

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte.

Alternates Present: *Ernie Hernandez, Edgar Cisneros, Gustavo Camacho, Michael Davitt, Jose Gonzalez, Thaddeus McCormack, Jennifer Perez.*

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund 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. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,999.00.

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

[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.

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 \$250,000.00.

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

[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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$94,000.00.

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

[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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000.00.

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

[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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- 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.

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 an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:27 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 of the November 9, 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, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

[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.**

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, 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 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**

None

9. **Other Business.**

None

10. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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 Mallett 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	2:20-CV-10460
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

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.

Vote: Ano: 1 - Mark Alexander

- 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

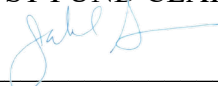
9. Other Business

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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