

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE

ON

WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2022, AT 11:02 AM

Members Present: Brian Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Margaret Finlay, Marcel Rodarte.

Alternates Present: *Thaddeus McCormack, Jennifer Perez, Edgar Cisneros.*

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **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. Briceno, Erik Esteban, Estate of, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-01388

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$16,250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Kerrick, Justine v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV3497

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.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Claim of Estate Pedro Lopez, et al.
CRM No. 22-4391747*001

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a federal civil rights violations and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$5,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Murillo, Ricardo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06937
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20CMCV00223

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a federal civil rights violations and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$875,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

[See Supporting Document](#)

- e. Timothy Reeves Neal v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20: CV-06315

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, and improper training or lack of training by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$16,500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin, and Alternate Perez

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

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

- a. Donna Huff v. v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-CV-01733

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Mallett, Zakhary Gabriel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-08506

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a civil rights violation, false arrest and unlawful search and seizure by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- c. Saravia, Anthony v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV14785

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force and negligent training and hiring by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

5 Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:38 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 August 10, 2022, 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 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Continuance of the Existence of a Local State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and Findings Related to AB 361 Exempting the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board from Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

Absent - Lindsey Horvath

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 12:42 p.m.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Briceno, Eric, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-01388
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 22, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 16,250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	R. Samuel Paz, Esq. Sonia M. Mercado, Esq. Mark Pachowicz, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$16, 250,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by the parents of decedent, Eric Briceno following a physical altercation with Sheriff's Deputies, resulting in Eric's death.</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 in the amount of \$16,250,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 400,537
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 148,387

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Justine Kerrick v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV34497
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 10, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Stacey R. Cutting, Esq. BISH Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	David D. Lee, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a motor vehicle accident lawsuit that occurred on November 3, 2019, when a Sheriff's SUV collided with a car on westbound Magic Mountain Parkway near McBean Parkway. Plaintiff Justine Kerrick claims to have suffered injuries as a result. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 12,215
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Claim of Estate of Pedro Lopez, et al.
CASE NUMBER	None
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 5,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$5,000,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a wrongful death and federal civil rights lawsuit filed by decedent Pedro Lopez' wife, Maria Luisa Villanueva Lopez, and daughter Maria Lopez. At the time of the incident, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") deputies were pursuing an armed and dangerous carjacking suspect, he ran into the yard of the Lopez home and engaged in an exchange of gunfire with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies. Mr. Lopez was fatally struck during this exchange.</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 in the amount of \$5,000,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 10,441
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,691

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Murillo, Ricardo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20CMCV00223 & 2:21-CV-06937
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court & United States District Court September 9, 2020 & August 27, 2021
DATE FILED	
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 875,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jamon Hicks, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$875,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the state and federal civil rights lawsuits filed by plaintiffs Ricardo Murillo and Elian Murillo against the County of Los Angeles and Sheriff's Deputies Kyle Gillespie, Joshua Minchaca, Miguel Vega, and Christopher Hernandez ("Defendants"), alleging unlawful arrest and 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 \$875,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 59,177
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,760

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 10, 2022

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Lindsey Horvath at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Lindsey Horvath, Chair; John Moreno, South Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Brian Cook, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Edgar Cisneros, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Tim Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelein, Deputy County Counsel; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Randy Tuinstra; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jason Bryant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliance Insurance Services; Diane Martinez, Hurrell and Cantrall; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Alex Smith, Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Manager; Lyndsie Buskirk, Administrative Analyst; 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 11:02 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. Brian Joshua Cook v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-cv-02417-JVS-KS

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

- b. Nestor Okondivo et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV20853

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 \$25,800.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

- c. Non Litigated Claims of Progressive Insurance ASO Christian Perez, AFNI Insurance ASO Veronica Villavicencio, and Brittany N. Rodriguez v. v. County of Los Angeles.
CRM No. 21-4385269*005 to 008

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 \$43,826.18.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

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

- a. Avina, Rosa et al. v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00889

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- b. Briceno, Eric Esteban, Estate of, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-01388

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a fatal use of force incident and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

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, excessive force during a deputy involved shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- d. Hernandez, Jason v. County of Los Angeles et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18227

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

- e. Ramirez, Claudia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV10949

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 12:10 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 July 13, 2022, 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 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

7. Continuance of the Existence of a Local State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and Findings Related to AB 361 Exempting the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board from Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules.

Vote: Ayes: 10 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Brian Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho, Marcel Rodarte.

Absent - Mark Waronek, Ken Striplin.

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 12:12 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



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