



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **October 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., Via Teleconference.**

Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and AB 361 Re Coronavirus Covid-19 this meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order and AB 361 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Agency Clerk at (562) 467-8736. Notification 48 hours before meeting will enable the Authority to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. (28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II)

PUBLIC COMMENT

You may submit public comment by e-mail at vruiz@cjpia.org or by mail to: Attention: Contract Cities Claims Board Agenda, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 11, 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.

Members of the public wishing to listen to open sessions of the meeting may call the California JPIA's teleconference number **at 1(253) 215-8782, Enter Meeting ID: 837 2151 1403; Passcode 206717.**

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/83721511403?pwd=R0dSV0d6RmFqRGp4aUZuY3FmcUNHZz09&from=addon>

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)

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

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

- a. Carcamo, Lashun v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC028076

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false imprisonment and assault by Sheriff's Deputies.

- b. 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.

- c. Wilson, Randi, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00376

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the September 21, 2022, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Approval of the Biennial Review of the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board Conflict of Interest Code.
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.

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 subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF MEETING

September 21, 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, Vice Chair; John Moreno, South Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Brian Cook, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Edgar Cisneros, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; Ernie Hernandez, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Tim Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Carrie Clarke, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Annadennise Briz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Mejia, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ricardo Cobian, Jr., Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Chris Gray, Alliance Insurance Services; David Lee, Law Offices of Yohan Lee; Thomas C. Hurrell, Hurrell and Cantrall; Chandler A. Parker, Collins & Collins LLP; **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; Lyndsie Buskirk, Administrative Analyst; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant.

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)

- 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$16,250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

- b. Kerrick, Justine v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV34497

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 \$25,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

- c. Claim of Estate Pedro Lopez, et al.
CRM No. 22-4391747*001

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a federal civil rights violations 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 \$5,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

- d. 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 concerns allegations of a federal civil rights violations and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$875,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

- e. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$16,500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

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

- a. Donna Huff v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-01733

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Mallett, Zakhary Gabriel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-08506

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Saravia, Anthony v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV14785

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force and negligent training and hiring 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 12:38 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 August 10, 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, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - 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, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perz.

Absent - 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 12:42 p.m.

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