

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, December 11, 2024, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: *Gustavo Camacho, Thaddeus McCormack, Alfonso Noyola, John Erickson, and Michael Davitt.*

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. Flores, Marla et al. v. Arreola, Samantha et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV23297

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 \$85,000.00.

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

- a. 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.

- b. 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.

- c. Halliday, Dimieari, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-09285

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful detainment and unlawful search and seizure 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 12:26 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 November 13, 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, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Daniel Jordan.

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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 12:26 pm.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 13, 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 11:13 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, Vice Chair; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; John Erickson, North Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Tim Kral, Acting Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Irene Lee, Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, 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; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dan Holguin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Terrence Bell, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Kusayanagi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lorena Rosales, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jeffrey S. Rhea, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Jordan Stern, Outside Counsel; Marina Samson, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Edith Avina, Administrative Analyst; and Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director.

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 11:16 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. Alvarez, 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.

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.

- b. Estrada, Efrén 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

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Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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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 for 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.

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 1:13 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

Stephanie Rodriguez
STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ