

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

**ON MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**Present: Chair Steve Robles, and Adrienne M. Byers**

**Absent: Oscar Valdez**

- 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.**

Lili Tamaki, Public Counsel, for Teresa Saldana Rodriguez appeared telephonically and addressed the Claims Board.

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

**a. Arcadio Marin v. County of Los Angeles  
Tax Claim**

This claim against the County of Los Angeles alleges breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.a. in the amount of \$34,968.35.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**b. Juan Carlos Garcia v. County of Los Angeles  
Tax Claim**

This claim against the County of Los Angeles alleges breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.b. in the amount of \$37,196.67.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**c. Teresa Saldana Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles Tax Claim**

This claim against the County of Los Angeles alleges breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.c. in the amount of \$51,464.54.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.d. in the amount of \$750,000.

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

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**e. Alejandro Saul Vargas v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV25187**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.e. in the amount of \$60,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**f. Khuyen Kim Nguyen v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV09700**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident with a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

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

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**g. Dana Tompkins Barnett v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-cv-02530**

This federal civil rights lawsuit involves the death by suicide of an inmate at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.g. in the amount of \$150,000.

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

**h. Rita Williams vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV30376**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department lieutenant.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.h. in the amount of \$150,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**i. Hector Galvan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2100782**

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.i. in the amount of \$60,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**j. Samuel Bonner v. City of Long Beach, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-cv-02819**

This federal civil rights lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful conviction that resulted in plaintiff's imprisonment for approximately 37 years.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.j. in the amount of \$3,000,000.

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

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**k. Triple B Clays, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV00739**

This lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles alleges breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.k. in the amount of \$40,000.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**l. Kelly G. Emling v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-cv-00601**

This lawsuit against the County Counsel's office alleges discrimination, retaliation, and breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.l. in the amount of \$70,000.

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

**m. Clayton Larson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33759**

This lawsuit against the Department of Regional Planning alleges retaliation and violation of whistleblower protection laws.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.m. in the amount of \$450,000.

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

**n. Miriam Pakshyan v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV06454**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Office of the Assessor was discriminated against based on age and disability.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued Item 4.n. to a future meeting.

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

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2023, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued the approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2023, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

**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	PACE Tax Claim of Arcadio Marin
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	September 29, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Internal Services Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 34,968.35
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael D. Owens Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Mr. Marin financed home improvements for an accessory dwelling unit utilizing the County's PACE financing. Known problematic contractor A&Jb abandoned the property before completing the financed work.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	PACE Tax Claim of Juan Carlos Garcia
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	November 5, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Internal Services Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 37,196.67
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael D. Owens Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Mr. Garcia financed home improvements for his accessory dwelling unit utilizing the County's PACE financing. Known problematic contractor A&Jb abandoned the property before completing all of the financed work.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	PACE Tax Claim of Teresa Saldana Rodriguez
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	September 28, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Internal Services Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 51,464.54
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael D. Owens Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Ms. Rodriguez financed home improvements for an accessory dwelling unit utilizing the County's PACE financing. Known problematic contractor A&Jb abandoned the property before completing the financed work.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
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

**Case Name:**

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

County of Los Angeles

Summary Corrective Action Plan

**Summary Corrective Action Plan**

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

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><b>NOTE:</b> 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>

**Case Name:**Miao Chang Zheng v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

County of Los Angeles

Summary Corrective Action Plan

**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

**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: 4/5/2023

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Alejandro Saul Vargas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV25187
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 8, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alan C. Brown, Day, Day and Brown
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 6, 2020, plaintiff Alejandro Saul Vargas's vehicle and a Sheriff's Department truck collided on Interstate 10 near 8th Street in Los Angeles. Mr. Vargas alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$60,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 8,516
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,495

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Khuyen Kim Nguyen vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV09700
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 9, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael Lung Yueng, Esq. Law Offices of Michael L. Yeung, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa A. McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on January 28, 2020, when LASD Arson Investigator Deputy Yclan's County Chevrolet Tahoe rear ended Ms. Nguyen's 2012 Toyota Sienna on the Interstate 105 freeway. Ms. Nguyen claims she sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$75,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 20,911
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,060

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Rita Williams v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV30376
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 11, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Marley McClean, Esq., Law Offices of Wayne McClean
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LaTasha N. Corry Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on November 20, 2018, when Plaintiff's car was rear-ended by an LASD employee's vehicle. Plaintiff claims she sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$150,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 11,502
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,007

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Hector Galvan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CIVSB2100782
COURT	San Bernardino Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 8, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	District Attorney's Office
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	James A. Allarie, Law Offices of James Allarie
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On June 15, 2020, plaintiff Hector Galvan's truck and a District Attorney's Office car collided on Interstate 210 near Mountain Avenue in Upland. Mr. Galvan alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$60,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,975
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 11,870



## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Samuel Bonner v. City of Long Beach, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:22-cv-02819
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 27, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	District Attorney
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 3,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Andrew Stein, Esquire Law Offices of Stein and Markus, PLC  Gregory Peacock, Esquire Greg Peacock Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan McCaverty Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$3,000,000, a District Attorney federal civil rights lawsuit brought by Samuel Bonner against the County for a wrongful conviction that resulted in his imprisonment of 37 years. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement amount of \$3,000,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 75,512
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 20,495



## Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	1982 - 2019
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Plaintiff, Samuel Bonner, sues the County of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, and former Long Beach Police Department detectives in connection with his prosecution and resultant convictions of murder and robbery in 1983. Mr. Bonner's convictions were overturned during a 2019 re-sentencing hearing and his subsequent motion for factual innocence was granted in 2020. In all, Mr. Bonner was incarcerated nearly 37 years.</p> <p>Plaintiff claims that the County is liable due to the misconduct of a deputy district attorney in pursuing conflicting legal theories in his trial and that of his co-defendant. Additionally, Plaintiff claims that the Office did not comply with its post-conviction Brady obligations by not turning over information regarding the lack of credibility of a jailhouse informant that was used to secure the conviction against Plaintiff.</p>

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

- 1) DDA Seifert pursued two separate legal theories against two defendants in separate trials.
- 2) The continued pursuit by the Office to oppose Plaintiff's various post-conviction motions from 1983 to 2021, when some potential Brady material was discovered post-conviction in the 1990s

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

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

No corrective action plan is needed as to root cause 1. DDA Seifert operated outside of policy and committed misconduct. DDA Seifert retired from the Department in 2000. As to the second cause, since 1983, the Office has established robust training, dedicated personnel, and several systems to ensure Brady compliance and to review cases post-conviction for issues of misconduct and factual innocence.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.

X No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Julie Dixon Silva	
Signature: 	Date: 5.30.23

Name: (Department Head) Sharon L. Woo	
Signature: 	Date: 5.30.2023

<b>Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY</b>	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Daniela Prowizor	
Signature:	Date: 5/30/2023

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<i>Triple B Clays, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles</i>
CASE NUMBER	21STCV00739
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court Central Courthouse District Stanley Mosk Civil
DATE FILED	January 8, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Parks and Recreation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Eric S. Oto
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lisa C. Jacobs
NATURE OF CASE	This is a complaint filed by Triple B Clays, Inc. ("Plaintiff") against the County for breach of its obligations under a Concession Contract ("Contract") between Plaintiff and the County. Plaintiff ran the shooting concession at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area ("Property") for 20 years. Plaintiff submitted four claims to the County for reimbursement for capital improvements to the Property paid for by Plaintiff totaling \$61,203. The claims were denied by the County due to Plaintiff's failure to comply with the procedure to obtain reimbursement outlined in the Contract.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 88,654
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,383

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 5, 2023

#### 1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:39 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with Claims Board Members participating in person and online. Claims Board Members Adrienne M. Byers and Oscar Valdez appeared in person and via video conference. Claims Board Chair Steve Robles was absent.

All other persons present at the virtual Claims Board meeting: Joseph A. Langton, Melissa McCaverty, Ann Aguilar, Richard K. Kudo, Narbeh Bagdasarian, Edward Morrissey, Kevin Engelen, Timothy J. Kral, Millicent L. Rolon, Dušan Pavlović, Laura Mendenhall, Tyler Battles, and Jake Abrams appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Ronald Castaneda appeared for Public Works. Cestre Balderamos and Christina Lee appeared for Department of Children and Family Services. Crystal Kibby, Vanessa Dinsay Jenkins, and Ly Ngo appeared for Department of Mental Health. Elizabeth Ratinoff and William Frayeh appeared for the District Attorney. Tania Plunkett, Shanese Winfrey, Shawnee Hinchman, Christopher Johnson, Christopher Mouat, Renata Phillip, Thomas Kim, Michael Gomez, Geradette Montoya appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Amy Bodek appeared for Regional Planning. Attorney Aamir Raza appeared for Lawrence, Beach, Allen & Choi, PC. Attorney Thomas C. Hurrell appeared for Hurrell Cantrall, LLP.

#### 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)).

At 9:40 a.m., Adrienne M. Byers convened the meeting in closed session to discuss the items listed below as 4(a) through 4(k).

#### 4. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session.

No members of the public were present to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 12:01 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via video conference and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

##### 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

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; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$750,000.

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

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

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

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

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

5. **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

6. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By Laura Salazar for  
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