minutes of the October 4, 2021, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

See Supporting Document

5. 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.
6. Adjournment.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claims of Miriam Khatchatryan v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
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 Bonnie Hanson who rear-ended Claimant, Miriam Khatchatryan. 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	<i>Jovany Munoz v. County of Los Angeles</i>
CASE NUMBER	2:20-cv-10110-JFW-GJS
COURT	United States District Court Central District of California
DATE FILED	November 3, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department and Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Center for Disability Access
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Keever Muir
NATURE OF CASE	This is a complaint filed by plaintiff Jovany Munoz for injunctive relief and damages based on County's alleged violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Disabled Persons Act, California Civil Code section 54.3, et seq. He alleges that the County failed to accommodate his disability by refusing to enforce parking restrictions and allowing drivers to obstruct sidewalks and curbs with their vehicles on Hereford Drive in East Los Angeles.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 106,789
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,634

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Camille Harris v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV12418
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 30, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Victor Alexandroff, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile collision that occurred on August 24, 2019, when a patrol vehicle operated by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy collided with Plaintiffs' vehicle in the intersection of Slauson Avenue and La Cienega Boulevard. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 33,581
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,176

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2021

### 1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:44 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: Shawn Luna, Richard Hsueh, Steven Edwards, Kevin Engelen, Adrian Gragas, Jonathan McCaverty, Minas Samuelian, Richard Kudo, Stacey Lee, and Rick Brouwer; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays, and Jeff Howard; Sheriff's Department: Melynne Rivers, Shanese Winfrey, Kerry Carter, Jason Wolak, Michael Abbott, Geradette Montoya, Jose Rios, Antonio Leon, and Anne Devane; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel; and Outside Counsel: Gil Burkwitz, Jill Williams, Darren Pang, and Paul Berkowitz.

### 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 9:46 a.m., the Chair convened the meeting into closed session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(j).

### 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 12:23 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. Orlando Rouchon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-10029

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations against the Department of Children and Family Services.

#### Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,999.99.

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

b. **Desiree Grisham v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-08079**

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations against the Sheriff's department while the plaintiff was incarcerated at the Century Regional Detention facility.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$38,000.

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

c. **Sohntee Webb v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-09353**

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations against the Sheriff's department for injuries allegedly sustained at the Inmate Reception Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

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

d. **Jenny Youngnim Jung v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19AVCV00526**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

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

e. **Marco Banderas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27953**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a sergeant with the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

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

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



f. **Barry John Montgomery v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC692204**

This lawsuit alleges assault, battery, and civil rights violations against Sheriff's deputies.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,750,000.

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

g. **Carmen A. Trutanich v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Court Case No. 20STCV09359**

This lawsuit seeks reimbursement of legal expenses incurred in defending a State Bar disciplinary proceeding.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$225,000.

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

h. **Richard Gerald Hall III v. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV07297**

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

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$66,000.

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

i. **Carrie Wiley v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV22419**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$85,000.

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

j. **Judith Zissa v. County of Los Angeles**  
**United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-10174**

This class action lawsuit involves allegations that plaintiff and other social workers were not properly compensated by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,350,000.

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

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 20, 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 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.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



Derek Stane