

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, February 14, 2024, AT 11:11 AM

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

Alternates Present: *Thaddeus McCormick, Gustavo Camacho, and Michael Davitt.*

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. 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 \$82,5000.00.

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Cervantes, Isaias v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV29137

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, Marcel Rodarte, John Moreno, and Mark Waronek.

Nays: Chris Constantin.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 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.
[See Supporting Document](#)
- 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.
[See Supporting Document](#)
- 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.
[See Supporting Document](#)

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.

5 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.

6. Approval of the minutes of the 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: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, and Chris Constantin.

[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 12:59 pm.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Simona Bautista v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV17396
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 26, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 82,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gilbert Nishimura Seki Nishimura & Watase, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On January 1, 2022, a Sheriff's Department patrol SUV and a sedan driven by Plaintiff Simona Bautista collided on Paramount Boulevard near the on-ramp to Westbound State Route 91. Plaintiff Simona Bautista alleges the collision caused injuries for which she seeks compensation.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$82,500.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 22,619
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,487

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Isaias Cervantes, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV29317
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 3, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Austin Dove
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle the civil rights lawsuit filed by Isaias Cervantes, Rosa Padilla, and Yajaira Cervantes (collectively "Plaintiffs") against the County of Los Angeles and two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD") deputies arising from the non-fatal deputy involved shooting of Isaias at Plaintiffs' residence for \$25,000,000.00, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs.</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 \$25,000,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 400,420
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 211,536

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Dianne Lugardo, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV15283
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 21, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 4,700,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Morgan & Morgan
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises from a traffic collision that occurred involving Plaintiffs Dianne Lugardo and Maria Ramirez and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputy Lawrence Cervantes. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 80,774
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 25,005

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	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

January 17, 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 Margaret Finlay at 11:17 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; Chris Constantin, East Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Jennifer Perez, At Large; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Sanjay Athalye, Deputy County Counsel; Edwin Lewis, Senior Deputy County Counsel; John Haynes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Jill Williams, Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** 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 11:19 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. Barraza, Johanna v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV07377

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

- b. Non-Litigated Claim of United Financial Casualty ASO Imelda Ledesma
CRM No. 22-4403971*003

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 \$30,307.24.

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

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

- a. Bradley, James Jr. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-05623

This lawsuit concerns allegations of detention and excessive force during a stolen vehicle investigation by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Castro, Regina v. County of Los Angeles, et al
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-02810

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. Curiel, Antonio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV39326

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- d. 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, excessive force when he was unreasonably and unlawfully pulled over by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- e. Numaan, Ajmal v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV21331

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 12:31 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 December 13, 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: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, Chris Constantin, and Alternate Gustavo Camacho.

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 12:32 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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