

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: *Chris Constantin, 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. Avina, Rosa, et al. v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00889

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$235,000.00.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Beltran, Adriana v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00139

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 \$200,000.00.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Lopez, Raul Alejandro v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV35971

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 \$50,000.00.

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

[Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. McGraw, Timia Adams v. Castellon, Zack, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00483

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault and battery, emotional distress, and negligent hiring/retention by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Medina, Jesus v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-05554

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery, emotional distress, and negligent hiring/retention by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Reyes, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20AVCV00661

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:23 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 December 14, 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, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Alternate Ernie Hernandez.

[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, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Alternate Ernie Hernandez.

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 12:25 p.m.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Rosa Avina, et al. v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21AVCV00889
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	11/04/2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 235,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	O. Hovik Oganessian, Esq. Ness Law, Inc.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On August 22, 2020, plaintiff Rosa Avina's vehicle and a Sheriff's Department patrol car collided in the intersection of Avenue L and 20th Street East in the City of Lancaster; that collision resulted in a chain reaction collision between Rosa Avina's vehicle and a third party vehicle. Plaintiffs Rosa Avina and her passengers allege the collision caused injuries for which they seek compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$235,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 3,722
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 29

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Adriana Beltran v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21AVCV00139
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	02/23/2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	James D. Paliwoda, Esq. Paliwoda Paliwoda Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On August 22, 2020, a vehicle driven by a third party and a Sheriff's Department patrol car collided in the intersection of Avenue L and 20th Street East in the City of Lancaster; that collision resulted in a chain reaction collision between the third party's vehicle and plaintiff Adriana Beltran's vehicle. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which she seeks compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$200,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 1,638
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 542

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Raul Alejandro Lopez v. Noe Garcia, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV35971
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	10/08/2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Sharona Eslamboly Hakim, Esq. Law Offices of Sharona Eslamboly Hakim
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LaTasha N. Corry Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On September 18, 2018, Mr. Lopez was splitting lanes on the freeway when his motorcycle struck the right mirror of a Contract Cities vehicle driven by Lt. Garcia. As a result of the impact, Mr. Lopez was thrust to the right into the number one lane and collided with a passing pick-up truck which left the scene after the impact. Mr. Lopez alleges he was injured and filed suit.</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	\$ 9,198
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,924

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 14, 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 Jennifer Vasquez at 11:37 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Jennifer Vasquez, Vice Chair; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; John Moreno, South Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Ernie Hernandez, At-Large; Edgar Cisneros, Central Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Timothy Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Yuan Chang, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dennis Kneer, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Eric Moyer, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rodney Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Byrne Conley, Authority Attorney; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Alex Smith, Deputy Executive Officer; 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 11:41 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. 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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 Amended Minutes for 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.

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 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 12:31 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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