

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,**  
**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**ON**

**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2006, AT 8:00 AM**

Present: Chairperson Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield and John Krattli

**The following items were presented to the Claims Board  
for consideration and the Board took actions as indicated in bold.**

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 addressed the Claims Board.**

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).
  - a. Gwendolyn Field v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 331 504

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Beaches and Harbors was sexually harassed.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- b. Melissa Hunter v. County of Los Angeles  
Pasadena Superior Court Case No. GC 034 111

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- c. Mary Gray, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV99-7149 CBM (RCx)  
Julius Gray Jr. v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV99-11315 CBM (RCx)

This consolidated lawsuit seeks compensation for a death which occurred while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$110,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. One Case - (Case Under Seal)

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above-settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. Sonia Escobar, Israel Portillo v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC 085 338

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient while hospitalized at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$210,000, plus assumption of the Medi-Cal Lien not to exceed \$8,874.14 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

4. Approval of minutes for the meeting of the Claims Board of May 15, 2006.

**The Minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2006 were approved.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

5. 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.**

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 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.