

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, November 8, 2023, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Marc Waronek, Ken Striplin, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Jennifer Perez, Marcel Rodarte.

Alternates Present: *Thaddeus McCormack, and Edgar Cisneros.*

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).M

- a. Amber Marie Doyle v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV00015

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 \$40,000.00.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Reaven Colmore v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36684

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 \$30,000.00.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$87,500.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-1 – Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez
Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Nays: James Bozajian

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Abelar, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-01606

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Aaron, Malik, et al. v. Target Corporation, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-cv-1237

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Allen, Jayshawn R. et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-09475

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, unlawful search, conspiracy and battery by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Gamboa, Abraham v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV05046

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.

- e. Louis Luzanilla & Cindy Le v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AVC00653

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- f. Dorantes-Reyna, Sonia Jose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV05955

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

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Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:48 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 October 11, 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, 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 12:51 pm.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Amber Marie Doyle v. Ryan Daniel Ferrone, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21AVCV00015
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 8, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CHRISTOPHER A.GULDJIAN, ESQ. Guldjian Fasel
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD K. KUDO Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arose when a Deputy Sheriff driving Code 3 and responding to a call for assistance rearended Amber Marie Doyle's ("Plaintiff's") Nissan Sentra on westbound West Avenue J-8, near 20 th Street East, in the City of Lancaster. 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	\$ 10,671
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 14,583

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Raeven Colmore, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV36684
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 19, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department - City of Lawndale
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Sean Vahdat, Law Offices of Sean S. Vahdat & Associates, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy Count Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On February 19, 2021, a vehicle carrying Plaintiffs Reaven Colmore and and Larry Hopson, Jr. and a Sheriff's Department vehicle collided on Rosecrans Avenue at its intersection with Cerise Avenue in Hawthorne. Plaintiffs allege the collision caused injuries for which they seek compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$30,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 12,522
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,687

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Anthony Saravia v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	21STCV14785
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 21, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 87,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	V. James DeSimone, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Carrie Clarke, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$87,500, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the state civil rights lawsuit filed by plaintiff Anthony Saravia ("Plaintiff") against the County of Los Angeles, the Sheriff and Sheriff's Deputies Andrew De La Rosa ("Deputy De La Rosa") and Alex Guerra ("Deputy Guerra") arising from an alleged unlawful detention, and use of excessive force.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 85,580
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 46,714

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 11, 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 11:31 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; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Brian Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division Jennifer Perez, At Large; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig; At Large; Thaddeus McCormick, South Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO; County of Los Angeles, Jung Son, Auditor Controller; John Haynes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Anne Tremblay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Linda Hurley, Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP; Philip Stringer, Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP; Justin Clark, Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC; Marina Samson, Ivie McNeill Wyatt Purcell & Diggs; Laura Inlow, Collinson, Daehnke, Inlow & Greco; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager; **California JPIA:** Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Alex Smith, Deputy 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 11:32 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. 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

**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 Amended Minutes for 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

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 1:17 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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