

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 13200 CLARKSDALE AVENUE, NORWALK,
CALIFORNIA 90650

ON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016, AT 1:00 PM

Members Present: Chair Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Sam Olivito

Alternates Present: Darrell George and Cheri Kelley

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **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.**
3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).**
 - a. Albin Alas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 552707

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and wrongful death claims.

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Sam Olivito

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

- a. Richard Alvarez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 518466

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and false imprisonment by Sheriff's Deputies.

No reportable action taken.

- b. Teresita Garcia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 553204

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

No reportable action taken.

- c. Oscar Ramirez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:15-CV-03062

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

6. Approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2015, 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 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Sam Olivito

[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 subsequent to the posting of the agenda.**

No such matters were discussed.

8. **Other Business.**

None

9. **Adjournment.**

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Albin Alas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC552707
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 24, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Randy McMurray, Esq. McMurry & Henriks, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan McCaverty Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$500,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the lawsuit filed by Albin Alas and her two minor children, Kenia Alas and Luis Alberto Mejia Alas, against the County of Los Angeles and Sheriff's Deputy Alejandro Ramirez alleging federal civil rights violations and State-law wrongful death claims arising out of the shooting death of Luiz Alonzo Juarez during a traffic stop on July 25, 2013, in the City of Compton.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$500,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 55,490
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,548

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 9, 2015

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris at 12:46 p.m. The meeting was held in the Community Center, Sproul Room, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, San Dimas, Region III; Mark Alexander, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Margaret Finlay, Duarte, Region I; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Mark Waronek, City of Lomita, Region II; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; *Alternates:* David Spence, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Jennifer Lehman, Assistant County Counsel; Ruben Baeza, Jr., Assistant County Counsel; Michael Stuver, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance Services; John La Salle, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Jennifer Fullerton, 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 12:47 p.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)**

There were no settlement items for this meeting.

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

- a. Gabriel F., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 024306

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and failure to properly investigate and report abuse.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Claim of Gerardo Felix
File Claim No. 14-1114100*001

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Louise Olin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 551857

This lawsuit concerns allegations of vehicular negligence by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Elia Torres, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 024624

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. Alexander Vago v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court No. CV 13-00868

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:37 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 November 18, 2015, 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 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek and Sam Olivito

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 1:38 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



SANDRA C. RUIZ