

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, July 10, 2024, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: *Gustavo Camacho, Thaddeus McCormack, Daniel Jordan, Alfonso Noyola, Michael Davitt and Jose Gonzalez.*

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).**

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,999.00.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.00.

- 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.

Action Taken:

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

4. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Flores, Marla, et al. v. Arreola, Samantha, 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.

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. Gonzalez, Fernando v. Gomez, Oscar, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV20966

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:44 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 May 15, 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: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Approval of the minutes of the June 12, 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: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

[See Supporting Document](#)

8. 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

9. Other Business.

None

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

**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 Engeliem; 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
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

Stephanie Rodriguez
STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ

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

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 Engeliem; 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
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