



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, **April 9, 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

Dunopark 49, 4356 GG Oostkapelle, The Netherlands

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

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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 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 April 8, 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. Non-Litigated Claims of Felix and Maria Aguirre
Claim No. 23-1210 and 23-1211

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Rodriguez, Daniel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV31935

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. Amador Gutierrez, Luis Alberto, et al. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23PSCV01037

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

- b. Stilton, Makaela Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV04751

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

- c. Truss, Krystal v. Marin, Christian, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CHCV03304

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

- d. Bryan, Brandon v. County of Los Angeles DBA Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-00060

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful arrest, assault and battery, and violation of Civil Rights involving Sheriff's Deputies.

- e. Maxwell, Quante, A minor by Maxwell, Jerry (GAL), et al. v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-09382

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and arrest, violation of Bane Act and violation of Ralph Civil Rights Act involving Sheriff's Deputies.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the March 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	Non-Litigated Claims of Felix and Maria Aguirre
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$30,750
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gabriel Clift, Esq. Law Offices of Jacob Emrani
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Ann M. Aguilar Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Motor Vehicle Accident at the intersection of Del Amo Boulevard and Clark Avenue in City of Lakewood. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Daniel Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV31935
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 16, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department - Bellflower
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
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 October 16, 2021, Plaintiff Daniel Rodriguez lost control of his motorcycle when a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle changed lanes closely in front of him on Bellflower Boulevard at its intersection with Allington Street in Bellflower. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$40,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 16,018
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 589

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MINUTES OF MEETING

March 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 Acting Chair Pat Kearny at 11:36 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: Patrick Kearney, Acting Chair; Margaret Finlay, East 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; Eddie De La Riva, Central Division; John Erickson, North Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Brian Villalobos, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Tim Kral, Acting Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dustin Carr, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mark Reyes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Rector, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Terrance Bell, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Angela Powell, Outside Counsel; Tom Hurrell, Outside Counsel; Sara Greco, Outside Counsel; Joseph Esposito, Outside Counsel; Mike DeMattei, Milliman; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, CEO; Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager; Ben Rodriguez, Technology Projects Manager; 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 11:38 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. 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Alternate Gustavo Camacho, and Alternate Brian Villalobos.

4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

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

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:26 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 February 12, 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: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Jennifer Vasquez, Marcel Rodarte, Alternate Gustavo Camacho, and Alternate Brian Villalobos.

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 1:27 p.m.

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