



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, **March 11, 2026, 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

Holiday Inn Resort Krabi, 244 Moo 2, Ao Nang Beach 81180, Thailand

2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

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

Maywood City Hall, 4319 E Slauson Ave, Maywood, CA 90270 (323) 562-5700

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 March 10, 2026. 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 (669) 254-5252**.

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia-org.zoomgov.com/j/1606695339?pwd=psz8HU3gvmAgav5FbSvqRV0S1zCRSc.1>

Meeting ID: 160 669 5339

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, unreasonable search and seizure, use of excessive force, denial of medical care, interference with familiar relationship, *Monell* liability, malicious prosecution, false arrest, battery, violation of Bane Act.

[See supporting documents](#)

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

- a. **Derrion Davenport v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CMCV00071

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

- b. **Marvin Monzon. v. City 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.

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

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

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations civil rights violations, use of excessive force, unreasonable seizure, Monell liability, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, battery, false arrest, violation of Bane Act, violation of Unruh Civil Rights Act. .

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the February 18, 2026, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See supporting documents](#)

7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Monica Richards, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	8:24-CV-00238
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 13, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	JORDAN MARSH, ESQ Law Offices of Jordan Marsh
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD HSUEH, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel JOSEPH ESPOSITO Seki, Nishimura, & Watase, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$1,200,000, inclusive of attorney's fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Robert Ponce, by and through his conservators Monica Richards and Christina Slovenec, arising out of the arrest of Robert Ponce on September 3, 2022. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 167,032
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 145,060

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MINUTES OF MEETING

February 18, 2026

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 James Bozajian at 11:09 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: James Bozajian, Chair, North Division; Bryan Cook, Vice Chair, Member At-Large; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Brian Villalobos, East Division; John Moreno, South Division, Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division, Daniel Jordan, East Division. **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Kever Rhodes Muir, Assistant County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francois Chang, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Damon Jones, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Rick Cartmill, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Joshua Bardon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Terrence Bell, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; V. Puebla, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Paul Bartlett, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Joseph Fender, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Jose Hernandez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Lockhart, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; A. Norman, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Allende, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. **Attendees:** Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chandler Parker, Outside Counsel; Kari Kadomatsu, Outside Counsel. **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** California JPIA Alex Smith, CEO; Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Lyndsie Buskirk,

Administrative Analyst; Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Ben Rodriguez, Technology Project Manager.

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. Byram Ursula, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-09285

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, use of excessive force, denial of medical care, interference with familiar relationship, *Monell* liability, violation of ADA, false imprisonment, battery, negligence, violation of Bane Act which arising from the fatal shooting involving Sheriff's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$6,500,000.

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

b. Gutierrez, Jose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-08223

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, violation of substantive due process, *Monell* liability arising from a non-fatal shooting involving Sheriff's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

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

c. Lugo, Richard v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-06620.

This lawsuit concerns civil rights violation of 14th Amendment Substantive Due Process – interference with parent/child relationship arising from a fatal shooting involving Sheriff's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$500,000.

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

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

- a. **Ledesma Perez, Fernanda v. State of California, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV01687.

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. **Martinez, Cynthia, et al, v, County of Los Angeles, et al..**
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-01063.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, false arrest, malicious prosecution, negligence, and Monell liability

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. **Tercero, Derek Jansel, et al. v. County of Los Angeles et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00068

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 12:15 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 14, 2026, 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Jennifer Perez, 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

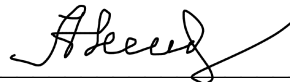
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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