

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: Ernie Hernandez, Chris Constantin, Edgar Cisneros, Gustavo Camacho, Michael Davitt, Jose Gonzalez, Thaddeus McCormack.

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).**

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

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

- a. Estate of Samuel Herrera, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36013

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force shooting, wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Palacios, Joel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-11182

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, false imprisonment, and unreasonable search and seizure by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:43 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 minutes of the January 18, 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. **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

8. **Other Business.**

None

9. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 18, 2023

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Patrick Kearney at 11:02 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Patrick Kearney, Vice Chair; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; 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; Chris Constantin, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Mejia, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Tom Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantral LLP, Outside Counsel; Jill Williams, Carpenter Rothans and Dumont, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Nikki Salas, Administrative Service 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 11:04 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. 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 a 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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

- a. McGraw, Timia Adams v. Castrellon, 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 taken

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 Amended Minutes for 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.

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 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 12:25 p.m.

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TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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