



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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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,  
**July 10, 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 LOCATIONS**

City of Calabasas, 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302 | (818) 224-1600

City of Temple City, 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91780 | (626) 285-2171

City of Santa Clarita, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita, CA 91355 | (661) 259-2489

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](mailto: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 July 9, 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=fhGdlAcNpPG8esryGSpOzaEYj6YTtH.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. Adrian Reyes, et al. vs Andrew Lizarde, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20AVCV00347  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.  
  
[See Supporting Document](#)
  - b. Eric Coyazo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV10736  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.  
  
[See Supporting Document](#)
  - c. Ismael Zamorano vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01132  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.  
  
[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and State civil rights violations, including excessive force, conspiracy, *Monell* liability, Bane Act violation, negligence, and battery involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- b. Flores, Marla, et al. v. Arreola, Samantha, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV23297

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

- c. Franey, Katherine Bernice v. McGee, Jason Andrew, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV29427

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

- d. 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, including mishandling of evidence, malicious prosecution, wrongful search and seizure, and false arrest involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- e. Gonzalez, Alejandra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV01995

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

- f. Lugo, Richard v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-06620

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

- g. Zamora, Antonio De La Cruz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV38123

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 May 15, 2024, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Approval of Minutes for the June 12, 2024, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Adrian Reyes, et al. v. Andrew Lizarde, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20AVCV00661
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 18, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	STACY R. CUTTING, ESQ. Bish & Cutting APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD K. KUDO Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This case arose after a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities' Ford Explorer driven by an on-duty Deputy Sheriff rear-ended a Toyota truck driven by Plaintiff Adrian Reyes that occurred on June 21, 2019, on eastbound Avenue K, west of Sierra Highway, in the City of Lancaster. Plaintiff Clyde Amorsolo was seated in the front passenger seat of Mr. Reyes' Toyota truck. Mr. Reyes and Mr. Amorsolo ("Plaintiffs") filed suit against the County and the Deputy Sheriff. Plaintiffs claim to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident.</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	\$ 49,725
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 40,459

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Eric Coyazo vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV10736
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 29, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 70,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Erin Dunkerly Collins + Collins LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on May 24, 2021, in the intersection of Willow Avenue and Amar Road, in the City of La Puente when LASD's patrol unit collided with Mr. Coyazo's vehicle. Mr. Coyazo alleges he sustained injuries as a result of the collision.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$70,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 60,216
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,870

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Ismael Zamorano v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23CMCV01132
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 21, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Hatch, Esq. Injury Legal Center, PC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On September 26, 2022, a Sheriff's Department patrol car rear-ended Plaintiff's car on Long Beach Boulevard at its intersection with Mulford Avenue in the City of Lynwood. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$25,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 16,018
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 589

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

May 15, 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 11:19 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; Ken Striplin, North Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Lana Choi, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Haynes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jose Aguirre, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Thomas C. Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantrall, LLP.; Alfonso Noyola, City of Cudahy; Kari Kadomatsu, Seki, Nishimura, & Watase, LLP; Jill Williams, Carpenter, Rothans, Dumont, LLP; Raymond Fuentes, Fuentes & McNally, LLP; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Office; Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; 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 11:22 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)**

There are no settlement proposals for this 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. 22STCV17381

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. 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.

- 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, including excessive force, substantive due process violation, and *Monell* liability pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 1983.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Herrera, Samuel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-06589

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. McCoy, Kristopher v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-09705

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, assault and battery, sexual assault, and excessive force when he was unreasonably and unlawfully stopped by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- f. Ramorino, Denise v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-00090

This lawsuit concerns allegations that she was wrongfully arrested and subjected to excessive force (various alleged instances of handcuffs being placed too tightly) which aggravated her pre-existing condition necessitating carpal tunnel surgeries for her wrists/hands.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- g. 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

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 1:08 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 April 10, 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: 9-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin.

**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 1:10 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
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TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

  
STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

June 12, 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; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; John Erickson, North Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Ernie Hernandez, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Benjamin Familuyi, County Counsel; Mikayla Grande, County Counsel; Lenneal Mckudu, County Counsel; Maryanne Koussa, County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Myron Johnson, 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; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Noah Corrales, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Cond, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Shanese Winfrey, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Office; Lyndsie Buskirk, Administrative Analyst; 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. Ismael Gomez vs. Peter Justin Gomez, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23PSCV03562

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 \$49,999.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Chris Constantin, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, and Mark Waronek.

b. Romelia Chaidez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV37845

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 \$17,200,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Chris Constantin, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, and Mark Waronek.

c. S. D., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-07986

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and State civil rights violations, including excessive force arising out of Plaintiffs' detention by Sheriff's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$175,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Chris Constantin, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, and Mark Waronek.

d. Yogi Grantz vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 22STCV29768

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 \$115,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Chris Constantin, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, and Mark Waronek.

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

- a. Nava, Rosa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 22STCV18914

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Zapotitla, Raphael Pariente v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 22STCV07401

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 12:25 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

**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 12:28 p.m.

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*Stephanie Rodriguez*  
STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ