



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CLAIMS BOARD

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Arlene Barrera  
Auditor-Controller  
Steve Robles  
Chief Executive Office  
Adrienne M. Byers  
Office of the County Counsel

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Los Angeles County Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, August 15, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**, via online conference call. Members of the public who would like to listen to the open sessions of the meeting may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 489 952 319#, at 9:30 a.m. on August 15, 2022.

**Reports of actions taken in Closed Session.** The Los Angeles County Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 11:05 a.m. Members of the public who would like to hear reportable actions taken on any Closed Session items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 489 952 319#, at 11:10 a.m. on August 15, 2022. Please note that this time is an approximate start time and there may be a short delay before the Closed Session is concluded and the actions can be reported.

### **TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

You may submit written public comments by e-mail to [claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov) or by mail to: Attention: Los Angeles County Claims Board, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2022. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Any supporting documents will be posted and can be provided upon request. Please submit requests for supporting documents to [claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov).

If you would like more information, please contact Claims Board Secretary Derek Stane at [dstane@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:dstane@counsel.lacounty.gov).

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9).

a. Claim of Jeff Mohr and Linda Mohr

Claimants seek compensation from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 for property damage allegedly caused by a leaking storm drain pipe; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$94,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

b. Nakia Rousie v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27609

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained while being transported in a Sheriff's Department transport van; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$65,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. Dewey Orion Pepin v. Austin Wade Jordan, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV06090

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained while being transported in a Sheriff's Department transport van; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$35,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. Charles A. Daniels v. A. Villanueva, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-cv-01169-RGK (SK)

This federal civil rights lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an altercation with Sheriff's Department deputies; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$47,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- e. Walter Ringer v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court – Case No: 20STCV11278

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a former employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$55,000.

- f. Claim of Jennifer Hunt

This claim concerns allegations that a former employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to gender discrimination and retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$300,000.

- g. Bess Stiffelman v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33474

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a former employee of the Public Defender's Office was subjected to retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$54,250.

- 4. Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2022, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 5. Adjournment.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jeff Mohr and Linda Mohr
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	March 31, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 94,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jacquelyn M. Mohr Pasich, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Rosa Linda Cruz Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Claimants Jeff Mohr and Linda Mohr allege a storm drain owned by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 located under their property flooded the interior of their residence, backyard and the hillside on the property.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,130
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 33,358

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Nakia Rousie v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV27609
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 5, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 65,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Cherif M. Elsheikh, Esq. Alexandria Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	David D. Lee, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a motor vehicle accident lawsuit that occurred on April 3, 2019, when a Sheriff's transportation van rear-ended a SUV on southbound I-5 at Colorado Street. Plaintiff Nakia Rousie claims to have suffered injuries as a result. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 28,677
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,525

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Dewey Orion Pepin v. Austin Wade Jordan, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV06090
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 13, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 35,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Arutyun Topchyan, Esq. A&T Legal Group, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	David D. Lee, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a motor vehicle accident lawsuit that occurred on April 3, 2019, when a Sheriff's transportation van rear-ended a SUV on southbound I-5 at Colorado Street. Plaintiff Dewey Pepin claims to have suffered injuries as a result. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 26,658
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,374

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Charles A. Daniels v. A. Villanueva, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:20-cv-01169-RGK (SK)
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	May 26, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 47,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Krista R. Hemming, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J. Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$47,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit brought by Charles A. Daniels ("Mr. Daniels") arising from the force deputies used on him during an altercation in the 4000 floor hallway at Men's Central Jail on January 30, 2019. Specifically, Mr. Daniels claims the deputies used excessive force when they applied Tasers multiple times while trying to search him for contraband.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 38,245
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,655

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2022

### 1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:41 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference with all Claims Board Members participating telephonically. Claims Board Members online for the teleconference meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers.

All other persons also appeared telephonically. Those attending the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian, Ed Morrissey, Adrian Gragas, Richard Kudo, Timothy Kral, Donna Koch, Anthony Morrone, and Wendy Sha; Department of Health Services: Avitia Roberto, Karen Nunn, Claudia Aguirre, and Arun Patel; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays, and Richard Ronald Castaneda; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel; Probation Department: Mark Garcia, and Cherise Martin; Public Defender's Office: Monnica Thelen, and Hayden Takasugi; Office of the Auditor-Controller: Oscar Valdez; Outside Counsel: Jeffrey Hausman, and Margaret Ikeda.

### 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 were on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

### 3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision [a] of Government Code section 54956.9).

At 9:41 a.m., the Chair convened the meeting into closed session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(g).

### 4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

No members of the public were on the public teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 12:01 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via the public teleconference phone line and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

#### a. Non-Litigated Claim of Juan Jose Quijivix

This claim against the Department of Health Services arises from injuries suffered in an alleged delay in diagnosis at LAC+USC.

#### Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers



**b. Donte Livingston, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV23910**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Department of Health Services employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

**c. Maria Sanchez, et al. v. Delia Galindo, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV44309**

This dangerous condition and wrongful death lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises out of a fatal automobile accident in an unincorporated area of the County.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

**d. Charles A. Daniels v. A. Villanueva, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-cv-01169-RGK (SK)**

This federal civil rights lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an altercation with Sheriff's Department deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this item to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

**e. Bess Stiffelman v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33474**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a former employee of the Public Defender's Office was subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this item to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

f. **Reyna Gutierrez v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Number BC719471**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Probation Department was subjected to harassment, gender discrimination, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

g. **Jennifer Jackson Warren v. Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV12526**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Department of Children and Family Services was subjected to racial discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$340,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Steve Robles, and Arlene Barrera  
Noes: 1 – Adrienne M. Byers

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 18, 2022, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

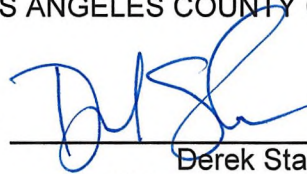
Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

6. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

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Derek Stane  
Claims Board Secretary