



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CLAIMS BOARD

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

John Naimo
Auditor-Controller
Steve Robles
Chief Executive Office
Patrick A. Wu
Office of the County Counsel

NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, April 1, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

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 54956.9).
 - a. Gloria Lopez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV-1104424 GHK (JCGx)

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Community and Senior Services was subjected to harassment and retaliation, and that the department failed to engage in an interactive process or provide reasonable accommodations; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$285,000.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
5. Approval of the minutes of the March 18, 2013, meeting of the Claims Board.

See Supporting Document

6. 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 subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
7. Adjournment.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2013

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Richard Kudo and Narbeh Bagdasarian; Department of Parks and Recreation: Anush Gambaryan and David Waage; and Department of Health Services: Nicholas Testa, Bonnie Bilitch, Arun Patel, Elizabeth Augusta, and Stephanie Hall.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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).

At 9:32 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(b) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:35 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Kenneth Kohr v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 047 437**

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from a slip and fall accident on a boat dock at Castaic Lake, which is maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 - John Naimo and Patrick Wu
Noes: 1 - Steve Robles

b. **Basilia Vazquez v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 467 564

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from injuries sustained for care and treatment received by a patient while hospitalized at the LAC+USC Medical Center

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$235,000 plus waiver of the hospital bills in the estimated amount of \$20,307.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

5. **Approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2013, meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

6. **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 subsequent to the posting of the agenda.**

No such matters were discussed.

7. **Other Actions.**

Mary Rosales v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 11-9423 R (Manx)

This lawsuit sought compensation for alleged overtime by a retired In-Home Supportive Services Social Worker with the Department of Public Social Services. On September 17, 2012, the Claims Board authorized a statutory offer, and on October 2, 2012, the case was settled and approved by the court for \$85,000.

Report of settlement as indicated above

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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