

**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, June 14, 2023, AT 11:00 AM**

*Members Present:* Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Perez; Jennifer Vasquez.

*Alternates Present:* *John Erickson, 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. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez.

Vote: Absent: Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. 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.

- b. Chaidez, Romelia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV37845

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. 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.

- d. Grantz, Yogi v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV29768

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. Gutierrez, Jose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-08223

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- f. Hayes, Tiffany v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCP00895

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. Moreno, Austin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV40269

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- i. Olivas, Andre v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-09509

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and State civil rights violations, including excessive force, assault, battery, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, violation of the Bane Act, and a *Monell* claim.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- j. Otero-Carrero, Sandra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles superior Court Case No. 21STV12854

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- k. Prieto, Lesly v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV05088

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- l. 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.

- m. Saravia, Anthony v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV14785

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, and excessive force 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 1:58 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 May 10, 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 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez.

Vote: Absent: Mark Waronek, 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 1:59 pm.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Joel Palacios, et al.vs. County of Los Angeles et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:20-CV-11182
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 9, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gregory Peacock, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$75,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Joel Palacios ("Joel") and his family after Sheriff's deputies assigned to Norwalk Station executed search and arrest warrants at their residence. Plaintiffs assert that judicial deception led to invalid warrants. Joel alleges deputies did not have probable cause for his arrest and all other plaintiffs assert they were wrongfully detained.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 43,567
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 14,761

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

May 10, 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 11:16 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; Ken Striplin, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Mark Waronek, South Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Chris Constantin, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Yuan Chang, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Tyson Nelson, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, CEO County of Los Angeles; Mel Joseph, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Melynne Rivers, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Kevin Eng, 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.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Diane Martinez, Esq., Hurrell & Cantrall, LLP; Chandler Parker, Collins & Collins, LLP; Rickey Ivie, Esq., Ivie, McNeill & Wyatt; Ayang Inyang, Ivie, McNeil & Wyatt; Jill Williams, Esq., Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont; Patrick Stockalper, Esq., Kjar, McKenna & Stockalper, LLP; Molshree Gupta, Kjar, McKenna & Stockalper, LLP; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** None; **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 11:18 a.m., the Chair adjourned for recess.

At 11:38 a.m., the Chair reconvened.

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. 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.

- 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.

**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 a 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

- l. 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 Amended Minutes for 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.

**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 3:12 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY  
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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