

**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 13, 2016, AT 11:00 AM**

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

Alternates Present: Darrell George, David Spence 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.**

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. Donelda Amie, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-04330 and  
CV 15-03134

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

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

See Supporting Document

- b. Cornelius Bennett, et al. v. Vincent D. Ortiz, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 545166

This lawsuit concerns allegations of 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 \$35,000.

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

See Supporting Document

- c. Kevin Cronin, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 525995

This lawsuit concerns allegations of 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 \$37,500.

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

See Supporting Document

- d. Robert Fernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 024306  
Estate of Gabriel Fernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 552734

This lawsuit concerns allegation of wrongful death, civil rights violations, and failure to investigate by the Department of Children and Family Services, the Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Public Social Services.

Action Taken:

No reportable action was taken.

- e. Liam Mulligan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-09510

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

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 \$2,500,000.

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

See Supporting Document

- f. Santrise Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court No. CV 14-7633

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations for false arrest and 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 \$30,000.

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

See Supporting Document

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

- a. Rebecca Lynn Braden v. Christian Thomas Scott, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 499223

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

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. Estate of Antoine Hunter, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-09482

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

No reportable action taken.

- d. Raymond Kovacic, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-07765

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

No reportable action taken.

- e. Estate of Kenneth Rivera, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-03806

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

No reportable action taken.

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

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

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 9, 2016, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes with correction to attendance register that Doug Prichard was present.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Chair 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	Donelda Amie, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 14-04330
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	June 10, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund – Lancaster
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mark Pachowicz, Esq. Law Offices of Mark Pachowicz
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$40,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, two Sheriff's Department Contract Cities civil rights lawsuits filed by Donelda Amie and others alleging various civil rights violations and State-law causes of action for unlawful search and seizure, false arrest, deliberate indifference to medical needs, assault, battery, and negligence.</p> <p>The Deputies claim their actions were reasonable under the circumstances.</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 \$40,000 is recommended</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 88,272
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,651

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Cornelius Bennett, et al. v. Victor Ortiz, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 545166
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 13, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 35,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Roxanne L. Hernandez, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Brian T. Chu Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On September 23, 2013, an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy, while on routine patrol in a marked Sheriff's patrol unit, was involved in a rear-end collision with a vehicle driven by Cornelius Bennett at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the City of Cerritos. Mr. Bennett and his passengers, Samantha Sanders, and minor child Neka Samone Bennett, claim they sustained soft tissue injuries as a result of the collision. They contend that the Sheriff's Deputy was negligent in the operation of the Sheriff's patrol unit and that the County is vicariously liable for his negligence. The County contends that the medical treatment they received was excessive and unreasonable.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$35,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 50,229
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,346

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Kevin Cronin, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 525995
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 29, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund - Malibu
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 37,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Steven E. Spencer Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on November 13, 2012, on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, when a vehicle driven by a Sheriff's Deputy collided with a vehicle driven by Kevin Cronin. Eleanor Cronin was riding in the front passenger seat of Mr. Cronin's vehicle. Both Mr. Cronin and Ms. Cronin claim to have suffered injuries as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 97,325
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 36,239

**CASE SUMMARY**

**INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Liam Mulligan vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:14-CV-09510
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 11, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund – West Hollywood
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian D. Depew, Esq. Robert J. Wolfe, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,500,000, the lawsuit filed by Liam Mulligan alleging civil rights violations when he was wrongfully shot in the leg by Sheriff's Deputies responding to an emergency call.</p> <p>The involved Deputies claim their actions were reasonable under the circumstances.</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 \$2,500,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 279,269
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 40,149

**CASE SUMMARY**

**INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME Santrise Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER CV 14-7633

COURT United States District Court

DATE FILED October 1, 2014

COUNTY DEPARTMENT Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 30,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF George Mgdesyan, Esq.  
Mgdesyan Law Firm, APLC

COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY Jonathan McCaverty

NATURE OF CASE This is a recommendation to settle for \$30,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the lawsuit filed by Santrise Scott against the County of Los Angeles and two Sheriff's Deputies alleging civil rights violations and State-law claims arising out of a traffic stop on October 17, 2013 in the City of Lancaster.

The County denies the allegations; however, 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 \$30,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 34,939

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 4,663

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

March 9, 2016

**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 11:19 a.m. The meeting was held in the Community Meeting 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; Mark Waronek, City of Lomita, Region II; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; *Alternates:* David Spence, City of La Canada, Region I; Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk, Region III; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Jennifer A.D. Lehman, Assistant County Counsel; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brant Frederickson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

**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 11:19 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. Christopher Pettersen v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-4699

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

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 \$150,000.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Sam Olivito, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Doug Prichard

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

- a. Victor Ignacio Ochoa de Leon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 530149

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Marlene P., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:15-CV-06497

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

Action Taken:

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.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:52 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 February 10, 2016, 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: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Sam Olivito, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Doug Prichard

**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 11:53 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY  
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

  
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