

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo
Roger Granbo excused himself from the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 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 addressed the Claims Board.

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

- a. Bret Phillips v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 544 887

This lawsuit alleges excessive force and federal civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies on an inmate at Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

b. **Jonathan O. Garcia, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 629 509

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$26,700.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Mercury Insurance Company v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 594 813

This subrogation lawsuit seeks reimbursement of the insurance benefits Plaintiff paid to its insured due to a collision with a Sheriff's Department vehicle.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,856.42.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. **Jeffrey Kovacs v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. CV 04-557

This lawsuit alleges deliberate indifference to the medical needs of an inmate while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department and also while he was a patient at one of the facilities operated by the Department of Health Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,000,000 (plus the assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$250,000).

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. **Dylan Bruno, et al. v. The City of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 505 318

This inverse condemnation lawsuit against the Department of Public Works and the Flood Control District contends that public infrastructure caused a 2011 landslide, which allegedly damaged the Plaintiffs' home.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$349,848.76.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – John Naimo and Steve Robles
Absent: Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

f. **Delano Delfin, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 024 959

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained when Plaintiff was struck by machinery being hauled on a trailer pulled by a vehicle driven by a Department of Public Works employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – John Naimo and Steve Robles
Absent: Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

g. **Erika Arreola, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 504 041

This lawsuit alleges personal injuries and wrongful death due to dangerous condition of a crosswalk maintained by the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,600,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – John Naimo and Steve Robles
Absent: Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

5. Approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – John Naimo and Steve Robles
Absent: Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

6. 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.

No such matters were discussed.

7. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Bret Phillips v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 544887
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 7, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gloria R. Allred, Esq. Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan McCaverty Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$250,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Bret Phillips arising out of a February 11, 2009, use-of-force incident at Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$250,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 104,728
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,479

Case Name:

Bret Phillips v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan



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Date of incident/event:	March 30, 2009
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>The Plaintiff was involved in a use of force incident at Men's Central Jail. It was alleged the Plaintiff refused to go back to his cell and instead turned and attempted to assault a deputy. Deputies responded with force.</p> <p>A jail chaplain witnessed the incident.</p> <p>The ACLU filed a declaration in the United States District Court declaring the chaplain witnessed an assault by deputy sheriffs.</p> <p>This information came to the attention of the FBI who had begun their own civil rights abuses investigations in the Department's Central Jails.</p> <p>Two Deputies were terminated and the FBI indicted the same two deputies who were involved in this incident for falsifying their reports. They were sentenced to Federal Prison</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The primary **Department** root cause in this incident was the involved deputies' falsified reports.

A secondary **Department** root was the Department's inadequate "Use Of Force" investigation.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

1. Initiation of Investigation by FBI into abuse in the Department's Jails
2. Creation of the Custody Force Response Team (CFRT)
3. Installation of Cameras at MCJ
4. Revision of the Use Of Force Policy

Completed

Responsible person: Assistant Sheriff Kelly Harrington

Case Name:

Bret Phillips v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

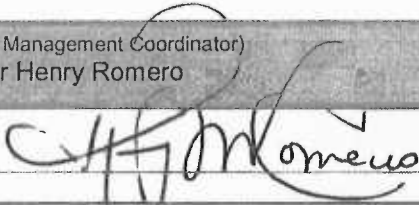
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3.

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Commander Henry Romero

Signature:

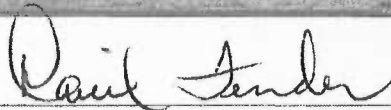


Date:

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Name: (Department Head)
Chief David Fender

Signature:



Date:

8/31/16

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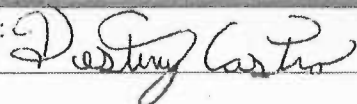
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.

No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)
CEO Destiny Castro

Signature:



Date:

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jonathan O. Garcia, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC629509
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 25, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 26,700
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Ricardo Merluza Bermeo & Merluza, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jessica C. Rivas Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a lawsuit filed by Jonathan O. Garcia, Katheryn Lopez, and Miriam Gonzalez-Lopez for bodily injuries caused by a Sheriff's Deputy in a May 14, 2015 traffic collision.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$26,700 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 1,924
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 100

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Mercury Insurance Company v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 594813
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 16, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,856.42
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mark Nivinskus
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This subrogation lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on September 18, 2013, at the intersection of Valley Boulevard and Temple Avenue in the County area of Covina Hills when a vehicle driven by a County employee collided into a vehicle driven by plaintiff Mercury Insurance Company's insured. Plaintiff seeks reimbursement of the insurance benefits it paid to or for its insured as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 2,024
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 55

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jeffrey Kovacs v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 579 094
COURT	U.S. District Court (Central)
DATE FILED	April 16, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$1,000,000 plus the assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Lee A. Sherman, Esq. Nardo J. Catahan, Esq. Callahan Thompson Sherman & Caudill LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Jeffrey Kovacs was in Los Angeles County jail. He developed an ear infection for which he received care from providers at Los Angeles County jail and LAC+USC Medical Center. Mr. Kovacs' infection became complicated. He underwent a surgery as a result of his infection.</p> <p>Mr. Kovacs filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles, and some of the providers at Los Angeles County jail and LAC+USC Medical Center. Mr. Kovacs contends that the County providers did not adequately treat his ear infection.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 227,068
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 93,358

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Dylan Bruno, et al. v. The City of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC505318
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 9, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 349,848.76
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian Kabateck Kabateck Brown Kellner, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Warren R. Wellen Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Dylan and Emmeli Bruno (the "Brunos") filed this lawsuit against the County, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the City of Los Angeles, contending that public infrastructure caused the 2011 White Point landslide in San Pedro, California, which allegedly damaged their home. The parties dispute the cause of the landslide and whether the damage to the Brunos' home was caused by the landslide. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigating this matter, settlement is recommended by the public agencies to collectively fund repairs to the Brunos' home. The County's adjusted share of the proposed settlement is \$349,848.76.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 202,619
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 288,593

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Delano Delfin, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	MC024959
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 16, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alexander R. Wheeler R. Rex Parris Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises out of an accident that occurred on October 29, 2013, in Lancaster when plaintiff Delano Delfin was struck by machinery being hauled on a County owned trailer pulled by a vehicle driven by a County employee. Mr. Delfin claims to have suffered injuries and damages as a result of the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 126,396
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 44,628



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	October 29, 2013
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On October 29, 2013, a County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Waterworks Division employee negligently drove a County vehicle, which was towing a trailer carrying a valve machine, during a valve maintenance operation on Avenue K-8 in the City of Lancaster.</p> <p>As the County employee made a U-turn, the arm of the valve machine swung loose and struck plaintiff, Mr. Delano Delfin. As a result of the incident, Mr. Delfin sustained injuries to his right shoulder, right wrist, back, left hip, and left leg.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The County employee failed to properly secure the valve machine to the trailer of the County vehicle, which resulted in the arm of the machine swinging and hitting Mr. Delfin.

Supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring that employees are aware of job hazards and have received safety training for their assignments. In accordance with the Department's safety directives G100 Injury and Illness Prevention Program and G106 Code of Safe Practices, employees should be properly trained on the hazards of their assigned jobs and on the safe operation of the equipment or machinery.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

The County employee appeared before the Public Works' Automotive Safety Committee on December 11, 2013. The Committee found the incident to be Preventable. The County employee as well as two supervisors were disciplined.

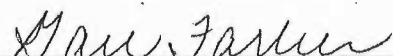
Public Works Waterworks Division provided equipment training to employees after the incident occurred. The training was held on November 5, 2013, and was provided by the equipment manufacturer, Pacific Tek. A memo dated July 15, 2014, was sent to Waterworks Division supervisory personnel reminding them of the Department's safety policies and that employees shall not operate any equipment without being properly trained. To prevent a reoccurrence of the incident, Waterworks Division, in conjunction with EHS, developed standardized procedures and training for Waterworks employees regarding the use of valve operating equipment for valve maintenance operations.

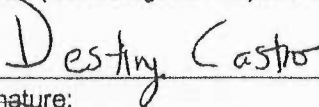
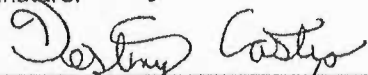
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3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Michael J. Hays	
Signature: 	Date: 8/2/16

Name: (Department Head) Gail Farber	
Signature: 	Date: 8-22-16.

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) 	
Signature: 	Date: 7/29/2016

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Erika Arreola, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 504041
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 26, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,600,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mark J. Geragos, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 20, 2012, Erika Arreola, Jose Arreola and their daughters, Anjelica (age 7 years) and Adrianna (age 4 years), crossed Santa Ana Boulevard North at its intersection with Watts Avenue at a marked school crosswalk. A late model Cadillac Escalade, traveling in the number one westbound lane failed to yield to the Arreolas as they were crossing, and struck Mr. Arreola and Anjelica. The Cadillac fled the scene and the driver has not been apprehended nor identified. Mr. Arreola died at the scene while Anjelica was rendered a quadriplegic. The Arreolas claim wrongful death damages for Mr. Arreola's death. Anjelica claims personal injury damages. Ms. Arreola and Adrianna claim emotional distress damages. The Arreolas allege that the intersection existed as a dangerous roadway condition. The County denies the allegation and contends that the Cadillac driver was the sole cause of the accident.</p> <p>Due to the inherent risks and uncertainties involved in a trial, and the potential liability and potential exposure to an adverse verdict, the County proceeded with settlement negotiations, and eventually developed this recommended settlement.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 235,558
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 27,323



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Date of Incident/event:	April 20, 2012
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Jose Arreola and Anjelica Arreola (minor), the husband and daughter of plaintiff Erika Arreola, were struck in a marked crosswalk by a hit and run motorist as they were crossing Santa Ana Boulevard north from the adjacent Ritter Elementary School. The husband and daughter, along with plaintiffs Erika Arreola and Adriana Arreola, were walking home after attending an after school event at Ritter Elementary School.</p> <p>As a result of the incident, Mr. Arreola sustained fatal injuries and Ms. Arreola sustained serious injuries requiring lifetime care.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The subject auto vs. pedestrian incident occurred as a result of a hit-and-run motorist failing to stop for pedestrians crossing in a marked crosswalk.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Following the incident, Public Works strengthened protocols for communicating the status of traffic investigations internally and externally.

These revised protocols will be reflected in an updated, written policy to be completed and distributed to all staff by September 1, 2016.

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3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Michael J. Hays	
Signature: <i>MJ Hays</i>	Date: 6/13/14

Name: (Department Head) Gail Farber	
Signature: <i>Gail Farber</i>	Date: 6/21/16

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) <i>Destiny Castro</i>	
Signature: <i>Destiny Castro</i>	Date: 6/14/2016

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Jonathan McCaverty, Pirjo Ranasinghe, Richard Kudo, Jessica Rivas, Ruben Baeza, Michael Gordon, Millicent Rolon, and Dusan Pavlovic; Sheriff's Department: Crystal Miranda, Jody Sharp, Kevin Percy, Dominic Dannan, Kimberly Unland, and Esmeralda Lopez; Department of Children and Family Services: Michelle Victor; Department of Public Health: Ferdows Rashidian; Probation Department: Jacklin Injijian; Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk: Veronica Frausto; and Department of Public Works: Yolanda Malacon and David Gonzalez.

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 addressed the Claims Board.

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

At 9:32 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(j) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:47 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Florentina Demuth v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 10-6783**

This lawsuit alleges false arrest, excessive force, and civil rights violations by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$350,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**b. Monique Hudson v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 458 667**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of breach of contract and violation of civil rights by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**c. Melissa Bertik v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 025 255**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as settlement between all parties becomes final.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**d. Christine Hart v. Ly Van Tran, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 569 167**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Public Health.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**e. Michael Lopez v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. 2:15-CV-09153**

This lawsuit alleges a violation of civil rights by the Department of Health Services under the Americans with Disabilities Act when restroom and parking facilities were not accessible to disabled individuals at Olive View-UCLA Hospital.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$28,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**f. John Lee Barrentine v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-00185**

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations by Probation Department Officers for false arrest and incarceration for 45 days.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**g. Doris Martinez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 564 490**

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained as a result of a fall at a polling location operated by the Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$65,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**h. Bridgette Wright v. Hermineh Keshishian, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 534 225**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**i. Concepcion Sotelo v. Gilbert Vivar Bravo, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 526 787**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a rear-end vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

j. **Kody Quinn v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 534 190

This dangerous condition lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises from injuries sustained in a solo motorcycle accident in the unincorporated area of the County.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$325,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

5. **Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo


6. **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.**

No such matters were discussed.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By 
Sandra C. Ruiz