



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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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, **May 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Sunset Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and Via Teleconference.**

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

**City of Calabasas, 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 224-1600**

City of Cudahy, 5220 Santa Ana St, Cudahy, CA 90201 | (323) 773-5143

City of Norwalk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 | (562) 929-5700

**City of Santa Clarita, 23920 Valencia Blvd Ste 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
(661) 259-2489**

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 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 May 9, 2023. 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: 851 6653 0334; Passcode 070205.

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/85166530334?pwd=V1d4U05pcG5mVWJTV0ptRmFaRFJlQT09&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.

- a. Non-Litigated Claims of Angelica Zalazar Lacma and Martin Rodelio Bierra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CRM # 22-4393309*001 and 002

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Dodson, Lauren v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-04011

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, fabrication of evidence, and malicious prosecution by Sheriff's Deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Alvarez, Andy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV41715

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

- b. Assiff, Joshua v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-05327

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

- c. Brown, Brittany 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.

- d. Curiel, Antonio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV39326

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

- e. 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.

- f. Herrera, Samuel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Court Case No.

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

- g. Lugardo, Diane v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV15283

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

- h. Martinez, Anastasia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-06589

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, sexual assault, and intentional concealment of Doe Deputy by Sheriff's Deputies.

- i. 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

- j Rodriguez, Emma v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV21846

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

- k. S.D., a minor by Collins, Tammi v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-07986

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, unlawful detention, and racial discrimination by Sheriff's Deputies.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the April 19, 2023, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 7. Other Business
- 8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claims of Angelica Zalazar Lacma and Martin Rodelio Bierra
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff-South Patrol Division-Norwalk Station - Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 21,400
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Arta Wildeboer, Esq. Law Offices of Arta Wildeboer
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 March 1, 2022, at the intersection of Pioneer Boulevard and 163 rd Street, in the City of Norwalk. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the claims are warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Lauren Dodson vs. County of Los Angeles et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:20-cv-04011
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 30, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 400,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Deirdre L. O'Connor, Esquire Seamus Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Tyson Nelson
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff alleges the Deputies deliberately fabricated their incident report by intentionally misrepresenting, distorting, and omitting material information.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 80,995
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,753

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CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 19, 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 11:38 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Sunset Room, 3700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and 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; Brian Cook, At-Large; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Mark Waronek, South Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Edgar Cisneros, Central Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen, Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Roderick Sasis, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Mel Joseph, Deputy County Counsel; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Michael Allen, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Raymond Fuentes, Fuentes & McNalley, LLP; **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; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager.

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. 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 approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

- b. Esquivel, Abraham v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-01911

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, non-fatal shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

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: 11-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

- c. Hernandez, Jason v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18227

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 \$70,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

- d. Lopez, Secret v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-08794

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force 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: 11-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

- e. Ramirez, Claudia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20 STCV10949

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

Action Taken

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisor the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$750,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

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

- a. Jones, Adonis v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV41715

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. 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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:24 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 March 8, 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: 11-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

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 12:26 p.m.

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