

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

ON

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2022, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Brian Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Marcel Rodarte.

Alternates Present: *Gustavo Camacho, 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. Brian Joshua Cook v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-cv-02417-JVS-KS

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, 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 \$60,000,00.

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

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Nestor Okondivo et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV20853

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 \$25,800.00.

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

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Non Litigated Claims of Progressive Insurance ASO Christian Perez, AFNI Insurance ASO Veronica Villavicencio, and Brittany N. Rodriguez v. v. County of Los Angeles.
CRM No. 21-4385269*005 to 008

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 \$43,826.18.

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

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Avina, Rosa et al. v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00889

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

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. Gutierrez, Jose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-08223

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force during a deputy involved shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. Hernandez, Jason v. County of Los Angeles et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18227

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

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

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 July 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, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

[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, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

- 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	Brian Joshua Cook v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-cv-02417-JVS-KS
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 1, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Nikeyla Johnson, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J. Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$60,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Brian Joshua Cook arising from the force deputies used on him during a domestic violence investigation at his home on January 4, 2017. Specifically, Mr. Cook claims the deputies used excessive force when they applied a Taser multiple times and used body weight on his head, neck and back.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 119,515
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 26,781

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Nestor Okondivo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV20853
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 3, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,800
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Ara Najarian Law Offices of Ara J. Najarian, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 11, 2020, plaintiffs Nestor Okondivo and Larry Roe and a Sheriff's Department patrol car were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue in the City of Compton. Plaintiffs contend the collision caused injuries for which they seek damages.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$25,800 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 3,362
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,800

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non Litigated Claims of Progressive Insurance ASO Christian Perez, Christian Perez, AFNI Insurance ASO Veronica Villavicencio, and Brittany N. Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department - Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 43,826.18
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a Sheriff's Department automobile accident involving Deputy Ronald Busque who collided with the parked vehicles of Claimants, Progressive Insurance ASO Christian Perez, Christian Perez, AFNI Insurance ASO Veronica Villavicencio, and Brittany N. Rodriguez. 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

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 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 Jennifer Vasquez at 11:02 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Jennifer Vasquez (Acting), 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; Michael Davitt, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **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; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Edwin Lewis, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Shawnee Hinchman, 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; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** 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. 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.

- 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.

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:15 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 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.

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

Absent - Brian Cook, Lindsey Horvath

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 11:17 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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