

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, February 18, 2026, AT 11:00 AM

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

Alternates Present: Thaddeus McCormack, Michael Davitt, Kelly Honig, Eddie De La Riva, Daniel Jordan.

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. **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.

**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 of the 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.

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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 12:17 p.m.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 14, 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 11:10 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:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division, **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Yolanda Figueroa, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ann Orozco, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Christopher Minott, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department;. **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance. **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Alex Smith, CEO; Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager; Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; 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 11:12 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. Juan Avalos, et al. v. Durghinescu, Daniel, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23CMCV01219

This lawsuit concerns allegations 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 \$99,000.00.

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. Perez, Miguel Angel v. Hernandez, Nicholas Rubio, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00054.

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violation, 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.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:25 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 for December 10, 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, 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

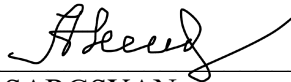
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


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