

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2022, 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, Jason Caudle, Michael Davitt, Thaddeus McCormack, Jennifer Perez, Gloria Molleda.

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. Virginia Inzalaco v. City of Temple City, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV17810

This lawsuit concerns allegations of negligence and dangerous condition due to a trip and fall incident on public property.

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, Gloria Molleda, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Non-Litigated Claims of Maria Rosario Robles Palacios and Patricia Christian Martinez
CRM Case No. 19-1154377*001-002

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 \$100,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Briceno, Eric Esteban, Estate of, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-01388

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a fatal use of force incident and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Paredes, Rufino, The Estate of, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-02644

This lawsuit concerns allegations of negligence, emotional distress, and 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 December 8, 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, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Continuance of the Existence of a Local State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and Findings Related to AB 361 Exempting the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board from Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules.

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

8. 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.

9. Other Business.

None

10. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Virginia Inzalaco v. City of Temple City, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV17810
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 13, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works - Contract Cities Trust Fund
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Leslie A. Blozan, Esq. Basich Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This matter arises from an accident that occurred on February 25, 2020, when 94-year old plaintiff Virginia Inzalaco was walking from a parking lot onto the sidewalk at 5830 Temple City Boulevard in Temple City. Her foot caught on an elevated concrete section of the sidewalk, and she fell and sustained injuries. Plaintiff filed a lawsuit for negligence and dangerous against Temple City and the County. The City also filed a cross-complaint against the County seeking indemnification..Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 105,604
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 25,788

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Claims of Maria Rosario Robles Palacios and Patricia Cristian Martinez
CASE NUMBER	19-1154377*001-002
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 100,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alberto Ramos, Legal Rights Center
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin A. Lewis, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$100,000, claims presented by Maria Rosario Robles Palacios and Patricia Cristian Martinez against the Sheriff's Department alleging negligent operation of a Sheriff's Department vehicle.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, settlement at this time is warranted.</p>
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

December 8, 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; John Moreno, South Division; 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; Mark Waronek, South Division; **Alternate:** Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Rob Wishner, East Division; Gloria Molleda, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Steve Robles; County of Los Angeles; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Jason Skeen, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Albert Maldonado, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mark Flores, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Matthew King, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Lyndsie Buskirk, Administrative Assistant.

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 11:06 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. Mark McCravey v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19AVCV00567

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

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Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$24,550.24.

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

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

- a. Lockett, Sheldon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-05838

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Metoyer, Erin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV05424

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Naylor, Derry v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC707213

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. Timothy Reeves Neal v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20: CV-06315

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, and improper training or lack of training by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- e. Orcutt, Marilyn v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC708462
CRM Nos. 17-1140975*001 - *005

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:52 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 November 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

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None

9. Other Business

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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