



# 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,  
**December 14, 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](mailto: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 December 13, 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=R0dSV0d6RmFqRGp4alZuY3FmcUNHZz09&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. 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Miles, Devon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-10460

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest, assault and battery and unreasonable search and seizure by Sheriff's Deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Non-Litigated Claim of Marco Tulio Aguilar  
CRM #20-1160542\*001

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Robert Bruce Wolfe v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV05548

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. Garr, Dennis v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV05046

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

- b. Montes, Mesalina, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV30333

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

- 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 November 9, 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	Zakhary Gabriel Mallett v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-08506-CAS-RAO
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 4, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999.99
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jeremy Jass, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J. Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$99,999.99, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the federal and State civil rights lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Zakhary Mallet arising from his arrest for felony hit-and-run on August 19, 2018. Specifically, Mr. Mallett claims Deputy Michael Sampson ("Deputy Sampson") did not complete a thorough investigation by failing to watch an available video recording of the incident and then arrested him without probable cause.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 77,421
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,976

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Devon Miles, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-02862
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	November 16, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gregory Peacock, Esq. LAW OFFICE OF GREGORY PEACOCK
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$250,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights and State-law lawsuit filed by Plaintiffs Devon Miles and James Driscoll against the County and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") and 27 Sheriff's deputies/detective arising from the execution of an arrest warrant at Mr. Driscoll's residence on October 24, 2019.</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 \$250,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 119,917
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,616



## Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	October 24, 2019
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Devon Miles v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u></b> Summary Corrective Action Plan 2022-33</p> <p>On October 20, 2019, two uniformed Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies (two-man unit) assigned to West Hollywood Station, were assigned a "see the woman" call for service (possible domestic violence, 1234 Formosa Avenue, Apartment #3, West Hollywood, Ca., 90046).</p> <p>The woman identified her ex-fiancé (Plaintiff two) as the individual who entered her residence and her bedroom without her consent. She indicated Plaintiff two entered her bedroom, began yelling at her new boyfriend, and punched him in the face (he sustained a one-inch laceration to the left side of his face). Plaintiff two, then physically pulled her out of her residence, causing her to sustain scratches, bruises, and several lacerations on both her arms.</p> <p>Plaintiff two left the location prior to the arrival of the West Hollywood Sheriff's deputies.</p> <p>On October 23, 2019, a West Hollywood Station detective obtained a ("Ramey Warrant") arrest warrant for spousal assault, burglary, kidnapping and vandalism charges against Plaintiff two.</p> <p>On October 24, 2019, at approximately 7:00 a.m., a team of West Hollywood Station detectives served the felony domestic assault "Ramey Warrant" for Plaintiff two at 11559 Dona Teresa Drive, Studio City, Ca., 91604 which was a large multi-level residence (located in Los Angeles Police Department's jurisdiction).</p> <p>The detectives were wearing marked green bullet-proof outer vests labelled "Sheriff," marked helmets, and gun belts. The detectives knocked on the front door, announced their presence, and informed the occupants of the warrant.</p> <p>During the service of the "Ramey Warrant", Plaintiff two answered the door and was immediately arrested by the detectives. Plaintiff two advised the detectives there were additional occupants inside the residence. While at the front door, announcements were conducted for the remaining occupants, but no one responded. After conducting additional announcements, one of the roommates exited the bedroom and was detained.</p> <p>While at the front door, detective three smelled a strong a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the residence.</p>

	<p>As the detectives conducted the protective sweep, they observed a marijuana grow operation in plain sight. Sergeant two determined they would continue to clear the residence, render it safe, and hold the house until a search warrant could be authored.</p> <p>As the protective sweep continued, Detective one and Sergeant one cleared the room located on the east part of the residence. Upon making multiple announcements within the residence, one male exited one of the bedrooms within the residence and was immediately detained. Detective one continued making announcements and two additional individuals were located in different rooms within the residence.</p> <p>Once the protective sweep was completed, Detective one observed an open glass sliding door in the kitchen. Detective one advised Sergeant one he and Detective three were descending a set of stairs which leads to a multileveled porch.</p> <p>As Detectives one, two and three along with Sergeant one continued the protective sweep, Sergeant two exited the front door and contacted the three occupants (in order to determine ownership of the location) which were located during the protective sweep.</p> <p>Detectives one and three, exited the residence through the open sliding glass door, with Sergeant one and Detective two behind them (staying on the staircase). Once on the lower level (two levels down), Detectives one and three observed a closed door. They announced their presence several times, stating, "Sheriff's Department! If you are in there, make yourself known." As detective one concluded with the announcements, he reached for the door handle to check if it was unlocked. Almost simultaneously, detective three heard the sound of a pistol being racked (also known as chambering a round, for the purpose of making the gun ready to fire) behind the door.</p> <p>Plaintiff one, who also lived at the residence, opened the door with a handgun pointed directly at detective one, allegedly believing they were burglars. Detective three saw this, and yelled, "gun!"</p> <p>While standing on the staircase, Sergeant one heard the detectives make multiple announcements as they were approaching the Plaintiff's bedroom.</p> <p>From his vantage point, he could only see a portion of Plaintiff one's door but could not see Plaintiff one. He heard one of the detectives' shout "Gun!" and saw Detective three fire his weapon as he moved away from the door.</p> <p>In fear for their lives, detectives one and three fired multiple rounds at the Plaintiff. Detective one fired 11 rounds and the detective three fired 18 rounds. The shots were in a continuous rapid volley of rounds which were through the partially opened bedroom door. Although the door was partially opened, Detectives one and three believed Plaintiff one was shooting back at them. The volley of shots caused Plaintiff one to retreat to his bathroom, which was in the back of his bedroom and drop his handgun.</p> <p>As Sergeant two was walking towards the eastside of the location, he heard numerous gunshots coming from the eastside of the residence.</p>
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	<p>He then heard detective three's emergent traffic over a tactical frequency advising he was involved in a shooting.</p> <p>Plaintiff one remained inside of his bathroom and called 9-1-1 with his cellular phone. Plaintiff one advised the 9-1-1 dispatcher he wanted to come out of his bedroom and asked for her assistance. With the assistance of the LAPD 9-1-1 Dispatcher, Plaintiff one was able to exit his bedroom and surrender. Plaintiff one was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, in violation of Penal Code section 245(D)(2). The three occupants located inside the residence were detained, and subsequently released at the location.</p> <p>Plaintiff one was transported to Olympia Medical Center (5900 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, Ca., 90036) by assisting deputies three and four. Plaintiff one was treated for abrasions sustained to his left arm. Plaintiff one was medically cleared to be booked at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station by Doctor Tao Nguyen, MD. Detectives one and three were not injured.</p> <p>At 10:00 a.m. Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) arrived at the location to clear and render the residence safe.</p> <p>At 10:13 a.m., a West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Detectives obtained a post-shooting search warrant. The statement of probable cause requested permission to search the property to recover the firearm used by Plaintiff one and forensically examine the location. No other deputies entered the residence until the search warrant was obtained.</p> <p>An assisting unit from West Hollywood Station (Deputies three and four) and Operations Safe Street (OSS) detectives responded to the location to investigate the deputy-involved non-hit shooting.</p> <p>During the investigation, it was determined none of the bullets penetrated the (heavy-duty) door or wall. The bullets entered the room through the open door and the fragments from the wooden door splintered through the room.</p> <p>At 11:35 a.m., Forensic Identification Specialist arrived at the scene to process the location and collect evidence.</p> <p>At 1:31 p.m., a Senior Criminalist arrived at the location. He examined the firearm and indicated the "chamber indicator" was up (this indicates the gun was loaded with a round in the chamber).</p> <p>A loaded semiautomatic handgun was recovered from the shelf inside the doorway of the Plaintiff's bedroom.</p> <p>OSS Detectives discovered several marijuana cultivation rooms inside the residence. Several large bags containing marijuana were recovered.</p> <p>A loaded shotgun, handgun, and ammunition were recovered from Plaintiff's two room.</p> <p>Several electronic devices were recovered to determine if they contained any video surveillance of the incident.</p>
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	<p>All recovered evidence was transported and booked at West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.</p> <p>On October 27, 2019, Plaintiff one was interviewed by an Operation Safe Streets (OSS) Sergeant. Plaintiff one told investigators he had lived at the location (in the downstairs bedroom) for approximately two months. Plaintiff one was aware Plaintiff two kept a loaded handgun inside a locked safe in his bedroom. Plaintiff two told Plaintiff one he could use the handgun for protection and gave Plaintiff one the key to the safe. Plaintiff one had personally unloaded and reloaded the handgun with eight live rounds and was aware the handgun did not have a safety.</p> <p>Plaintiff one indicated he was asleep in his bedroom when he was awakened by the sounds of someone moving/jiggling his door handle. Once awake, he could see the door handle moving. As he got out of bed, he yelled, "who is it!?"</p> <p>Plaintiff one stated he thought the deputies were going to make entry into the room and arrest him. He waited several minutes and when deputies did not make entry, he called 9-1-1 with his cellular phone. While on the phone with the 9-1-1 dispatcher, he advised he answered the door holding a firearm and the police shot through his door. Plaintiff one told the dispatcher he wanted to exit the room, but he was afraid. He then requested the dispatcher's assistance. With the assistance of the dispatcher, Plaintiff one exited his bedroom and surrendered to deputies.</p> <p>Plaintiff one stated he was not struck by any of the rounds that were fired, by deputy personnel nor did he fire his firearm. Plaintiff one additionally stated he had a scratch on his right knee, which he believed he sustained from a "bolt" located inside of the patrol vehicle.</p> <p>The OSS Sergeant observed a scratch on Plaintiff one's inner portion right knee and several small abrasions on the left arm.</p> <p>On October 28, 2019, Plaintiff one was released from custody due to insufficient grounds, penal code section 849 (B)(1) (Warrantless Arrests &amp; Custody Release).</p> <p>On November 22, 2019, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office declined to file charges due to insufficient evidence.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

<p>A <b>Department</b> root cause in this incident was during the protective sweep, the detectives could have made additional and louder sheriff announcements to make their presence known.</p> <p>A <b>Department</b> root cause in this incident was detectives one and three did not reassess after firing two rounds.</p> <p>A Department root cause in this incident was the detectives did not audio record the knock and notice which would prove or disprove the plaintiffs' allegations.</p> <p>A <b>Department</b> root cause in this incident was the detectives were not equipped with Body Worn Cameras (BWC) to capture the incident and use of force.</p>
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A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was Plaintiff one armed himself with a loaded semi-automatic handgun, chambered a live round of ammunition, opened the door to his bedroom, and pointed the gun at the first detective.

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

**Criminal Investigation**

The incident was investigated by the Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau to determine if any criminal misconduct occurred. The results of the investigation were presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for evaluation and filing consideration.

On March 10, 2022, the Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office concluded the shooting was legally justified, the first and second detectives acted lawfully in self-defense and the defense of others.

The District Attorney's Office closed their file on this incident and will take no further action in this matter.

**Administrative Investigation**

The Sheriff's Department's Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) will investigate this incident to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after the incident. When the IAB investigator completes the investigation, it will be submitted for approval. After the case has been approved, the case will be presented to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) for adjudication.

**Tactical Debrief: Station and Station Detectives**

In the days following the incident, a briefing was conducted on the events known at the time of the incident to all sworn West Hollywood Station personnel. Emphasis was placed on officer safety, tactical preparedness, and lessons learned to assist employees with future situations similar in nature.

West Hollywood Station Detective supervisors briefed the incident with their investigators. They additionally briefed the detectives on search warrants, protective sweeps, and best practices when clearing a location.

Briefings occurred on all shifts and were conducted by field sergeants and watch commanders of West Hollywood Station.

**Body-Worn Cameras (BWC)**


In October of 2020, sworn personnel assigned to West Hollywood Station were issued a Body Worn Camera, as a form of transparency. The use of BWC's ensures reliable recording of enforcement and investigative contacts with the public. The Department established policy and procedures for the purpose, use, and deployment of the Department issued BWC:


- Must be turned on during all public contacts and reviewed by the employee.
- Collect evidence for use in criminal investigation and prosecutions.
- Deter criminal activity and uncooperative behavior during law enforcement interactions with the public.
- Promote accountability.
- Assist with resolving public complaints and administrative investigation.
- Supervisors conduct random daily audits of Body Worn Cameras to ensure compliance.


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.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)  Shawnee N. Hinchman, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 11/08/2022

Name: (Department Head)  Edwin E. Alvarez, Chief Professional Standards Division	
Signature: 	Date: 11/9/22

<b>Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY</b>	
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)  Destiny Castro	
Signature: 	Date: 11/10/2022

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Marco Tulio Aguilar
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund – Lynwood
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 94,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	David Mamann, Esq. Law Offices of David Mamann
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Yuan Chang Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a Sheriff's Department automobile accident that occurred on May 16, 2020, at the intersection of Imperial Highway and Fernwood Avenue, in the City of Lynwood. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Robert Bruce Wolfe v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV05548
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	02/11/2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	GREGORY J. OWEN, ESQ. Owen, Patterson, & Owen, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	ADRIAN G. GRAGAS Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises out of an automobile collision between a car driven by plaintiff Robert Bruce Wolfe and a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities vehicle driven by a Deputy Sheriff that occurred at the intersection of Orchard Village Road and 16th Street, in the City of Santa Clarita. Plaintiff alleges he was injured from the collision. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 9,225
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,886

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

November 9, 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 11:03 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

**Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members:** Lindsey Horvath, Chair; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, At-Large; Chris Constantin, East Division; At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, CEO; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dennis Kneer, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Nora Gutierrez Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jason Bryant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ricardo Cobian, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Laura Inlow, Collinson Law; Amber Logan, Nelson & Fulton, 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; 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 11:05 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. 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000,00.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath; Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000,00.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath; Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

- 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.

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 \$2,900,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath; Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$21,594.23.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath; Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

**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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

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

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:41 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 Amended Minutes for October 12, 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte.



**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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte.

**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 11:44 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY  
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

  
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