

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES**  
**CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD IN LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT**  
**SUNSET ROOM**  
**3700 RAMONA BOULEVARD,**  
**MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA 91754**  
**and VIA-TELECONFERENCE**  
**ON**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2023, AT 11:00 AM**

*Members Present:* Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Cook, and Gustavo Camacho.

*Alternates Present:* *Ernie Hernandez, Edgar Cisneros, Gustavo Camacho, Michael Davitt.*

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. Chavez, Raquel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV37164

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board continued this case until April 19, 2023.

Vote: Ayes: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Cook, Alternate Gustavo Camacho.

Vote: Absent: Jennifer Perez, Marcel Rodarte

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Carcamo, Lashun, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC028076

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, false arrest and assault by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Garcia, Salvador v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: 20STCV00967

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Huff, Donna v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-01733

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- d. Lopez, Myesha, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 5:21-CV-00290

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

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- e. Romero, Randy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-00282

The lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, and unlawful search and seizure by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- f. Rodriguez, Antonio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06574

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, false arrest 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 1:15 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 February 1, 2023, 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: 9 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Cook, Alternate Gustavo Camacho.

Vote: Absent: Jennifer Perez, Marcel Rodarte

[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 1:18 p.m.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Raquel Chavez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV37164
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 29, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRENTON L. HORNER, ESQ. Horner & Associates
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	ADRIAN G. GRAGAS Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises out of a multi-automobile collision between a car driven by plaintiff Raquel Chavez, a car driven by Gerardo Garcia, and a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities patrol unit driven by a Deputy Sheriff that occurred on east Valley Boulevard approaching the intersection of Somerset Drive, in the unincorporated area of West Covina. Plaintiff alleges she 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	\$ 7,020
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 75

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

February 1, 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, Chair; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Brian Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** 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; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Tim Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, ACEO; County of Los Angeles, Shawnee Hinchman, 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; Allen Castellano, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, CEO; Nikki Salas, Administrative Service Director; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Alex Smith, Deputy Executive Officer.

**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 11:06 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)**

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 taken

**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 Amended Minutes for January 18, 2023, 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. **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

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

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