

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2022, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: *Gustavo Camacho, Michael Davitt, Steve Hofbauer, 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)**

Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision
(a) of Section 54956.9: One case

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

- a. Arnulfo Lara Corona v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV04450

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Bryan Cook

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Ruben Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV11309

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 \$99,999.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Bryan Cook

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Butts, Leroy v. City of Lancaster, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCP00389

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, and illegal expenditure and waste of funds by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Lopez, Myesha, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 5-21-CV-00290

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. McGraw, Timia Adams v. Castrellon, Zack, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00483

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault and battery, emotional distress, and negligent hiring/retention by Sheriff's Deputies.

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

6 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 No. 4 and No. 5 above.

7. Approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2022, 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: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Bryan Cook

[See Supporting Document](#)

8. 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: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Bryan Cook

9. 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

No such matters were discussed.

10. Other Business.

None

11. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Arnulfo Lara Corona v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	18STCV04450
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 2, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 70,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Howard B. Kim Law Offices of Howard B. Kim
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises from an automobile collision that occurred on August 9, 2017, when a patrol vehicle operated by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy collided with Plaintiffs' van in the intersection of San Antonio Drive and Orange Street in the city of Norwalk. As a result of this accident, Plaintiffs claim they sustained severe injuries and damages. Due to the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 14,508
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,905

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ruben Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	20STCV11309
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 19, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mohamed Eldessouky, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian Gragas Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile collision that occurred on September 3, 2019, when a patrol vehicle operated by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy struck a vehicle occupied by the two plaintiffs on Hayford Street in Norwalk. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 6,458
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,680

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 9, 2022

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Lindsey Horvath at 11:01 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Lindsey Horvath, 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; James Bozajian, North Division; 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; Gloria Molleda, At-Large; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, 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; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Tom Guterres & Kelsey Nau; **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; 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 11:05 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)

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

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

- a. Claimant Aguilar Tulio, Marco
CRM No. 20-1160542*001

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Baker, Nasser v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-03742

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, violation of civil rights and inadequate training by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. 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

- 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. Murillo, Ricardo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06937

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, false arrest, by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- f. Taylor, Stafford By Davies, Grace, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 18-CV-09259 AB (SSx)

This lawsuit concerns allegation of civil rights violations 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 11:44 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 January 19, 2022, 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 - Lindsey Horvath, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

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

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 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

9. Other Business

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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