

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, April 13, 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: Claim of Maria Lopez

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

- a. Alegria, Jesus v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV0750

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false imprisonment, excessive force, denial of medical attention, and denial of substantive due process by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$450,000.00.

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. Robert Kelly v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19: cv-07629

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false imprisonment, excessive force, and failure to intervene by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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](#)

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

- a. Gonsoulin, Trayveyon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06386

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. 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

- c. Murillo, Ricardo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06937
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20CMCV00223

This lawsuit concern allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force and false arrest 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. Ramirez, Claudia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV10949

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- f. Rodriguez, Antonio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06574

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, negligence, arising from a non-fatal deputy involved shooting 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 March 9, 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	Jesus Alegria v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV01750
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 15, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 450,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Humberto M. Guizar, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan McCaverty Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$450,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a false arrest and excessive force civil rights lawsuit filed by Jesus Alegria arising out of an April 2020 detention in which Mr. Alegria was put in the back of a patrol car which later crashed causing injuries.</p> <p>Mr. Alegria claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 113,426
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,274

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Robert Kelly v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-07629
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	September 3, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Elliott N. Tiomkin, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$50,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Robert Kelly ("Plaintiff"), against the County alleging excessive force arising out of the detention and arrest of the Plaintiff.</p> <p>Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$50,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ \$86,841
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ \$27,629

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 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; 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; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Edwin Alvarez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Esmeralda Lopez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, 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; 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)

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 a 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

- 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. a

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

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 meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:14 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

7. Approval of the Minutes for February 9, 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

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: 11 - 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 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

10. Other Business

None

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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