

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, October 11, 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, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Alternates Present: Daniel Jordan, Michael Davitt, Kelly Honig, 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. Perez, Alfredo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV09133

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a shooting of their dog during the execution of a search warrant in the neighboring property, against the County of Los Angeles.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.00.

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

Vote: Absent: Mark Waronek

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

- a. Bautista, Simona v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV17396

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Gaines, Raymond v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-02801

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful detention and arrest, denial of medical care, state created danger, failure to protect, interference with family integrity, negligence resulting in wrongful death, *Monell* based on failure to train and policy, and false arrest/imprisonment by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Martinez, Jose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV38476

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. 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.

- f. Sanford, Timothy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20AVCV00218

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- g. Zamora, Ontiveros v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV38123

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:15 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 September 6, 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, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

Vote: Absent: Mark Waronek

[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 1:17 pm.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alfredo Perez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV09133
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 15, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Marla Tauscher, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$30,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the State court lawsuit filed by Alfredo Perez, Leticia Perez, and S. Perez, a minor (collectively "Plaintiffs"), against the County of Los Angeles, in connection with the shooting of their dog during the execution of a search warrant in the neighboring property.</p> <p>Due to the high 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 \$30,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 47,626
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 179

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 6, 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 11:10 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; 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; Kelly Honig, Alternate, At-Large; John Erickson, Alternate, North Division; Daniel Jordan, Alternate, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Tim Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, 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; Lieutenant John Haynes; Lieutenant Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Beford Falls Insurance; Brian Stewart, Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager; **California JPIA:** Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; 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 11:12 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. 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.

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, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$650,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

- 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.

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, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte.

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

- a. Alcares, 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. 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:15 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 August 16, 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, 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 1:16 p.m.

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CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
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