



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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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, **December 10, 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 Kristen Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

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

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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 December 9, 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/ Roll Call.
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. Consolidated cases:

Zamora, Antonio De La Cruz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV38123

Ontiveros, Freddy v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV48053

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

See supporting document

b. 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.

See supporting document

c. Jones, Adonis v. Hale, Taylor, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV00625

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

[See supporting document](#)

- d. Yeayo, Russell, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-05979

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, unlawful seizure and Monell liability.

[See supporting document](#)

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

- a. Amador Gutierrez, Luis Alberto, et al. v. 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. Avalos, Juan, et al, v, Durghinescu, Daniel, et al, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01219

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

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the November 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	Consolidated Cases: Antonio De La Cruz Zamora vs. County of Los Angeles, et al. Freddy Ontiveros vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV38123 (Zamora) 20STCV48053 (Ontiveros)
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 5, 2020 (Zamora) December 16, 2020 (Ontiveros)
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	DEAN HAKKAK, ESQ. First Law Group HOVANES TATEVOSSIAN, ESQ. Law Offices of Hovanes Tatevossian
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN ENGELIEN, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a three car collision involving an on-duty patrol car on October 29, 2018. Plaintiffs allege they were injured and filed separate lawsuits that were later consolidated by the court. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 40,434
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 79,856

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alejandra Gonzalez vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV01995
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 15, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	STACY AUGUSTINE, ESQ. Augustine Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN ENGELIEN, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile accident that occurred on January 18, 2019. Plaintiff alleges she was injured and filed a lawsuit. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 43,443
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 36,297

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Adonis Jones v. Taylor Hale, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23CMCV00625
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 2, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 98,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRADLEY G. HAYES The Hayes Law Firm, APC .
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. MCCAVERTY Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on January 30, 2022. Plaintiff claims he suffered injuries and damages as a result of the collision.</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	\$ 68,535
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 13,597

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Yeayo Russell, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-05979
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	July 24, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 499,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRADLEY GAGE Bradley Gage Law, APC.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD HSUEH Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$499,999 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Yeayo Russell (Plaintiff) alleging excessive force.</p> <p>Given 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 \$499,999 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 60,332
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 8,537

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CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 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 Vice Chair Brian Villalobos 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; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; Ken Striplin, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division; Kelly Honig, Alternate At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel, Anna Reitano, Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Anna Sargsyan, Paralegal; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Alan Liu, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Glenn Emery, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Walid Ashrafnia, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Deputy Mors, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Juan Sanchez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lt. Orosco, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francois Chang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Adam Zeko, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Richard Cartmill, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Robert Hahnlein, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Christopher Minott, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Z. Martin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Yolanda Figueroa, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ron Kopperud, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Damon Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Alex Smith,

Chief Executive Officer; Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager; Paul Zeglovitch, Chief Operating Officer; Jessica Ramos, Administrative Assistant, 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 11:15 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. Halliday, Dimieari, et al v. County of Los Angeles. et al
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06877

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violation, unlawful search and seizure, false arrest and imprisonment, conspiracy, Monell liability and negligence.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000.00.

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

- b. Martinez, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23SMCV04047

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, unreasonable use of deadly force, battery and negligence involving Sheriff's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$4,000,000.00.

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

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

- a. Avalos, Juan, et al v. Durghinescu, Daniel, et al..
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01219.

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- b. Manzano, Raphael v. County of Los Angeles.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24SMCV01881

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- c. Mendez, Alexandria, et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV10463

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- d. Monzon, Marvin v County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV01041

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

Action taken.
No reportable action taken.

- e. Nunez, Maria Del Carmen Mariz, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01341

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- f. Orellana, Israel, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-09002

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, interference with familiar relationship, Monell liability, violation of Bane Act, negligence, battery, violation of Ralph Act.

Action taken.

No reportable action taken.

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, denial of medical care, Monell liability, negligence, battery, violation of Bane Act.

Action taken.

No reportable action taken.

- h. Ramirez, Anna Laura, et al. v. County of Los Angeles et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-00141

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, Bane Act violation, intentional infliction of emotional distress involving Sheriff's deputies.

Action taken.

No reportable action taken.

- i. Villareal, Isadoro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24LBCV00548

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

Action taken.

No reportable action taken.

- j. Zheng, Xianghua v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV00568

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 1:20 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 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: 7-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, 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 1:20 p.m.

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ANNA SARGSYAN