

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, November 13, 2024, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: *Thaddeus McCormack, Alfonso Noyola, John Erickson, Kelly Honig, and Daniel Jordan.*

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. Alcaez, Mark Anthony v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV3545

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 \$850,000.00.

- b. Estrada, Efren Esparza v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV06622

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 \$42,500.00.

- c. Gaines, Raymond v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-02801

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and excessive force involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.00.

- d. Gonzalez, Fernando v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV20966

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death, excessive force and due process involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000.00.

- e. Washington, Dominique v. Deputy D. Lopez, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-08319

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful search and seizure and fabrication and suppression of evidence 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 \$90,000.00.

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

- a. Byram, Ursula v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-09285

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false imprisonment, and excessive force involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Torres, Heaven v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV30710

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 1:12 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 October 2, 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, Marcel Rodarte, Alternate Daniel Jordan, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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 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

8. **Other Business.**

None

9. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 2, 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 11:19 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; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelien, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Kudo, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Robert Chavez, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mel Joseph, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Raymond Sakai, Outside Counsel; Jill Williams, Outside Counsel; Christina Gasparian, Outside Counsel; Thomas Hurrell, Outside Counsel; Aamir Raza, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** **California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Edith Avina, Administrative Analyst; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager.

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 11:20 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. Assiff, Joshua v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-05367

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and excessive force involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$400,000.00.

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

- b. Flores, Joshua A., et al. v. Molina, Deputy Adonay, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV19167

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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

- c. Gamboa, Abraham, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-2654

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest, wrongful death, unlawful detention, and denial of medical care and due process involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 8-3 – Margaret Finlay, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte.
Nays: James Bozajian, Chris Constantin, and Patrick Kearney.

- d. Hayes, Tiffany, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-03671

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death, excessive force and due process involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$975,000.00.

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

- 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 Bane Civil Rights Act violations, excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, and failure to summon immediate medical care involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$87,500.00.

Vote: Ayes: 7-4 – Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte. Nays: James Bozajian, Chris Constantin, Margaret Finlay, and Patrick Kearney.

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

- a. Barello, Brea v. County of Los Angeles et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-01909

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and excessive force involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Dalton, Brandon, et al. v. Reta, Ricardo, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV18686

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- c. Garcia, Salvador, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV00967

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and wrongful death shooting involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- d. Gonzalez, Alejandra v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case no. 21STCV01995

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- e. Martinez, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case no. 23SMCV04047

This lawsuit concerns allegations of negligence and excessive force involving 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 1:01 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 September 11, 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: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Chris Constantin, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, and 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 1:06 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

Stephanie Rodriguez
STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ