



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **September 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Posada Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and Via Teleconference.**

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

2221 Rim Rd., Bradbury, CA 91008 (626) 818-9821

24116 Alliene Ave., Lomita, CA 90717

312 Lindo Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92661

**City of Calabasas, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 224-1600**

City of Cudahy, 5220 Santa Ana St., Cudahy, CA 90201 (323) 773-5143

City of Norwalk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 929-5700

**City of Santa Clarita, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA
91355 (661) 259-2489**

In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Agency Clerk at (562) 467-8736. Notification 48 hours before meeting will enable the Authority to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.
(28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II)

PUBLIC COMMENT

You may submit public comment by e-mail at vruiz@cjpia.org or by mail to: Attention: Contract Cities Claims Board Agenda, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012. Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 2023. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to listen to open sessions of the meeting may call the California JPIA's teleconference number at **1(253) 215-8782**,
Enter Meeting ID: 851 6653 0334; Passcode 070205.

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/85166530334?pwd=V1d4U05pcG5mVWJTV0ptRmFaRFJlQT09&from=addon>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.

- a. Alvarez, Andy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV27581

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Garr, Dennis v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV05046

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Johnson, Charles Edward v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV21653

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Orcutt, Marilyn v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC708462

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Alcaez, Mark v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV35456

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

- b. Glazier, Aaron v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00924

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and false imprisonment by Sheriff's Deputies.

- c. 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.

- d. 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.

- e. Ramorino, Denise v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-00090

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, false arrest, and false imprisonment by Sheriff's Deputies.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the August 16, 2023, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Andy Alvarez vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV27581
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 27, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jake Douglass, Esq. Jacoby & Meyers Attorneys, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On August 26, 2020, Mr. Alvarez was a suspect in custody in a marked patrol unit when a Contract Cities Sheriff's Deputy was involved in a rear-end collision at the intersection of Lakewood Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard, in the city of Bellflower. Plaintiff alleges he was injured during transport as a result of the incident and filed suit.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 8,042
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 11,194

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Dennis Garr v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV05046
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	02/07/2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 650,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Branagan Fuller, Esq. B & B Law Group, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On August 9, 2019, plaintiff Dennis Garr's vehicle and a Sheriff's Department patrol car collided on State Route 60 near the Hacienda Boulevard exit in Hacienda Heights. Mr. Garr 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 \$650,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 74,365
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 24,796

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Charles Edward Johnson v. County of Los Angeles, et al
CASE NUMBER	20STCV21653
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 09, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	JOHN CICCARELLI, ESQ. Law Offices of John K. Ciccarelli
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	ADRIAN G.GRAGAS Assistant County Counsel PATRICK E. STOCKALPER, ESQ Kjar, McKenna, & Stockalper, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This incident occurred on June 12, 2023, at the intersection of Bradbury Hills Lane and Bradbury Hills Road, in the city of Bradbury, California. A Contract Cities Sheriff's Deputy was responding to an emergency call, made a right turn, and collided with Plaintiff's vehicle. 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	\$ 15,117
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 18,598

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Marilyn Orcutt, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC708462
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	06/01/2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alexander Wheeler, Esq. PARRIS LAW FIRM
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves an accident that occurred in the City of Santa Clarita when a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities radio car driven by a Deputy Sheriff entered the intersection on a red light, colliding with Plaintiff Marilyn Orcutt's SUV. Plaintiffs allege they were injured and filed suit. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 163,645
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 52,707

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MINUTES OF MEETING

August 16, 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 11:21 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Posada 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; Ken Striplin, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Michael Davitt, East Division; Thaddeus McCormick, North Division; Kelly Honig, Alternate, At-Large; John Erickson, Alternate, North Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Michael J. Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelian, Deputy County Counsel; Edwin Lewis, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Kudo, Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, CEO, County of Los Angeles; Destiny Castro, CEO, County of Los Angeles; Myron Johnson, Acting Assistant Sheriff; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Anne Tremblay, CPA, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant John Haynes; Lieutenant Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Laura Inlow, Colinson, Daehnke, Inlow & Greco; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager; **California JPIA:** Nikki Salas, Administrative Service Director; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

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 11:23 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. Buttanda, Stella v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00792

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 \$27,500.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

- b. McGraw, Timia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV0048

This lawsuit concerns allegations alleging she was sexually assaulted by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputy Zack Castrejon.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

- c. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,500.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

- d. Perez, Zhoie v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV15916

The lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, negligence, and assault and battery by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$49,500.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

- e. Wilson, Randi v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00376

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 \$750,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

Nays: Chris Constantin and Patrick Kearney.

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

- a. Alcaarez, Mark v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV35456

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Gamboa, Abraham v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-02654

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- c. Ramirez, Jason v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00346

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- d. Reyes, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20AVCV00347

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

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 Minutes for July 12, 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 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, 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 12:25 p.m.

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