



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, **March 6, 2024, 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 LOCATION

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 Pico Rivera, 6615 Passons Blvd, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 | (562) 942-2000

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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 the 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 March 5, 2024. 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: 846 3516 2538; Passcode 250873.

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/84635162538?pwd=fhGdlAcNpPG8esryGSpOzaEYj6YTyH.1&from=addon>

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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. Marquez, Sandy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV00385

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Non-litigated Claims of Bristol West ASO Sylvia Rubio
CRM #22-4411590*002

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Otero-Carrero, Sandra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV12854

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Rodriguez, Antonio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-10460

This lawsuit concerns allegations of Plaintiff's detention civil rights violations, excessive force and accidental shooting by a Sheriff's Deputy.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- e. Rodriguez, Emma v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV21846

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- f. Vargas, Randy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court No. 22STCV13854

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- g. Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut ASO Home Organizers, Inc.
CRM #22-4400270*001

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. 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, excessive force shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

- b. Perkins, Soloman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV44865

This lawsuit concerns allegations against the School District and Principal Nolte, including negligence, negligent hiring, supervision, training and/or retention, intentional infliction of emotional distress, disability discrimination, violation of equal protection, and false imprisonment.

- c. Rubio, Sylvia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23AHCV00724

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

- d. Zapotitla, Raphael Pariente v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV07401

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the February 14, 2024, 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	Sandy Marquez vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23NWCV00385
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 6, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 24,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Clifford N. Barry, Esq. LAW OFFICES OF BARRY AND KRUEGER
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On October 5, 2021, a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Sandy Marquez and a Sheriff's Department patrol unit collided on Del Amo Boulevard near Coldbrook Avenue in the City of Lakewood. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which she seeks compensation.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$24,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 1,414
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 205

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Non-litigated Claims of Bristol West ASO Sylvia Rubio
CASE NUMBER		N/A
COURT		N/A
DATE FILED		N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$	\$22,023.65
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Edwin A. Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This is a recommendation to settle the subrogation claim of Bristol West ASO Sylvia Rubio in the amount of \$ 22,023.65 as the result of an automobile accident which occurred on September 28, 2022, involving Ms. Sylvia Rubio and a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a settlement of the claims is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	N/A
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	N/A

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sandra Otero-Carrero v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV12854
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 5, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Carpenter & Zuckerman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This case arises from a traffic collision that occurred involving Plaintiff Sandra Otero-Carrero and County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Sander</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	\$ 79,235
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,355

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Antonio Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-06574
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 13, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 800,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	V. James DeSimone Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$800,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Antonio Rodriguez and Priscilla Loza ("Plaintiffs") against the County of Los Angeles, former Sheriff Alex Villanueva, and two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies arising from Plaintiffs' detention and the accidental shooting of Mr. Rodriguez on August 22, 2020.</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 \$800,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 130,599
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 131,348

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Emma Rodriguez vs. County of Los Angeles, et. al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV21846
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 7, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 185,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Marc J. Katzman, Esq. Marc Katzman Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kelly Ward, Esq. Kjar, McKenna & Stockalper Melissa McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on December 16, 2019, when LASD Deputy Solis's County 2016 Ford Explorer rear ended Ms. Rodriguez' 2008 Ford Escape on the Interstate 105 freeway. Plaintiff alleges she sustained injuries and damages.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$185,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,543.50
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,084.05

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Randy Vargas vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV13854
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 26, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Erin Dunkerly, Esq. COLLINS+COLLINS, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On May 24, 2021, a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Randy Vargas and a Sheriff's Department patrol unit collided in the southbound lanes of Willow Avenue in the City of La Puente. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$45,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 10,952
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 221

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut ASO Home Organizers, Inc.
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff-East Patrol Division-Industry Station
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 67,750.77
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin A. Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Subrogation claim of Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut on behalf of their insured, Home Organizers, Inc. for the total loss of their vehicle. The personal injury claims of the insured's employees are the subject of still pending litigation.
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

February 14, 2024

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 11:11 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: Margaret Finlay, Chair; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormick, South Division; Michael Davitt, Central Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Lana Choi, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Bobby Wyche, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Haynes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager; Jill Williams, Carpenter & Rothans; Aamir Raza, Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi; Carina Jordan, Kjar, McKenna, Stockalper; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Office; Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; 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 11:14 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. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$82,500.00.

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

- b. Cervantes, Isaias v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV29317

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-1 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte.

Nays: Chris Constantin.

- c. Lugardo, Dianne, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV15283

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 \$4,700,000.00.

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

- d. Non-litigated Claims of Bristol West ASO Sylvia Rubio
CRM #22-4411590*002

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.

- e. Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut ASO Home Organizers, Inc.
CRM #22-4400270*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.

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

- a. Anglin, Shana v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV17381

This lawsuit concerns allegations of Civil Rights Violations when they were wrongfully evicted from their rental unit by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Nava, Rosa v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-05623

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:58 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

5. Approval of the Minutes for January 17, 2024, 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 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin, and Marcel Rodarte.

6. 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

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. to a meeting on **March 6, 2024**.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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