

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,**  
**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**  
**ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo**

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 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 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. Marina Morales v. State of California, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 022 261**

This dangerous condition lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Belia Perez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-09585**

This wrongful death lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force during a vehicle pursuit when Plaintiff was shot while he fled from Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$400,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

c. **Jose Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 588 831**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of negligence, assault and battery by Sheriff's Deputies when Plaintiff was accidentally shot in the leg while they responded to an altercation with a neighbor.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisor the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. **Timothy Van Gordon v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 16-04299**

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries received by an inmate when he was assaulted by another inmate while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. **Brian Cesar Zamora v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 15-05405**

This lawsuit alleges that Sheriff's Deputies violated Plaintiff's civil rights and the Americans with Disabilities Act by being deliberately indifferent to his communication and medical needs while he was incarcerated.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$55,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

f. **Del Rey Marketing, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 162 425**

This breach of contract lawsuit against the Department of Parks and Recreation concerns a cancellation of the use of the Whittier Narrows Recreation area two weeks before Plaintiff's scheduled event occurred.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$65,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

g. **Cody K. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 558 280**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and breach of mandatory duties by the Department of Children and Family Services when Plaintiff was in a foster home where he was sexually molested by another foster youth.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$55,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the June 5, 2017, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

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 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.**

No such matters were discussed.

7. **Adjournment.**

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Marina Morales v. State of California, et al.
CASE NUMBER	MC 022261
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 20, 2011
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 100,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	R. Rex Perris, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On March 12, 2010, Ms. Morales was a passenger in vehicle traveling northbound on Sierra Highway, near Pearblossom Highway, when the vehicle driven by co-defendant Elmer Mejia crossed over from the southbound lanes of travel and collided with Ms. Morales' vehicle. Ms. Morales claims the roadway was in a dangerous condition because it lacked a median barrier, and due to the placement of k-rails that temporarily eliminated one of the two northbound lanes of travel while utility relocation was taking place. Ms. Morales claims she suffered several bodily injuries. She also claims a loss of past and future earnings.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$100,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 407,042
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 63,312

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Belia Perez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 15-09585
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 14, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 400,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Diane Reagan Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$400,000, including attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights and State-law wrongful death lawsuit filed by Antonio Perez's parents, Belia and Mario Perez, against the County and a Sheriff's Deputy. Antonio Perez was shot and killed following an extended police pursuit of several stolen vehicles in Huntington Park.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 48,553
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 57,081

Case Name: Belia Perez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.



## 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:	March 12, 2015, at 6:36 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><b><u>Belia Perez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles</u></b> <b>Summary Corrective Action Plan 2017-014</b></p> <p>On March 12, 2015, at approximately 6:12 p.m., two deputy sheriffs from Century Station were driving a marked Sheriff's patrol vehicle in the area of California Street and Santa Fe Avenue in Huntington Park. The deputy sheriffs observed a green 2000 Honda Civic parked along the curb that was occupied by a male Hispanic driver (later identified as the decedent) and a female Hispanic passenger. Upon seeing the patrol car, the decedent appeared startled, then quickly drove the Honda away from the curb and proceeded in the opposite direction from the deputy sheriffs.</p> <p>The deputy sheriffs turned their vehicle around, got behind the Honda, and performed a records check on the vehicle's license plate. After making a few turns, the Honda was able to get some distance away from the deputy sheriffs and made a turn out of their view. The deputy sheriffs temporarily lost sight of the Honda but quickly located it in a nearby alleyway. The Honda was found to have collided with another vehicle in the alleyway and both the vehicle's passengers had apparently fled on foot.</p> <p>As they approached the vehicle, the records check of the Honda's license plate returned and identified it as a reported stolen vehicle. The deputy sheriffs requested additional assistance. Numerous assisting deputy sheriffs and an air unit responded to the area.</p> <p>As the deputy sheriffs set up a containment and searched the nearby area, they located several witnesses who pointed out the last seen direction of the fleeing occupants, running southbound on Santa Fe Avenue.</p> <p>The first witness told an assisting deputy sheriff (the third deputy sheriff) that she saw the decedent use his right hand to pull a black firearm out from the right side of his waist area, as he ran from the stolen Honda. The third deputy sheriff subsequently broadcast over the radio that the outstanding male driver was armed with a firearm.</p> <p>The second witness (a resident on Live Oak Street) opened her front security door to check on a noise she heard outside. The decedent quickly and forcefully pushed the second witness out of his way, as he ran into her residence. Out of fear, the second witness fled her home and flagged down the fourth deputy sheriff that was passing outside. As the second witness was talking with the fourth deputy sheriff, the decedent ran southbound across Live Oak Street, down a driveway towards the house's backyard, and continued southbound out of sight. The second</p>

	<p>witness pointed out the decedent and said, "That's him!" The fourth deputy sheriff broadcast the decedent's location and indicated he was running towards Flower Street.</p> <p>As the deputy sheriffs converged on the decedent's last seen location, a third witness called 911, stating that he saw the decedent run into the backyard of his neighbor's house on Flower Street. The third witness lost sight of the decedent in his neighbor's backyard, then heard a loud crash consistent with a door being forcefully smashed open.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the residents of a house on Flower Street, feared that an unknown person was locked inside a bedroom of their house because the door can only be locked from the inside and their dog was barking in the bedroom's direction. In fear of an intruder in their home, the residents exited their home and encountered the fifth and sixth deputy sheriffs<sup>1</sup> that had just pulled up to their house.</p> <p>While continuing to monitor his neighbor's house, the third witness saw the decedent appear again in the same Flower Street house's backyard. The third witness advised dispatch that the decedent had changed his clothes and was now wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and orange shorts, both of which were ill-fitting. The decedent crouched down next to a wall in the backyard and appeared to be hiding, then stood up and walked along the side of the house, towards Flower Street.</p> <p>While talking with the Flower Street residents about a possible unknown intruder, the fifth deputy sheriff observed the decedent walking on the north sidewalk of Flower Street and recognized that he matched the suspect description, was visibly winded, and was "glistening with sweat."</p> <p>The fifth deputy sheriff ordered the decedent to stop, present his hands, and to lie on the ground. The decedent did not stop and continued to walk toward the fifth and sixth deputy sheriffs with his hands in his pockets. The decedent momentarily acted as if he was going to stop, but instead made a "quick jerk movement" and ran past the two deputy sheriffs and continued running southbound across the street. The deputy sheriffs pursued the decedent on foot across Flower Street while continuing to order him to stop and show his hands.</p> <p>The decedent ran up a driveway with a closed sliding vehicle gate in the front yard. The decedent stopped running, spun his body around to face the fifth deputy sheriff, and reached into his waistband with both of his hands. As the decedent reached into his waistband, the fifth deputy sheriff yelled for him to put his hands up.</p> <p>Based on the earlier radio broadcast advising that a witness saw the suspect pull a gun from his waistband, the fifth deputy sheriff believed the decedent was armed with a firearm. When the decedent failed to comply and reached into his waistband, the fifth deputy sheriff feared that the decedent was retrieving a gun from his waistband and was going to shoot him and/or his partner, who was standing right behind him. For his own protection and the protection of others, the fifth deputy sheriff fired three rounds from his duty weapon at the decedent, striking the decedent three</p>
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<sup>1</sup> While en-route to the scene, the fifth and Sixth Deputy sheriffs heard the third deputy sheriff's radio broadcast regarding the decedent being seen to have a firearm in his hand as he fled from the stolen Honda. This led both deputy sheriffs to believe that the decedent was armed and dangerous.



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	<p>times. After the three gunshots, the decedent fell to the ground. The fifth deputy sheriff was approximately five feet from the decedent when the shooting occurred.</p> <p>The deputy sheriffs handcuffed the decedent as he was on the ground. The sixth deputy sheriff used his radio to advise of the deputy involved shooting and requested paramedics for the decedent.</p> <p>Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel responded to the scene. Emergency, life-saving, medical treatment for the decedent was unsuccessful and the decedent was pronounced dead at the scene by fire department personnel.</p> <p>The female passenger was apprehended by assisting deputy sheriffs near California Street and Pacific Boulevard moments after the shooting. She was questioned by homicide detectives and was released from the scene.</p> <p>The search of the decedent and the surrounding area did not reveal a firearm.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the lack of availability to deploy a Taser as a less lethal option upon contact with the decedent, as he ignored their commands. Both deputy sheriffs at the conclusion of this incident did not have Tasers available for deployment.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the decedent's failure to comply with the lawful orders of Los Angeles County deputy sheriffs. Instead of obeying orders, the decedent ran from and past several deputy sheriffs and, ultimately, made threatening movements as he turned towards the deputy sheriffs by reaching with both hands into his waistband area.

The decedent's actions caused the fifth deputy sheriff to fear that he and his partner were about to be shot, prompting a deputy involved shooting.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

The incident was investigated by the Sheriff Department's Homicide Bureau to determine if any criminal misconduct occurred. On April 6, 2016, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office concluded the deputy sheriff acted lawfully, in self-defense and in the defense of others, when he used deadly force against the decedent.

This incident was investigated by representatives of the Sheriff Department's Internal Affairs Bureau to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after this incident. The investigation results were presented to an Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) for evaluation. On March 9, 2017, the EFRC determined the use of deadly force and the tactics used were within Department policy.

Century Station has recently purchased enough Tasers in order for each deputy sheriff patrol unit, including sergeants, to be equipped with one during their shift.

Century Station has implemented a recurrent Taser training program to improve device familiarization and use. The Taser training incorporates scenario-based situations as well as a written examination.

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Additional training for all deputy sheriffs assigned to Century Station will be sought at the Tactics and Survival Unit regarding responses to critical incidents. Classes will be scheduled utilizing the Department Situation Simulation Trailer and the Multiple Interactive Learning Objective platform. Century Station field training officers have already attended this training as a group.

Re-current training at Century Station has been implemented on an ongoing basis. This training incorporates scenario based situations similar to this incident. Emergency radio broadcast procedures have also been implemented utilizing both scenario based situations as well as re-current review of policies and procedures.

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

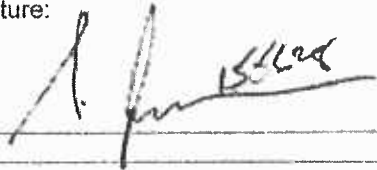
- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.  
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Scott E. Johnson, Captain  
Risk Management Bureau

Signature:



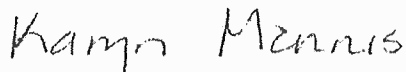
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Name: (Department Head)

Karyn Mannis, Chief  
Professional Standards and Training Division

Signature:



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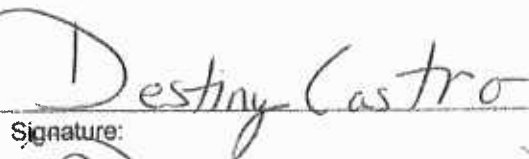
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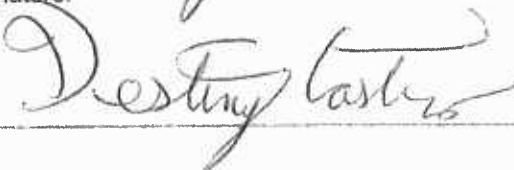
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

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

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)



Signature:



Date:

6/7/2017

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jose Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 588831
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 5, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michelle A. MacDonald, Esquire Gray Duffy, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,000,000 a lawsuit filed by Jose Hernandez, individually and as Guardian Ad Litem for his minor son, Edwin H., against the County, Sheriff's Department ("LASD"), and four Sheriff's Deputies, alleging negligence, and assault and battery after Mr. Hernandez was accidentally shot in the leg by the Sheriff's Deputies.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$2,000,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 77,275
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 14,880

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Timothy Van Gordon v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 16-04299 FMO (JCx)
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	July 26, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert F. Brennan, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J. Kral Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$50,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights and negligence lawsuit in which Plaintiff Timothy Van Gordon alleges jail staff failed to properly protect him from an assault by another inmate.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$50,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 46,949
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,324

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Brian Cesar Zamora v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 15-05405
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	September 18, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 55,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Greg W. Garrotto, Esq. Law Offices of Greg W. Garrotto
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy Kral Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$55,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights and Americans with Disabilities Act lawsuit filed by Brian Cesar Zamora against the County and three Sheriff's Deputies alleging he was denied access to jail programs, services, and activities because he is deaf.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$55,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 60,219
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,450

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### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Del Rey Marketing, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	BC612425
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Stanley Mosk Courthouse
DATE FILED	March 2, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Parks and Recreation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 65,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alex Kolodin, Esq. Blake Mayes, Esq. Mark Leen, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Dusan Pavlovic Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$65,000 a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by Del Rey Marketing, Inc. and Del Rey Entertainment, Inc. alleging that the County breached a contract with Plaintiffs by cancelling the September 2014 Mexican Independence Day festival at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, thereby forcing them to relocate the festival to another venue two weeks before it was scheduled to occur and causing them to incur substantial monetary damages.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 10,843
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 15

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Cody K. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 558280
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 7, 2011
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 55,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Office of Sanford Jossen
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Armita Radjabian, Deputy County Counsel Law Office of David Weiss
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$55,000 the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Cody K. against the County of Los Angeles and other defendants, alleging personal injury claims, including breach of mandatory duties, and violation of his civil rights.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 51,600
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,184



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 5, 2017

### 1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:32 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Michael Gordon, Millicent Rolon, Jonathan McCaverty, Jennifer Lehman, Joyce Aiello, Peter Bollinger, Kevin Engelen, Stacey Lee, Catherine Mathers, and Craig Hoetger; Public Health: Ferdows Rashidian; Public Defender: Terri Towey, Michael Suzuki; Sheriff's Department: Michael Thatcher, Curtis Jensen, Alicia Argi, Christy Guyovich, April Carter, Kevin Percy, and Dominic Dannan; Fire Department: William McCloud, Julia Bennett; Child Support Services: Tammy Nakada; Department of Children and Family Services: Christina Lee; and Outside Counsel: Diana Ratcliff.

### 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.

One member of the public addressed the Claims Board.

### 3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9)

At 9:34 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(i) below.

### 4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 11:05 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. **Vladimir Factor v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 575 259**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an on-duty employee from the Department of Public Health.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

b. **Ernesto Pena, Jr., by and through his Guardian Ad Litem, Emiliano Pena v. Marie Girolamo, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 568 400**

This lawsuit arises from allegations that a Public Defender failed to provide Plaintiff, a mentally incompetent adult, with adequate and legal representation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$489,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

c. **N.L.A., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 15-02431**

This wrongful death lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations and excessive force when Plaintiff was shot while he fought and fled from Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisor the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$2,970,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

d. **Claim of Tenaya Brown**

Claimant alleges that the Sheriff's Department failed to protect her from false rumors which caused her ongoing humiliation, mental and physical distress, and irreparable harm to her reputation.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

e. **Fernando Anaya v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 597 110**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Sheriff's Department was subjected to discrimination and retaliation on the basis of his disability, and that the Department failed to engage in an interactive process or provide reasonable accommodation.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

f. **Non-Litigated Claim of Humberto Cortez**

This claim arises from alleged damages sustained in a vehicle versus motorcycle accident involving an on-duty employee from the Fire Department.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**g. Wiley Cranney v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 619 749**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Fire Department was subjected to age and disability discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$92,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**h. Shahidah Carter v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 559 177**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Child Support Services Department was subjected to discrimination, and harassment, and that the Department failed to engage in an interactive process to provide reasonable accommodation.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$96,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**i. Darick Hendrix v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 553 018**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Department of Children and Family Services was subjected to gender and disability discrimination, sexual harassment, and retaliation, and that the Department failed to engage in the interactive process to accommodate his disability.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$137,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

5. **Approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2017, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

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 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.**

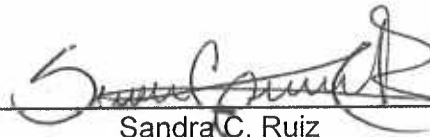
No such matters were discussed.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By

  
Sandra C. Ruiz