

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Adrienne M. Byers, and Oscar Valdez

Absent: Chair Steve Robles

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

No members of the public appeared in person or telephonically.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)).**

- a. **Non-Litigated Claims of Jose A. Munquia, et al.**

These non-litigated claims seek compensation for property damage caused by an automobile accident involving an employee from the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.a. in the amount of \$26,097.96.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Sergey Afanasyev v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 20STCV03086

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident involving an employee from the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.b. in the amount of \$45,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. Non-Litigated Claims of Arturo B. Vasquez and Subro Claims Inc.

This claim arises from alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident with an employee from the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.c. in the amount of \$59,989.91.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

**d. Michael Elio Fusco v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV39037**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Department of Children and Family Services employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.d. in the amount of \$29,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

**e. Raquel Tamayo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 21STCV12912**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that Plaintiff suffered injuries while receiving care at a Department of Mental Health facility.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.e. in the amount of \$400,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

**f. Melva Viola Carter v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 21STCV22830**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident with a District Attorney's Office employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.f. in the amount of \$31,500.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

**g. Miao Chang Zheng v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV01836**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board voted to continue Item 4.g. to a future Claims Board meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

**h. Maria Arias, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court No. 2:21-cv-06865-MWF-KES**

This lawsuit involves the death of an inmate in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.h. in the amount of \$99,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

**i. Alex Gutierrez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV14492**

This lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department alleges violations of civil rights.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.i. in the amount of \$75,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

**j. Jacqueline Kroll v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-00832**

This federal civil rights lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault by a Sheriff's Department employee at a detention facility.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.j. in the amount of \$575,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**k. Save Our Rural Town v. Department of Auditor-Controller, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCP03696**

This lawsuit relates to a California Environmental Quality Act matter against the County of Los Angeles.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.k. in the amount of \$79,153.58.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 15, 2023, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the May 15, 2023, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Absent: Steve Robles

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5. 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 an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No such matters were discussed.

6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-litigated Claims of Jose A. Munguia, Geico Insurance ASO Diana Centeno, and Mercury Insurance ASO Michelle Lucero
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 26,097.96
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	These claims arise from a vehicle accident that damaged personal property. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sergey Alfanasyev vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV03086
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 24, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael V. Jehdian, Esq., Law Offices of Michael V. Jehdian, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa A. McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This incident occurred on January 25, 2019, when the Plaintiff's vehicle was struck by a Department of Public Work's employee's vehicle at the intersection of Haskell Avenue and Plummer Street, in Los Angeles, California. The Plaintiff claims he sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$45,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,389
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,108

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claims of Arturo B. Vasquez and Subro Claims Inc.
CASE NUMBER	22-4390849*001-*002
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 59,989.91
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Pacific Liberty Law, A.P.C.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Ann Aguilar, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from an automobile accident that occurred on January 27, 2022, when a vehicle operated by a Children and Family Services employee made a left turn in front of Geico's insured. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the claim is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Michael Elio Fusco v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV39037
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 22, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 29,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	ARUTYUN TOPCHYAN A & T Legal Group, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD KUDO Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves a three-vehicle collision that occurred on September 9, 2020, in the City of Los Angeles, when a car driven by an on-duty Department of Children and Family Services employee rear-ended the car driven by plaintiff Michael Elio Fusco, which in turn rearended a third vehicle, on the U.S. Interstate 101 freeway, just north of the Coldwater Canyon Avenue exit. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 5,015
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,186

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Melva Viola Carter v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV22830
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 18, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	District Attorney's Office
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 31,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Dario C. Gomez, Esq., Law Offices of Jacob Emrani, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engalien Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This incident occurred on August 4, 2020, when the plaintiff's car was rear-ended by a DA employee's car. The plaintiff claims she sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$31,500 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 2,234
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Miao Chang Zheng v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV01836
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 18, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian Breiter Esq. Law Offices of Brian Breiter LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This incident occurred on March 12, 2018, when Ms. Zheng's car was struck on the rear passenger side by an LASD patrol car. Ms. Zheng claims she sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$750,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 64,179
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 119,294

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Miao Chang Zheng v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	March 12, 2018
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Plaintiff alleges various injuries, including traumatic brain injuries, arising out of a traffic collision involving an on-duty Deputy Sheriff.</p> <p>On March 12, 2018, the involved Deputy Sheriff was driving in a marked Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicle. The Deputy Sheriff was attempting to make a left turn from a private driveway on the eastside of Atlantic Boulevard in the city of Alhambra across the northbound lanes of Atlantic Boulevard and onto the southbound lanes.</p> <p>NOTE: Northbound Atlantic Boulevard has two travel lanes, with a right and left turn lane just past the driveway the Deputy Sheriff was attempting to pull out of. There is no central turning lane at the driveway and the street is divided by a solid double yellow line.</p> <p>Prior to the collision, vehicles in the marked lanes of traffic on northbound Atlantic Boulevard stopped short of the driveway the Deputy Sheriff was waiting in. Plaintiff was, simultaneously, driving in the center lane northbound on Atlantic Boulevard, prior to the center turn lane's transition into a left turn lane. Plaintiff's estimated speed was 20-30 miles per hour.</p> <p>The Deputy Sheriff proceeded out of the driveway toward the westside of Atlantic Boulevard. Plaintiff, driving in the center lane, struck the patrol vehicle.</p>

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1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

A Departmental root cause in this incident was the involved employee driving in a manner that violated the California Vehicle Code.

A non-Departmental root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's use of the center turning lane.

A non-Departmental root cause in this incident was the untimely passing of the involved employee, preventing the County from being able to use his testimony to defend this lawsuit.

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2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- Traffic Collision Investigation – The incident was thoroughly investigated by the City of Alhambra Police Department (APD). APD determined the involved employee was primarily responsible for the accident.
- Supervisor’s Report of Incident or Damage to County Vehicle – A thorough administrative investigation was conducted of the incident. Appropriate administrative action was taken.
- Employee Risk Assessment – A comprehensive review of the involved deputy sheriff’s work history was conducted after this incident. This review included uses of force, civil claims, and complaints, as well as traffic collisions.
- Training – The involved employee’s unit commander recommended an 8-hour driving course as a result of this incident.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Commander Tania E. Plunkett

Signature:



Date:

3-28-23

Name: (Department Head)
Chief Paula L. Tokar

Signature:



Date:

4/3/23

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

 Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.

 No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)
Daniela Prowizor

Signature:

Date: 4/5/2023

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Maria Arias, et al.vs. County of Los Angeles et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-cv-06865-MWF-KES
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	July 10, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	THE ESTATE OF JESUS GUERRA-ARIAS
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$99,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit brought by Plaintiff Maria Arias arising from the suicide death of her son, Jesus Guerra-Arias. A Sheriff's deputy found Decedent unresponsive in a lock-up cell at the Metropolitan Courthouse after he used a COVID-19 facemask to hang himself by placing it around his neck and fastening the ear loops to a metal toilet paper holder in the cell. Plaintiff contends Deputy Jennifer Rodriguez and Deputy Edward Casas failed to protect Decedent from an objectively intolerable risk of harm.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 23,325
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 9,444

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Gutierrez, Alex v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV14492
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 23, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Gary S. Casselman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$75,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a civil rights lawsuit filed by Alex Gutierrez against the County of Los Angeles, former Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Detective Francis Hardiman, alleging false arrest/imprisonment, unreasonable search and seizure, battery, negligence, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$75,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 47,054
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,283

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jacqueline Kroll v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-00832
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	January 28, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 575,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Stephen D. Wegman, Esq. Zola Wegman and Associates, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$575,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jacqueline Kroll alleging she was sexually assaulted by Sheriff's Custody Assistant ("CA") Roy'ce Bass while she was incarcerated at the Century Regional Detention Facility.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$575,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 177,332
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,174

Case Name:

Jacqueline Kroll v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

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Date of incident/event:	July 8, 2017
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiff Kroll alleges that while she was housed at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) a former Custody Assistant entered her cell and engaged in sexual activity with her.

1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

- A Departmental root cause in this incident was the criminal misconduct committed by a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
- A Departmental root cause in this incident was a male employee supervising female inmates alone.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- Criminal Investigation – After the Sheriff's Department became aware of the employee's alleged conduct, he was relieved of duty and a criminal investigation was opened. The criminal investigation resulted in the filing of four (4) felony charges against the employee. During the course of the investigation, the employee resigned from the Sheriff's Department.
- New Unit Order – A new unit order was published and approved setting strict policies and procedures regarding the supervision of females housed at CRDF.
- Workplace Monitoring – As a result of this incident, areas in and around CRDF are being monitored on a shift by shift basis by staff and management to ensure staff are adhering to the new unit order and that all cameras are operational.
- Training - As a result of this incident, Department executives wanted to reinforce to custody staff the importance of reporting behavior that is criminal and inappropriate for the work place. All custody staff will receive training on the importance of reporting behavior that is criminal and inappropriate for the workplace.

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Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Commander Tania E. Plunkett

Signature:

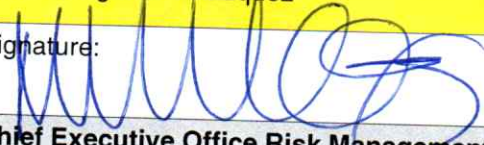


Date:

3-23-23

Name: (Department Head)
Chief Margarita Velazquez

Signature:



Date:

04/06/2023

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)
Daniela Prowizor

Signature:

Date: 4/21/2023

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Save Our Rural Town v. Department of Auditor-Controller, et al
CASE NUMBER	21STCP03696
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District
DATE FILED	June 22, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Regional Planning
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 79,153.58
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alene M. Taber, Esq. HANSON BRIDGET, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Dusan Pavlovic
NATURE OF CASE	Petitioner, Save Our Rural Town seeks issuance of A Writ of Mandate directing the County to deposit with the court the money awarded to petitioner in a related case.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 59,946
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 701

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 15, 2023

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:38 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference with all Claims Board Members participating telephonically. Claims Board Members appearing in person and online for the teleconference meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Adrienne M. Byers, and Oscar Valdez.

All other persons also appeared telephonically. Those attending the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Richard Kudo, Melissa McCaverty, Rosanne Wong, and Eduardo Montelongo; Department of Public Works: Richard Castaneda; Department of Aging and Disabilities: Derrick Martin; Department of Mental Health: Taneisha Franklin; Probation Department: Robert Smythe, and Chereise Martin; Outside Counsel: Geoffrey Sheldon.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

No members of the public appeared in person or were on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9 - Subdivision [a]).

At 9:40 a.m., Chair Steve Robles convened the meeting into closed session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(d).

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

No members of the public were on the public teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 10:41 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via the public teleconference phone line and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

a. Oliver Maldonado v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 19STCV17688

This dangerous condition lawsuit against the Department of Public Works alleges plaintiff suffered injuries after his bicycle was struck by a vehicle on Meyer Road in an unincorporated area of South Whittier.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.a. in the amount of \$250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**b. Lorena Martinez v. Seifu Sabhatu, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 22STCV00147**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in automobile accident involving an Aging and Disabilities Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.b. in the amount of \$27,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**c. Jesus Trujillo Ramos vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 20STCV38350**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in automobile accident involving a Department of Mental Health employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.c. in the amount of \$35,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**d. Paula Manning v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV37328**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that a Probation Department employee was subjected to race discrimination, retaliation, and failure to prevent discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.d. in the amount of \$340,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2023, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved of the Minutes of the April 17, 2023, regular meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Steve Robles, and Adrienne M. Byers
Abstention: 1 – Oscar Valdez

6. Approval of the Minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Abstention: 1 – Steve Robles

