

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT
POSADA ROOM
3500 RAMONA BOULEVARD,
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA 91754
and VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: *Gustavo Camacho, Thaddeus McCormack, Eddie De La Riva 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. Bustos Arreola, Salvador, v. County of Los Angeles..
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CMCV00390.

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 \$70,000.00.

- b. Flores, George v. County of Los Angeles et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CHCV03852.

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 \$300,000.00.

- c. H.R., A Minor. et al v. Los Angeles County, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-22-CV-05706.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, negligence, battery, Bane Act violation, Monell liability which arose from a deadly shooting 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 \$3,500,000.00.

- d. Laney, Brook 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:

The contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000.00.

- e. 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.00.

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

- a. Hand, Allisun v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV02696.

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- b. Ramirez Cabrera, Abigail, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 2-24-CV-04782.

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- c. Rios, Eric v. County of Los Angeles.
United States District Court Case No. 2-24-CV-04782.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, including excessive force, Monell violation, assault, battery, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, violation of Bane Act.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:48 a.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 August 13, 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Marcel Rodarte, Gustavo Camacho.

[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 11:51 a.m.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 13, 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 Chair Mark Waronek at 11:13 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Posada Room, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and via-teleconference.**

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Mark Waronek, Chair, South Division; Brian Villalobos, Vice Chair, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; James Bozajian, North Division; Bryan Cook, Member at-Large; John Moreno, South Division, Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, Member A-Large. **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division Eddie De La Riva; Central Division, Daniel Jordan, East Division. **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Steven Rich, Deputy County Counsel; Julia Valdes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Megan Roman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francois Chang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ann Tremblay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Edmundo Torres, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Meza, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin R. Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Richard J. Cartmill, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Gene Ramirez, , Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager; Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Ben Rodriguez, Technology Project Manager; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Analyst.

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. Abelar, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-23-CV-01606

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations, excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, conspiracy and Monell liability which arose from a Sheriff's deputy involved shooting.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$700,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno.

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

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 \$75,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno.

- c. Nava, Rosa et al. v. County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV18914

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 \$220,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno.

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

- a. Cernas, Alexis , et al. v. County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-03261.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, excessive force, conspiracy, Monell liability, violation of Bane Act, negligence and battery.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:12 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 July 9, 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 – Mark Waronek, Brian Villalobos, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno.

- 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 12:13 p.m.

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