



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, **March 12, 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

Double Tree Hotel, 121-123 Esplanade, Cairns City OLD 4870, Australia

2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

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

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

Pico Rivera City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 | (562) 942-2000

West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069 | (323) 848-6400

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 vrui@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 March 11, 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

Passcode: 594176

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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. Barello. Brea County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-01959

This lawsuit contains allegations of false arrest and excessive force in reckless disregard for civil rights involving Sheriff's Deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Herrera, April v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-01959

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual abuse, civil rights violations, and abuse of authority involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- b. Quan, Jennie, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-04805

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- c. 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 involving Sheriff's Deputies.

- d. Franey, Katherin Bernice v. McGee, Jason Andrew, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV29427

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

- e. Hernandez, Christian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-03825

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, false arrest, and unlawful search and seizure involving Sheriff's Deputies.

- f. 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.

- g. Richards, Monica v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 8:24-CV-00238

Allegations of excessive force, failure to provide medical care, false arrest, battery, and violation of the Bane Act involving Sheriff's Deputies.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the February 12, 2025, 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	Barello, Brea v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-01909
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 1, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 70,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jerry L. Steering Steering Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Brea Barello arising out of her arrest on August 30, 2018, for a sum of \$70,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs.</p> <p>Due to 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 \$70,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 129,571
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 23,983

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CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 12, 2025

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Mark Waronek 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: Mark Waronek, Chair; Daniel Jordan, Vice Chair; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; 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; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Brian Villalobos, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Robert Chavez, Manager; Tim Kral, Acting Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Myron Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dustin Carr, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Janet Keuper, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Analyst; 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 11:12 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. Aaron, Malik, et al. v. Target Corporation, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-01237

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force, and false imprisonment 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 \$150,000.00.

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.

- b. Olivas, Andre v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-09509

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, violation of the Bane Act, and intentional infliction of emotional distress involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$750,000.00.

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. Keerthisingahe, Hiransha Sanjeevi v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV02056

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- b. Lara, Francisco v. Escobar, Diego, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00287

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- c. Laney, Brooke v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV15639

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- d. Reyes, Hector Manuel, II, et al. v. Garcia, Figueroa, Alberto, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00195

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- e. 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:56 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 January 15, 2025, 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, Jennifer Vasquez, 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 1:05 p.m.

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