

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, June 8, 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, Brian Cook.

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

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. Derry Naylor v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 707213

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 \$,700,000.00.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Price, Dalvin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV04234

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$72,000.00.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Lugardo, Dianne v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV15283

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

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 May 11, 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 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, 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: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, 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	Derry Naylor v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC707213
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	8/24/2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 700,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRIAN BREITER Law Offices of Brian J. Breiter, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD K. KUDO Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves an accident that occurred on Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu when a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities radio car driven by a Deputy Sheriff abruptly merged from the number one lane into the number two lane, crashing into Plaintiff Derry Naylor's vintage motorcycle. Plaintiff alleges he was injured and filed suit. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 60,239
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 17,267

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Dalvin Price v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-02862
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 3, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 72,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Emanuel Thomas, ESQ THE THOMAS FIRM
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$72,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights and State-law lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Dalvin Price against the County and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies David Navarrette, Edgar Cuevas, and Edwin Barajas arising from his arrest on May 31, 2020.</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 \$72,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 29,614
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,482

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 11, 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; 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; Edgar Cisneros, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Edwin Lewis, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Tim Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Carrie Clarke, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem, Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Annadenise Briz, 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; Robert Lowe, Alliance Insurance Services; Rebecca Hunter, Collins & Collins; Tom Guterres, Collins & Collins; Laura Inlow, Collinson Daehnke, Inlow & Greco; Tom Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantrall; **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; Alex Smith, Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, 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 11:04 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. 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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

- a. Barella, Breya 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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:06 p.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 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, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek.

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

Absent: 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 1:09 p.m.

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