



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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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, **November 9, 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 November 8, 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)
 - a. Brown, Victor Shawn v. Deputy Mike Reynolds, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:17-CV-00910

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

[See Supporting Document](#)
 - b. Hernandez, Jessica v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV43142

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

[See Supporting Document](#)
 - c. Lockett, Sheldon v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV-18-05838

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, *Monell*, and unlawful search Sheriff's Deputies

[See Supporting Document](#)
 - d. Non-Litigated Claim of Chiara J. Zito
CRM #21-4384814*002

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
 - a. Esquivel, Abraham v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-01911

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and assault by Sheriff's Deputies.
5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the October 12, 2022, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)
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.
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 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.
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Victor Brown v. Deputy Mike Reynolds, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:17-CV-00910
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 4, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michelle Roberts Gonzales, Esq. Hogan Lovells US LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$30,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Victor Brown alleging excessive force by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies.</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 \$30,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 64,730
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,247

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jessica Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV43142
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 2, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Daniel M. Bald, Esq. Law Offices of Daniel Bald
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This incident occurred on April 9, 2019, when the front driver's side of Plaintiff's car was hit by an LASD employee's patrol car. Plaintiff claims she sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$75,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 11,703
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,391

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sheldon Lockett v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:18-CV-05838
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	July 9, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,900,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John E. Sweeney, Esq. THE SWEENEY FIRM
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,900,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Sheldon Lockett, following a physical altercation with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies.</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 \$2,900,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 550,389
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 104,750

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Chiara Zito
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department - Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 21,594.23
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jeffrey Green, 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 Deputy Pascual Olmos, Jr. who collided with Claimant Chiara Zito at the intersection of Avenue R and 10 th Street East in the City of Palmdale. 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

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MINUTES OF MEETING

October 12, 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 11:19 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; 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; Michael Davitt, East Division; Jose Gonzalez Central Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, County Counsel; Steve Robles, CEO; Shawnee Hinchman, 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; Jason Bryant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rachelle Anema, Los Angeles Auditor-Controller; Jung Son, Los Angeles Auditor-Controller; Daniel Yen, Los Angeles Auditor Controller; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Jill Williams, Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont, LLP; Linda Hurley, Macias Gini; Philip Stringer; Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Jason McBride, Finance Director; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Alex Smith, Deputy Executive Officer; Nikki Salas, Administrative Services Director; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jonathan Shull, Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Manager; 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 11:22 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)

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 arrest and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Cervantes, Isaias, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21SATCV29317

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a civil rights violations, false imprisonment, and emotional distress by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

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

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 12:15 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 September 21, 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, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Lindsey Horvath, Marcel Rodarte Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

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, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Lindsey Horvath, Marcel Rodarte Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

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 12:21 p.m.

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