

**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**  
**SPROUL ROOM, 13200 CLARKSDALE AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650**  
**ON**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015, AT 11:00 AM**

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

Alternates Present: Cheri Kelley and David Spence

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.**

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. Claudia Vasquez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 503967

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Michael Egan, 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. Lindsay F. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 473127

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault and false imprisonment by a Sheriff's Deputy.

No reportable action taken.

- b. April Gibson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 023965

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

No reportable action taken.

- c. Jevonte Johnson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-00571

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

No reportable action taken.

- d. Leo Montesinos, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 527381

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

No reportable action taken.

- e. N.A.M, a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-04090

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

No reportable action taken.

- f. Estate of Kenneth Rivera, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 510309

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

No reportable action taken.

- g. Justin Smith v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027644

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery 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 March 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, Margaret Finlay, Michael Egan, 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	Claudia Vasquez vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 503967
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 25, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 95,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Rahel E. Kent, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$95,000, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Claudia Vasquez alleging excessive force by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that the force used was reasonable and in response to Ms. Vasquez's actions.</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 \$95,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 130,735
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 23,848

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

March 18, 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 11:12 a.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; Margaret Finlay, Duarte, Region I; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Mark Waronek, City of Lomita, Region II; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; *Alternates:* Cheri Kelley, Norwalk, Region III; David Spence, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Ruben Baeza, Jr., Assistant County Counsel; Jonathan McCaverty, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Scott Johnson, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Michael Stuver, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Michael Rothans, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; 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 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. Jessi Hamilton v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 489881

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and wrongful search and seizure by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000.

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

- b. Claim of The Murbach Family Trust, Ralph G. Murbach, Trustee  
File Claim No. 14-1118230\*001

This claim concerns allegations of failure to pay for services rendered.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,777.64.

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

**4. 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 false arrest and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Eduardo Armas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-01356

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Brejanea B., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027341

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Perry Ball v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-07739

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- e. Eduardo Cervantes v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-09889

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- f. Dean Kidder II v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-06218

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- g. Mahnoosh Maleki v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 61629

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- h. Javier Ortiz Luna v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 513344

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- i. Estate of Kenneth Rivera, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 510309

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- j. Gabriel Sanchez v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-06902

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force by a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

**5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:22 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 February 11, 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, Margaret Finlay, Michael Egan, 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 1:24 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY  
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

  
SANDRA C. RUIZ