



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, **January 15, 2025, 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

2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

Calabasas City Hall, 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302 | (818) 224-1600

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

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 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 January 14, 2025. 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(253) 215-8782**.

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/81210708129?pwd=6L4CG7ncbiFcbwU4vLgbJ70QPv22eY.1>

Meeting ID: 812 1070 8129

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
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. Dorantes Reyna, Sonia vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV05955

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Landgrave, Samuel, et al. vs. Andrew Magallanes Jr., et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV03959

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Luzanilla, Louis Edward, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00653

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Sanford, Timothy, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV08006

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- e. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company ASO Jerome Edery vs. Saranya Klinkalong, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STLC04713

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. 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.

- b. Limon, Edgar Noel v. Garfias, Amayel Aji, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV13676

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

- c. Glazier, Aaron v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00924

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, malicious prosecution, and fabrication of evidence involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- d. Houseton, Jacy, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06887

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, battery, and negligence.

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5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2024, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sonia Dorantes Reyna vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV05955
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 16, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert S. Fink, Esq. Law Offices of Robert S. Fink
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa A. McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This case arises from a traffic collision that occurred involving Plaintiff Sonia Dorantes Reyna and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputy Sue Ann Abad.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$500,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 10,474
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 21,147

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Samuel Landgrave, et al. vs. Andrew Magallanes, Jr., et al.
CASE NUMBER	23STCV03959
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 23, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Timothy Vrastil, Esq. Bish & Cutting, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa A. McCaverty, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on April 10, 2021, when a Deputy Sheriff rear-ended Plaintiffs' vehicle causing injuries and damages.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 14,065
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,535

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Louis Edward Luzanilla, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22AVCV00653
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 29, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Richard Weiss, Esq. Law Offices of Richard Weiss
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on October 20, 2021. Plaintiffs, Louis Edward Luzanilla and Cindy Le alleged that they were injured when their car collided with a Sheriff's patrol vehicle making an unsafe left turn into Dominic Massari Park.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$250,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 36,165
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 18,550

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Timothy Sanford, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV08006
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 26, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 700,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Rofael of Downtown LA Law Group for Plaintiffs Timothy Sanford and Katherine Ortega; Steven Mazza of Carpenter & Zuckerman for Plaintiffs Randy and Noemi Martell
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 20, 2019, a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Timothy Sanford in which Plaintiff Katherine Ortega was a passenger collided with a Sheriff's Department patrol car in the intersection of Sierra Highway and Avenue K in the City of Lancaster. The initial collision caused the the Sheriff's Department patrol car to spin and colide with Plaintiffs' Randy and Noemi Martell's car. Plaintiffs allege the collisions caused injuries for which they seek compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$700,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 126,092
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,777

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company ASO Jerome Ebery vs. Saranya Klinkalong, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24STLC04713
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 1, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,769.44
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Tristan P. Espinosa, Esq. Reese Law Group, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Nena Vuong Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff seeks reimbursement for property damage to its insured driver's vehicle caused by a two vehicle collision between its insured and Sergeant Saranya Klinkalong. The accident occurred on December 12, 2022, on westbound Santa Monica Boulevard and Orlando Avenue, in the City of West Hollywood, California 90069.</p> <p>Due to adverse liability in this matter, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$25,769.44 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 2,852
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 110

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 11, 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 11:10 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; Daniel Jordan, East Division; John Moreno, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; John Erickson, North Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Tim Kral, Acting Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Robert Chavez, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Myron Johnson, Acting Assistant Sheriff; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, 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; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Meza, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Christopher Minott, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jeffrey S. Rhea, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joshua Bardon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jim Cerda, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Edith Avina, Administrative Analyst; Ben Rodriguez, Technology Projects Manager; 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 11:11 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. 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.

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.

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 for 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.

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 12:26 p.m.

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