



# 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, **February 18, 2026, 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**

**2221 Rim Road, Duarte, CA 91008**

**2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361**

**Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 929-5700**

**Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91355 (661) 259-2489**

**Maywood City Hall, 4319 E Slauson Ave. Maywood, CA 90270 (323) 562-5700**

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 February 17, 2026. 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 (669) 254-5252**.

**Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://cjpiaorg.zoomgov.com/j/1606695339?pwd=psz8HU3gvmAgav5FbSvgRV0S1zCR.1>

Meeting ID: 160 669 5339

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call.
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. **Byram, Ursula, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-09285

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, use of excessive force, denial of medical care, interference with familiar relationship, *Monell* liability, violation of ADA, false imprisonment, battery, negligence, violation of Bane Act which arising from the fatal shooting involving Sheriff's deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **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, use of excessive force, violation of substantive due process, *Monell* liability arising from a non-fatal shooting involving Sheriff's deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

This lawsuit concerns civil rights violation of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Substantive Due Process – interference with parent/child relationship arising from a fatal shooting involving Sheriff's deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. **Ledesma-Perez, Fernanda v. State of California, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV01687

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

- b. **Martinez, Cynthia, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-01063

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, false arrest, malicious prosecution, negligence, and *Monell* liability.

- c. **Tercero, Derek Jansel, et al. v. County of Los Angeles et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00068

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 January 14, 2026, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Adjournment

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

|                             |  |
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| CASE NAME                   | Ursula Byram, et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al.   |
| CASE NUMBER                 | 2:23-CV-9285   |
| COURT                       | United States District Court   |
| DATE FILED                  | November 3, 2023   |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT           | Sheriff's Department   |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  | \$ 6,500,000   |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF      | DALE K. GALIPO, ESQ.<br>Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo  |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY     | RICHARD HSUEH, ESQ.<br>Senior Deputy County Counsel  |
| NATURE OF CASE              | <p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$6,500,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Ursula Byram and her three minor children (Plaintiffs) alleging excessive force.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case is the amount of \$6,500,000 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 238,017   |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE         | \$ 71,769  |

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| CASE NAME                   | Jose Gutierrez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.   |
| CASE NUMBER                 | 2:21-CV-08223   |
| COURT                       | United States District Court  |
| DATE FILED                  | October 18, 2021  |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT           | Sheriff's Department  |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  | \$ 250,000  |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF      | PETER L. CARR & NA'SHAUN L. NEAL<br>PLC Law Group, APC  |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY     | MINAS SAMUELIAN<br>Senior Deputy County Counsel   |
| NATURE OF CASE              | <p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$250,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jose Gutierrez, alleging excessive force.</p> <p>Given 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 \$250,000 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 381,752  |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE         | \$ 72,377   |

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| CASE NAME                   | Richard Lugo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.   |
| CASE NUMBER                 | 2:20-CV-06620   |
| COURT                       | United States District Court  |
| DATE FILED                  | July 24, 2020   |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT           | Sheriff's Department  |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  | \$ 500,000  |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF      | BRIAN T. DUNN, ESQ.<br>The Cochran Firm California  |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY     | RICHARD HSUEH, ESQ.<br>Senior Deputy County Counsel   |
| NATURE OF CASE              | This is a recommendation to settle for \$500,000 inclusive of attorney's fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Richard Lugo, Sr., arising out of the fatal shooting of his son, Richard Lugo, Jr., on April 19, 2020. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 267,115  |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE         | \$ 46,317   |

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 14, 2026

**1. Call to Order**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Chair James Bozajian at 11:10 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Posada Room, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and via-teleconference.**

**Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members:** James Bozajian, Chair, North Division; Bryan Cook, Vice Chair, Member At-Large; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Brian Villalobos, East Division; John Moreno, South Division, Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division, **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Yolanda Figueroa, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ann Orozco, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Christopher Minott, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department;. **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance. **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Alex Smith, CEO; Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager; Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Ben Rodriguez, Technology Project Manager; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Analyst.

**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. Juan Avalos, et al. v. Durghinescu, Daniel, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01219

This lawsuit concerns allegations 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 \$99,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

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

- a. Perez, Miguel Angel v. Hernandez, Nicholas Rubio, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00054.

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Quan, Jennie, et al, v, County of Los Angeles.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 2:24-CV-04805.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violation, use of excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, denial of medical care, Monell liability, negligence, battery, violation of Bane Act.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

**5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:25 a.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 10, 2025, 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

**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 11:26 a.m.

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TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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