

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2022, AT 11:00 AM

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

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. Non-Litigated Claim of Francisco Fierros
CRM # 20-1164364*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 approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$24,424.86.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Jennifer Perez, Michael Davitt, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent - Brian Cook, Lindsey Horvath

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Jennifer Perez, Michael Davitt, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent - Brian Cook, Lindsey Horvath.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. 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

- b. Hernandez, Jessica v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV43142

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 June 8, 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, Jennifer Perez, Michael Davitt, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent - Brian Cook, Lindsey Horvath.

[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, Jennifer Perez, Michael Davitt, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Absent - Brian Cook, Lindsey Horvath.

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	Non-Litigated Claim of Francisco Fierros
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department - Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 26,424.86
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Roger W. Lopez, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a Sheriff's Department automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Sergeant who collided with Claimant Fransisco Fierros at the intersection of Carson Street and Juan Avenue in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Trayveyon Gonsoulin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-06386
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 9, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Corey Carter, Esq. Carter Law Firm, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$45,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Trayveyon Gonsoulin against the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies alleging false imprisonment, battery, and federal civil rights violations.</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 \$45,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 6,129
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ -0-

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 8, 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 11:02 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; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; 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; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; 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; Randy Tuinstra; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliance Insurance Services; Andrew Baeza, **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 11:03 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. 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.

- 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.

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:41 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 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, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Mark 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 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, 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 11:44 a.m.

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