



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CLAIMS BOARD
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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

The Los Angeles County Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, June 3, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012. Members of the public who would like to listen to the open session of the meeting or would like to provide public comment may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 294 904 059# at 9:30 a.m. on June 3, 2024.

Reports of actions taken in Closed Session. The Los Angeles County Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, June 3, 2024, at approximately 11:40 a.m. Members of the public who would like to hear reportable actions taken on any Closed Session items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 294 904 059# at 11:40 a.m. on June 3, 2024. Please note that these are approximate start times and there may be a short delay before the Closed Session is concluded and the actions can be reported.

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

You may submit written public comments by e-mail to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov or by mail to: Attention: Los Angeles County Claims Board, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 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.

If you wish to address the Los Angeles County Claims Board in person, you may come to the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, and enter on the Second Floor. Please advise the security guard station personnel that you would like to attend the public portion of the Claims Board meeting and a security guard will escort you to the Sixth Floor where you will be assisted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment is limited to the specific items on the agenda and general public comment is limited to subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: The Agenda and any supporting documents will be posted at <https://lacounty.gov/newsroom/public-information/los-angeles-county-claims-board/> and can be provided upon request. Please submit requests for supporting documents to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov.

If you would like more information, please contact Claims Board Secretary Laura Z. Salazar at lzsalaraz@counsel.lacounty.gov or Raina Mey RMey@counsel.lacounty.gov.

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 (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)).

- a. Natalie Reusch v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV05287

This dangerous condition of public property lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained from a slip accident that occurred at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Park; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$150,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- b. Non-Litigated Claim of Natalie Beck

This inverse condemnation claim alleged property damage caused by a backflow of sewage and sewage spill; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$22,786.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Non-Litigated Claim of Ryan Dougherty

This inverse condemnation claim alleged property damage due to a backflow of sewage from a sewer mainline blockage; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$24,368.14.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Jordan Primo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV43596

This medical malpractice lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained by a firefighter while being treated by County paramedics at a Los Angeles County Fire Station; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$1,600,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- e. Judicial Council of California v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV20493

Plaintiff seeks compensation for the cost to repair a gate that was allegedly damaged by a Sheriff's Department bus; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$75,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- f. Juan Ponce, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV16028

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department sergeant and a pedestrian walking within a marked crosswalk; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$1,400,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- g. Non-Litigated Claim of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

This claim by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department seeks reimbursement of expenses associated with the search and rescue operation of a missing Los Angeles County resident; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$29,501.34.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- h. Non-Litigated Claim for Insook Park

This claim for alleged personal injuries arises from a traffic collision that occurred when a Department of Children and Family Services employee rear-ended claimant; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$35,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- i. Non-Litigated Claim of Efrain S. Marca

This claim arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Department of Public Social Services employee who rear-ended claimant; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$25,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 20, 2024, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Natalie Reusch v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	22STCV05287
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 10, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Parks and Recreation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Natalee Fisher, Esq. Dordulian Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Christina M. Sprenger, Esq. Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC
	LaTasha N. Corry Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This case involves a slip accident that occurred at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Park in Los Angeles on April 10, 2021. Plaintiff slipped while walking down a vehicle access ramp in the parking lot. Plaintiff contends that a dangerous condition existed which caused her to sustain injuries for which she seeks damages.</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	\$ 25,974
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,151



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	April 10, 2021
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	The Plaintiff is a 75-year-old- female who alleges a slip and fall incident occurred while visiting Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area in Culver City on April 10, 2021. She filed a complaint alleging a dangerous condition of public property contributed to her sustaining injuries due to the proximity of the vehicle maintenance ramp to the ADA parking space and its visibility. Plaintiff claims she had to stand on the ramp due to a lack of clearance to re-enter her vehicle which caused her to slip and fall.

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

- 1) The vehicle maintenance ramp involved in the incident at Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area was too close the blue line delineating the ADA parking space and may cause a safety hazard for anyone exiting or entering their vehicle.
- 2) The vehicle maintenance ramp involved in the incident at Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area was not striped or otherwise marked to warn people of the drop off.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)


- 1) The vehicle maintenance ramp involved in the subject-incident was removed in May 2023. Construction and Maintenance Team leveled the ramp and made it flush against the surrounding pavement with no more changes in elevation.
- 2) Park staff conducted an inspection of the park in March 2023 to further identify and remove similar vehicle maintenance ramps that may cause a safety hazard. Four vehicle maintenance


ramps were identified (including the subject ramp) and effectively removed by May 2023.


- 3) The Department will direct park facility managers to consult with its Planning and Development Agency (P&D) whenever a vehicle maintenance ramp is required to be installed in the future. P&D staff will be responsible for determining if there are potential impacts to ADA requirements and/or accessibility prior to the installation.
- 4) A training will be developed by Risk Management and P&D to assist facility managers with identifying potential safety hazards related to the installation of vehicle ramps as a mitigation measure for public safety.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☒ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☐ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Devyne Dawson	
Signature: 	Date: 1/23/2024

Name: (Department Head or designee) Alina Bokde	
Signature: 	Date: 2/2/2024

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. <input type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Daniela Prowizor	
Signature:  Daniela Prowizor	Date: 2/23/2024

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Prowizor
Date: 2024.02.23 15:02:05 -08'00'

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Natalie Beck
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 22,786
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax Deputy County Counsel Litigation Monitoring Team
NATURE OF CASE	This claim involves property damage sustained from a sewage spill caused by a sewer mainline blockage. Due to the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ -0-
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ -0-

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Ryan Dougherty
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	PUBLIC WORKS
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 24,368.14
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Ann M. Aguilar, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim alleges damage to residential property due to a backflow of sewage from a sewer mainline blockage. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the matter is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jordan Primo v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	19STCV43596
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 4, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,600,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John P. Blumberg Blumberg Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff alleges that he was provided negligent medical treatment for an allergic reaction at a Los Angeles County Fire Station, on April 13, 2019, causing him significant injury and damage, Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, settlement is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 121,744
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 106,186

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Judicial Council v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV20493
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 1, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Sharon M. Nagle, Esq. Bold, Polishner, Maddow, Nelson & Judson, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On May 7, 2019, a Sheriff's Department bus is alleged to have damaged the security rollup gate at the Edelman Children's Court. Plaintiff seeks compensation for the cost to repair the gate.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$75,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 15,140
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,969

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ponce, Juan, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV16028
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 28, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,400,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alex Sarajian, Esq. L.A. Injury Attorneys
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. McCAVERTY Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On August 28, 2020, a Sergeant employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was driving a Department Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle ("SUV") on southbound Ford Boulevard approaching Whittier Road in the unincorporated area of the County in East Los Angeles. After the Sergeant initiated a left turn onto eastbound Whittier Boulevard on a green traffic signal light, the SUV struck Plaintiff Juan Ponce who was walking within the marked crosswalk crossing Whittier Boulevard. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Plaintiff Maria Ponce did not see the incident but alleges a loss of consortium.</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	\$ 131,986
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 181,266



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Date of incident/event:	August 28, 2020, approximately 10:55 a.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary Corrective Action Plan 2023-154</p> <p>Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.</p> <p>Based on multiple investigative reports, on August 28, 2020, at approximately 10:55 a.m., an on-duty Los Angeles County Sheriff's sergeant, assigned to patrol was driving a marked black and white patrol vehicle when he collided with the Plaintiff who was walking in the crosswalk.</p> <p>Sergeant One was traveling southbound when he stopped at a red traffic light. The traffic light cycled green and Sergeant One entered the intersection to make a left turn. As the sergeant's vehicle made a left turn, his vehicle collided with the Plaintiff who was walking northbound in the east crosswalk.</p> <p>Sergeant One utilized his patrol vehicle to block traffic. After blocking traffic, Sergeant One exited his patrol vehicle and immediately checked on the welfare of the Plaintiff.</p> <p>A Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine responded to the traffic collision. The Plaintiff was treated at the scene for his injuries sustained in the traffic collision. The Plaintiff was transported by ambulance to the hospital for further medical treatment.</p> <p>Sergeant One was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured in the traffic collision.</p> <p>A Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department sergeant was notified of the traffic collision and responded to the location.</p> <p>Sergeant Two authored a Supervisor's Report of Incident or Damage to County Vehicle.</p> <p>Sergeant Two responded to the hospital and interviewed the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff stated he was standing on the sidewalk when he observed a police vehicle waiting for the same traffic light to turn green.</p> <p>Once the traffic light cycled green, he entered the crosswalk, took three steps, and was hit by the police vehicle. Sergeant Two observed abrasions on the Plaintiff's right elbow and a cut to the back of his head.</p>

	<p>Sergeant Two contacted Witness One who stated he was traveling southbound stopped behind Sergeant One. When the traffic light cycled green, he observed the patrol vehicle make a wide left turn striking the Plaintiff. Witness One immediately stopped and called 9-1-1 for the Plaintiff.</p> <p>Video surveillance was obtained from a local business, which captured the incident. The video depicted the Plaintiff in the crosswalk. Additionally, the video corroborated Sergeant One's account of the incident.</p> <p>Sergeant One's statement is based on the Supervisor's Report of Incident or Damage to County Vehicle:</p> <p>Sergeant One stated his attention was drawn to a grey sedan driving at an elevated speed without the turn signal activated. With his attention drawn to the vehicle, he entered the intersection to make a left-hand turn. As he entered the crosswalk driving 12-15 m.p.h., he saw the Plaintiff in the crosswalk. Sergeant One stated he attempted to stop his vehicle, but he was unsuccessful and collided with the Plaintiff.</p> <p>Sergeant One believes with his attention drawn to the vehicle, it caused him not to see the Plaintiff in the crosswalk. Additionally, he stated his view was obstructed by the vehicle door's "A pillar" and/or the driver's side mirror.</p> <p>Sergeant One immediately checked the welfare of the Plaintiff. He contacted both Los Angeles County Fire Department and the local Sheriff's Station to respond to the location. Sergeant One indicated he was wearing his seatbelt.</p> <p>A California Highway Patrol Officer responded to the location and conducted a traffic collision investigation. His investigation concluded Sergeant One was the primary cause of the traffic collision by failing to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, in violation of California Vehicle Code Section – 21950(a).</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

The **Department** root cause of this incident is Sergeant One's failure to stop before colliding with the Plaintiff.

The **Department** root cause in this incident was Sergeant's One vision was obstructed by his vehicle's left side mirror and/or A-pillar.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Traffic Collision Investigation

This incident was investigated by representatives from the California Highway Patrol.

The collision investigation concluded Sergeant One was the primary cause of the collision by failing to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, in violation of California Vehicle Code section 21950(a).

Administrative Investigation

This incident was investigated by representatives at the unit to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after this incident. The results of the investigation were presented for Department executive adjudication.

An executive evaluation found the collision was preventable. Appropriate administrative actions were taken.

The sergeant involved in this incident received additional training pertaining to the circumstances surrounding this incident.

Traffic Collision Assessment and Review

The unit conducted a review and assessment of all traffic collisions for the calendar year 2019 through the end of 2023. The audit revealed the following:

- 22 preventable collisions occurred during the past five years.
- The most common casual factor was inattentive driving.

Based on the results of the audit, a comprehensive traffic collision reduction plan was developed and implemented at the unit in early 2022. Since the implementation of the plan, which included additional training, there has been a significant reduction of on-duty preventable traffic collisions at the unit.

Sheriff Department Announcement - Department Wide Re-brief

The purpose of this re-brief is to remind Department personnel that the safety of Department members and the public is paramount when engaged in routine driving and code 3 responses.

It is essential to maintain heightened officer safety, common sense, and sound tactics to reduce collision-related injuries, deaths, and financial liability to the Department.

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3. Are the corrective actions addressing Department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

~~Thomas~~ *Thomas*
~~Julia Vanecko~~ Captain

Risk Management Bureau

Signature:

Thomas

Date:

5-13-24

Name: (Department Head)

Holly Francisco, Assistant Sheriff
Countywide Operations

Signature:

Holly Francisco

Date:

5/16/24

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☒ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
☐ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:

Daniela Prowizor

Date:

5/20/2024

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-litigated Claim of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Non-Jurisdictional Administrative Fund
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 29,501.34
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin A. Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel Litigation Monitoring Team
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from the search and rescue operation conducted by Claimant for missing hiker Julian Richard Sands at Mt. Baldy in San Bernardino County from January 13, 2023 to June 24, 2023. Under Government Code section 26614.5, the County of Los Angeles is required to reimburse Claimant for the reasonable expenses for the search for Mr. Sands in excess of \$100. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Insook Park
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$35,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This Claim arises from a Los Angeles County Children and Family Services automobile accident that occurred on December 13, 2021, at the intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Manhattan Place in the city of Los Angeles. Due to risks and uncertainties of litigation, a settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claims of Efrain S. Marca 22-4395392*001
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Social Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Anthony Perez Averk Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel Litigation Monitoring Team
NATURE OF CASE	These claims arise from a Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Service automobile accident that occurred on December 27, 2021, that resulted in bodily injury. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the matter is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2024

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:37 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with Claims Board Members Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro participating in person, and Claims Board Secretary Laura Z. Salazar, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: Melissa McCaverty and Kevin Engelen appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Sergeant Shanese Winfrey, Deputy Renata Phillip, Sergeant Juan M. Galvez, Director Clint Yates, Captain Jodi Hutak, and Lieutenant Thomas V. Kim appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Julia Kim appeared for the Fire Department.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

No member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)).

At 9:37 a.m., Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro convened the meeting in closed session to discuss the items listed below as 4(a) through 4(c).

4. Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

No members of the public were present on the teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 10:23 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session to report the actions taken in closed session as follows:

a. Miguel Angel Godinez vs. County of Los Angeles Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CHCV00372

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.a. in the amount of \$34,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro.

b. Lesly Devany Prieto, et al. vs. Monica Lynn Grana, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV05088

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.b. in the amount of \$99,999.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

**c. Maria Guadalupe Alvarez vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV12042**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Los Angeles County Fire Department's firefighter.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.c. in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro
Noes: 1 – Oscar Valdez

5. Approval of the Minutes for the May 6, 2024, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the May 6, 2024, meeting.


Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Abstention: 1 – Destiny Castro

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



Laura Z. Salazar
Claims Board Secretary