

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, JULY 8, 2015, AT 11:00 AM

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

Members Absent: Mark Waronek and Sam Olivito

Alternates Present: David Spence, 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.**

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. 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:

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: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, and Doug Prichard

Absent: Mark Waronek and Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Lisa Ostergren, et al. v. Sheriff's Department, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:14-CV-094253

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 \$5,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, and Doug Prichard

Absent: 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. 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. Luis Flores v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 521555

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

No reportable action taken.

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and 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 June 10, 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: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, and Doug Prichard

Absent: 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	Eduardo Armas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 14-01356
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 4, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Homer L. Harris, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$500,000, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Eduardo Armas 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 Mr. Armas' 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 \$500,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 89,386
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,168

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Lisa Ostegren, et al. vs. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:14-CV-09453
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 10, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund – West Hollywood
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 5,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael Avenatti, Esq. EAGAN AVENATTI, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$5,000,000, the lawsuit filed by Lisa Ostegren alleging wrongful death, excessive force, and federal civil rights violations.</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 \$5,000,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 59,261
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,119

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 10, 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 11:19 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; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Margaret Finlay, Duarte, Region I; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Mark Waronek, City of Lomita, Region II; *Alternates:* Paul Philips, Deputy Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; Paolo Beltran, Lakewood; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Ruben Baeza, Jr., Assistant 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; Mike Rothans, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance Services; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Stacy Luster, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Denise Corell, 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 11:20 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. Jevonte Johnson v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-00571

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$37,500.

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

Absent: Sam Olivito

- b. David Kuang, et al. v. City of La Canada Flintridge, et al.
(consolidated with Bette Hobbs v. City of La Canada Flintridge)
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 514545

This lawsuit concerns allegations of property damage.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000.

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

Absent: Sam Olivito

- c. Raymond Mendez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 516678

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force 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 \$30,000.

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

Absent: Sam Olivito

- d. Non-Litigated Claims of Julio and Graciela Murcia
Claim Numbers 13-1110699*002-*003

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,500.

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

Absent: Sam Olivito

- e. Gabriel Sanchez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-06902

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations based on excessive force by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

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

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

Absent: Sam Olivito

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

- a. Shalene Anderson v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 521145

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident caused by 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 11:59 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 May 13, 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: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: 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 12:11 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


SANDRA C. RUIZ