

**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, JUNE 1, 2015, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu**

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. **Simie Fang v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 500 376**

This lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff's civil rights were violated when she was falsely arrested by Sheriff Deputies and maliciously prosecuted.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$77,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Eduardo Saldana v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 390 605**

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services was wrongfully terminated based on retaliation and breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$192,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

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 May 18, 2015, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[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	Simie Fang v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 500376
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 1, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 77,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gary A. Laff, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edward L. Hsu Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$77,500, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Simie Fang alleging her civil rights were violated on October 28, 2010, when she was falsely arrested and maliciously prosecuted by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies.</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 \$77,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 45,595
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,381

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 2015

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 Patrick Wu.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Brian Chu, Richard Kudo, and Stephen Niwa; Sheriff's Department: Lt. Patrick Hunter and Sgt. Pauline Panis, and Outside Counsel: David Lawrence.

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(d) below.

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

At 10:40 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. **Yvette Larkin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 462 597**

This lawsuit alleges negligence on the part of a Sheriff's Deputy driving a jail bus, which allegedly caused a DASH bus to stop suddenly, thereby causing injuries to Plaintiff.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

b. **Cutberto Pineda, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 507 501**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$22,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

c. **Adela Chavez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 520 505**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

d. **Elyse D. Bryant v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 517 021**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$72,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

5. **Approval of the minutes of the May 4, 2015, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

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 10:47 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By Carol J. Slosson  
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