

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 13, 2016, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Chair Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay,
Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek and Marcel Rodarte

Members Absent: Michael Egan

Alternates Present: Howard Chamber

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. Ralph Dulac v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-02985

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations including unlawful detention and false arrest 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 \$50,000.

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

Absent: Michael Egan

See Supporting Document

- b. 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 allegations of wrongful death and federal 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 \$475,000.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

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Absent: Michael Egan

See Supporting Document

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

- a. Corozon Alvir v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 543100

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

No reportable action taken.

- b. Amanda Anderson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-05028

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations by the Department of Children and Family Services and the Sheriff's Department.

No reportable action taken.

- c. Michelle Gonzalez Salgado v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 545971

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

No reportable action taken.

- d. Timothy & Yolanda Paynter v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 024475

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 June 8, 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, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte

Absent: Michael Egan

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

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| CASE NAME | Ralph Dulac vs. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | 2:15-CV-02985 |
| COURT | United States District Court |
| DATE FILED | 5/16/2015 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's/Contract Cities Downey |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 50,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Darrell J. York, Esq. York & Garvey |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Edwin A. Lewis |
| NATURE OF CASE | <p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$50,000, the lawsuit filed by Ralph Dulac alleging civil rights violations, false imprisonment, and related State-law claims.</p> <p>The Deputies deny the allegations and contend their actions were reasonable.</p> <p>Due to the high 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 \$50,000 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 11,473 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 50 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Estate of Antoine Hunter, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | CV 14-09482 |
| COURT | United States District Court |
| DATE FILED | December 11, 2014 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 475,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Humberto M. Guizar, Esquire |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | <p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$475,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a lawsuit filed by the Estate of Antoine D. Hunter, Martha L. Willis, decedent's mother, Donald Hunter, Decedent's father, and Jeremy Evans, decedent's passenger, against the County, two Sheriff's Deputies, and former Interim Sheriff John L. Scott alleging wrongful death and federal civil rights violations.</p> <p>The involved Deputies claim their actions were reasonable under the circumstances.</p> <p>Because of 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 \$475,000 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 54,334 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 38,434 |

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 8, 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 11:16 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; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Mark Waronek, City of Lomita, Region II; Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association *Alternates:* David A. Spence, La Canada, Region I; Cheri Kelley, Norwalk, Region III; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Ruben Baeza, Assistant County Counsel; Lauren Black, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Chris Deacon, Investigator, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brant Frederickson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John La Salle, Sales Executive, Wells Fargo Insurance Services; **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; Denise Covell, Office Assistant; 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 11:17 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. 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 allegations 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$789,000.

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

Absent: Sam Olivito

- b. Evelyn E. Niquet, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 025256

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 \$41,500.

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

Absent: Sam Olivito

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

- a. Sonya Benton v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027002

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a collision with a vehicle driven by a Sheriff's Deputy for failure to yield.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Rebecca Braden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 499223

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Bertha Gonzalez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 540696

This lawsuit concerns allegations of automobile accident involving 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 12:09 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 May 11, 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, 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

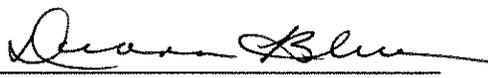
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


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