

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, July 12, 2023, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook.

Alternates Present: *Michael Davitt, Thaddeus McCormack, Edgar Cisneros, Kelly Honig.*

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. Romero, Randy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-00282

The lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, and unlawful 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 \$50,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek; Alternate Kelly Honig and Edgar Cisneros

Vote: Absent: Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Non Litigated Claim of Jada Blu Hart
CRM No. 22-4390988*001

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

Action Taken:

No action taken. Since the County Counsel representing this case was not present, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:17 a.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 June 14, 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 11:17 a.m.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Randy Romero v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:22-CV-00282
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	January 14, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Gregory Peacock
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$50,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Randy Romero ("Plaintiff") against the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies Jessica Lynn, Hector Saavedra, and Mario Salomon ("Defendants"), alleging unlawful arrest and excessive force. Plaintiff spent four days in custody and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office declined prosecution of the case.</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 \$50,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 112,495
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 11,112

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Jada Blu Hart
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-South Patrol Division - Carson Station
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Raymond H. Sarraf, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Auto v. Auto Accident
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 14, 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 11:39 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; Chris Constantin, East Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Brian Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; **Alternate:** Ernie Hernandez, At-Large; Jennifer Perez, At Large; Michael Davitt, East Division; John Erickson, At Large; Thaddeus McCormick, North Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Timothy Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Caroline Shahinian, Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Mercedes Akounoun, Deputy County Counsel; Carrie Clarke, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, ACEO; County of Los Angeles, Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Melynie Rivers, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Jill Williams, Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont, LLP; Molshree Gupta, Kjar, McKenna & Stockalper, LLP; Chandler A. Parker, Collins & Collins, LLP; Tomas Guterrez, Collins & Collins, LLP; Jake Abrams, Kevin Engeliem, Eric Moyer, Daniel Hoffman, **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Robb Sahli, 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; Dennis Covell, Administrative Assistant; 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. 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

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 Amended Minutes for 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

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 1:59 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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