

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, May 10, 2023, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: Chris Constantin, Gustavo Camacho, Michael Davitt, Jose Gonzalez, Thaddeus McCormack.

Call to Order.

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

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 \$21,400.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.
Absent: Vasquez.

[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, excessive force, non-fatal shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board took formal action to object to the \$400,000 settlement that was approved by the County Board of Supervisors and would have rejected the settlement authority had the case been presented to the Claims Board.

Vote: Ayes: 9-1 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, James Bozajian, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.
Nays: Ken Striplin. Absent: Vasquez.

[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 an automobile accident involving Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- 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 an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

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

See Claims Board action on previous page. This was listed twice on the Agenda.

- f. 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

- g. Herrera, Samuel 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

- h. 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- i. 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- j. 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

- k. 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- I. 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 3:11 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1. It was reported that the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved a settlement offer for the case of 3a) Non-Litigated Claims of Angelica Zalazar Lacma and Martin Rodelio Bierra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

6. Approval of the minutes of the April 19, 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: 10-0 Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte. Absent: Jennifer Vasquez.

[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 3:12 pm.

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

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND
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.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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