

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT
POSADA ROOM
3700 RAMONA BOULEVARD,
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA 91754
and VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, August 16, 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: Michael Davitt, Kelly Honig, Thaddeus McCormack, John Erickson.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **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. 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 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.

[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.

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 of the 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, and 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 12:25 pm.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Stella D. Buttanda v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21AVCV00792
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 4, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 27,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Frank H. Canter, Esq. Law Offices of Frank H. Canter
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This case involves a motor vehicle accident that occurred in the City of Palmdale on December 29, 2020, when a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities patrol unit driven by a Deputy Sheriff made an unsafe U-turn, in an attempt to pursue a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, and collided with Plaintiff Stella Buttanda's vehicle. Plaintiff alleges they were injured 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	\$ 3,456
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,453

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	McGraw, Timia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21AVCV0048
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	June 14, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 125,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Joseph Virgilio, Esq. JUSTICE FIRM
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$125,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Timia Adams McGraw alleging she was sexually assaulted by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputy Zack Castrejon while he was investigating her reported shooting incident.</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 \$125,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 74,465
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,775

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

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Zhoie Perez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV15916
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 24, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 49,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Carpenter & Zuckerman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a arrest of Plaintiff Zhoie Perez by the Sheriff's Department at the City Hall of the City of Commerece. Plaintiff alleges the arrest by the LASD violated her civil rights, she was assaulted and battered, and LASD was negligent in her detention.</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	\$ 154,510
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,151

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Randi Wilson, et al. vs County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21AVCV00376
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	05/10/2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gary C. Eisenberg, Esq. Eisenberg Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On March 5, 2020, a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Randi Wilson and a Sheriff's Department patrol car collided on Avenue J near its intersection with 15th Street West in the City of Lancaster. Plaintiffs Randi Wilson and David Wilson allege the collision caused injuries for which they seek compensation.</p> <p>Given the risked and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$750,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 11,419
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 15,264

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 12, 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 John Moreno at 11:13 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; **Alternate:** Michael Davitt, East Division; Thaddeus McCormick, North Division; Edgar Cisneros, Alternate, Central Division; Kelly Honig, Alternate, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; County of Los Angeles, Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Haynes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Cheathan, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Robb Sahli, Claims Manager; **California JPIA:** Nikki Salas, Administrative Service Director; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; 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 11:13 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)

4.

- 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

- 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.

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

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

6. 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.

7. Approval of the Amended Minutes for 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: 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

8. 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

9. Other Business

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
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