

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, JUNE 11, 2014, AT 11:00 AM

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

Member Absent: Jeffrey Prang

Alternates Present: Cheri Kelley, David Spence, and Mark Waronek

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. Amanda Goodwin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Santa Monica Superior Court Case No. SC 117926

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false imprisonment by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$85,000.

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

Absent: Jeffrey Prang

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

There were no items for this meeting.

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 May 7, 2014, 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 Sam Olivito

Absent: Jeffrey Prang

[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	Amanda Goodwin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	SC 117926
COURT	Santa Monica Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 31, 2011
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 85,000.
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Kevin J. Leichter The Law Hut, APC.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Stephen T. Niwa
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$85,000, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Amanda Goodwin alleging that her federal civil rights were violated when she was falsely arrested by Sheriff's Deputies.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Department contends that probable cause existed for Ms. Goodwin's arrest and she was not falsely arrested.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$85,000 is recommended.</p>

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 49,235

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 2,852

Case Name: Amanda Goodwin v. County of Los Angeles



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	Friday, July 8, 2011; approximately 10:15 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Amanda Goodwin v. County of Los Angeles</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan No. 2014-018C</p> <p>On Friday, July 8, 2011, at approximately 10:15 p.m., two Los Angeles County deputy sheriffs drove to 8764 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood, in response to a call of a reported vehicle theft.</p> <p>At the location, the deputies spoke with a woman (plaintiff) who had information regarding the incident. The two deputy sheriffs noted the plaintiff exhibited symptoms commonly displayed by individuals under the influence of alcohol. The deputies opined that the plaintiff was unable to exercise care for herself or the safety of others. Consequently, the plaintiff was taken into custody pursuant to California Penal Code section 647(f), Disorderly Conduct (Public Intoxication).</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The root cause in this incident is an allegation members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department violated the civil rights of the plaintiff.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedures/protocols in effect at the time of the incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in the incident.

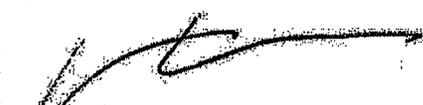
This incident was thoroughly reviewed by representatives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's West Hollywood Station. Their review found the employees' conduct was reasonable and consistent with Department procedures, policies, guidelines, and/or training. No systemic issues were identified. As a result, no personnel-related administrative action was taken, and no other corrective action measures are recommended nor contemplated.

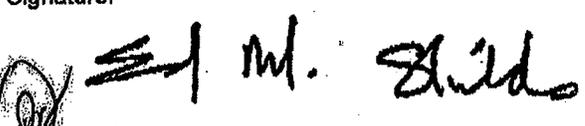
County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- Yes -- The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
 No -- The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

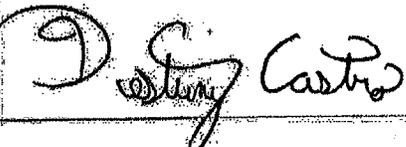
Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Ronald D. Williams, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 5/29/14

Name: (Department Head) Earl M. Shields, Chief Professional Standards Division	
Signature: 	Date: 05/29/14

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
 No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Destiny Castro	
Signature: 	Date: 5/29/2014

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 7, 2014

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 12:13 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; Margaret Finlay, Duarte, Region I; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; *Alternates:* Cheri Kelley, Norwalk, Region III; David Spence, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; Darrell George, Duarte, Region I; Mark Waroneck, City of Lomita, Region II; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Roger Granbo, Assistant County Counsel; Ernie Romo, Risk Management, Chief Executive Office; Chris Deacon, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Scott Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Alan Boring, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.; Angela Kechichian, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Tanya Souza, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager, Jennifer Fullerton, Administrative Assistant.

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 12:14 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. Salvador Aguirre v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 428221

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and 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 \$45,000.

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

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

- a. Brejana 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.

- b. S.F., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 504566

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. L.H., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 026991

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. 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.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:02 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2014, 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 Sam Olivito

6. 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

One case:

Michael Lobrono, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-03838

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

No reportable action was taken.

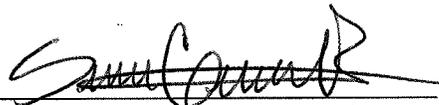
7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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SANDRA C. RUIZ