

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 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.

Alternates Present: *Gustavo Camacho, Michael Davitt, Steve Hofbauer, Thaddeus McCormack, Jennifer Perez, Edgar Cisneros.*

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. A.A.V., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-07393

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,750,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Gustavo Camacho.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte; Mark Waronek.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Non-Litigated Claim of Alexander Arupo
CRM No. 20-1160927*001

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries and property damage received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Gustavo Camacho.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte; Mark Waronek.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. McCleary, Flenoid Lamar v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-02745

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$150,000.00.

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

Absent: Marcel Rodarte.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Barella, Brea v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-01909

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful detention, unlawful arrest and failure to provide medical treatment by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. 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

- c. Cervantes, Isaias, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV29317

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false imprisonment, and emotional distress by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. Chaidez, Romelia, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV37845

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- e. Glazier Aaron, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00924

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- f. 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

- g. 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

- h. Miles, Devon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-10460

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest, assault and battery and unreasonable search and seizure 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 April 13, 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, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte

[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, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek.

Absent: Marcel Rodarte

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	V., A. A., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:20-CV-07393
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	September 16, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Leonel Mojica, Esq. Casillas & Associates
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,750,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a wrongful death and federal civil rights lawsuit filed by decedent, Alvaro Venegas, parents and minor son. At the time of the incident, Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies ("LASD") were responding to a suspicious person call. Upon arrival, Mr. Venegas charged at Deputies with a wooden stake, leading to a Deputy-involved shooting.</p> <p>The Deputies deny the allegations and contend their actions were reasonable.</p> <p>Given the 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 \$2,750,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 84,177
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 15,583

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Alexander Arupo
CASE NUMBER	None
COURT	None
DATE FILED	None
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department - Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin A. Lewis, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$150,000, a claim filed by Alexander Arupo, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs against the County of Los Angeles alleging negligence related to a traffic collision with a Sheriff's Department vehicle operated by Deputy Jesus Segovia ("Deputy Segovia") on May 27, 2020, in Lancaster.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ None
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ None

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Flenoid Lamar McCleary v. County Of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:20-CV-02745
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	November 20, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Richard A. Jorgensen, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$150,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Flenoid Lamar McCleary and Eric Wilson ("Plaintiffs"), against the County alleging unlawful arrest and detention.</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 \$150,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 84,746
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 13,942

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 13, 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 Deputy County Counsel; Jonathan McCaverty, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; 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; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief 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: 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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended that, if Deputies Miguel Vega and Chris Hernandez are retained by the LASD, they never be reassigned to a Contract City.

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. 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

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a 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 meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:24 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 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

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 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 12:27 p.m.

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