

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 Claims of Oqanes Tagaryan and Progressive Insurance**

This claim involves property damage allegedly sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$29,409.81.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

b. **Cannon Corporation v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33594

This lawsuit against the Department of Public Works alleges breach of contract involving consultant engineering services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**c. Erica Salazar, as Guardian Ad Litem for M.S., a minor v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00567-DSF-AS**

This lawsuit alleges that plaintiff's civil rights were violated while she was under the supervision of the Probation Department at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$220,000.

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

**d. Jerry San Martin v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 956220**

This lawsuit concerns a former employee of the Department of Public Social Services who alleges failure to engage in the interactive process and failure to provide a reasonable accommodation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$39,000.

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

**e. Claudia Ramirez v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV44301**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to gender discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$65,000.

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 December 6, 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 Claims of Oganés Tagaryan and Progressive Insurance ASO HNT Trucking
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 29,409.81
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kelsey Nau, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$29,409.81, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the claims brought by Oganés Tagaryan, and his insurer Progressive Insurance, against the County of Los Angeles for damages sustained when claimant's parked truck was struck by a vehicle operated by a Department of Public Works employee.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ N/A
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ N/A

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Cannon Corporation v. The County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	20STCV33594
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 2, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Stephen B. Litchfield Litchfield Law PC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Rosa Linda Cruz Senior Deputy County Counsel Mark K. Worthge Litchfield Cavo LLP
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff Cannon Corporation claims the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works failed to pay Cannon for over \$200K worth of additional engineering and consulting services Cannon provided for various fire camps and fire stations throughout the County under an engineering services consultant contract with the County. The County contends the additional services were not authorized via Notices to Proceed.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 53,723
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 35

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2021

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:40 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: Mark Lomax, Yuan Chang, Jasmine Bath, Natasha Mosley, and Edward Morrissey; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays; Department of Health Services: Arun Patel, Claudia Aguirre, Evelyn Amaya, and Karen Nunn; Sheriff's Department: Melynne Rivers, Shanese Winfrey, Israel Renteria, and Johann Thrall; Outside Counsel: Shawn Thomas, Clifton Baker, and Calvin House.

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 9:41 a.m., the Chair convened the meeting into closed session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(e).

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 11:15 a.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. Non-Litigated Claims of Jorge A. Gomez, Jr.

This claim involves personal injuries and property damage allegedly sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$61,775.82.

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

**b. Jennie Sandoval v. County of Los Angeles, et al
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCV07440**

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 recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000.

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

**c. Lashanda Chadwick v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV03263**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to race and gender discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$49,000.

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

**d. Deborah Connaughton v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCV01073**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to disability discrimination, failure to accommodate, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$325,000.

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

**e. Claudia Chavez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-10735-JAK-RAO**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that plaintiff, who is deaf, was not given a qualified sign language interpreter by the Department of Health Services prior to having a surgical procedure at Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the November 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

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 11:20 a.m.

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By



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