



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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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, **August 14, 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

3610 Rice Street, Kalapaki Beach, Lihue, HI 96766

312 Lindo Ave, Newport Beach, CA 92661

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

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City of Norwalk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 | (562) 929-5700

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 | (562) 220-2000

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

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 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 August 13, 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. Jose Santana Pineda v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV27933

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. Flores, George vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 23CHCV03852

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.
 - b. Flores, Joshua A., et al. v. Molina, Deputy Adonay, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 23STCV19167

This lawsuit concerns an allegations of wrongful death shooting by Sheriff's Deputies and Bane Act violations.

- c. Russell, Yeayo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-05979

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, unlawful search and seizure, and wrongful arrest involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the July 10, 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	Jose Santana Pineda vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV27933
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 28, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 37,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Anthony T. Nehme, Esq. Nehme Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LaTasha Corry, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from an automobile accident on March 25, 2020, where Plaintiff was rear-ended by Deputy Kevin Rosales' patrol vehicle.</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	\$ 10,498
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,038

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MINUTES OF MEETING

July 10, 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 11:11 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; Ken Striplin, North Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Tim Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Kudo, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem; Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael J. Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Myron Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Noah Corrales, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dru Strong, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Joe Esposito, Seki, Nishimura, & Watase LLP; Chandler Parker, Collins + Collins LLP; Tomas Guterres, Collins + Collins LLP; Raymond Sakai, Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi PC; **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 11:12 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. 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

**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 for 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.

7. Approval of the Minutes for 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.

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 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

9. Other Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

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