

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,**  
**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**  
**ON**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014, AT 9:30 AM**

Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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. **Jane Doe by Deborah Epperson v. County of Los Angeles  
Norwalk Superior Court Case No. VC 061 354**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$675,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

**b. Claim of Monique McIntosh**

This claim concerns allegations of disability discrimination and failure to make a reasonable accommodation by a Department of Children and Family Services' employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$65,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

**c. Susan Asbury v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 518 368**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to sexual harassment and that the Department failed to prevent the sexual harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

**d. Stephany Lomeli v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 539 332**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to sexual harassment and that the Department failed to prevent the sexual harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

e. **Ashley Hill v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 518 891**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to sexual harassment and that the Department failed to prevent the sexual harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

f. **Cheri Nelson v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 519 653**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to sexual harassment and that the Department failed to prevent the sexual harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

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

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the September 22, 2014, meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

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 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.

7. **Adjournment.**

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jane Doe by Deborah Epperson vs. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	VC 061354
COURT	Norwalk Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 14, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 675,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Smith & Behling
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Jane Doe, alleges sexual assault and battery by a Deputy of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Department denies that they knew or should have known of the inappropriate relationship between Jane Doe and the Deputy and failed to take action.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of the 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 \$675,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 291,684
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 60,338

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

September 22, 2014

### 1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:35 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Lester Tolnai, Rosemarie Belda, Richard Kudo, Brian Chu, Joyce Aiello, Richard Brouwer, Christopher Keosian, Stephen Niwa, Millicent Rolon and Edward Morrissey; Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors: Sachi Hamai; Internal Services Department: Jim Jones and Mark Colton; Chief Executive Office: Maryanne Keehn; Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner: Elaine Palaiologos; Fire Department: Michael Kranther; Sheriff's Department: Lt. Patrick Hunter and Sgt. Albert Schauberger; Probation Department: Veronica Pawlowski; Department of Health Services: Karen White and Rowena Roxas; and Outside Counsel: Mira Hashmall, Armineh Megrabyan and Clayton Averbuck.

### 2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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).

At 9:37 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(k) below.

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

At 12:50 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Paula Ferrell v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 518 326**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Board of Supervisors was subjected to a hostile work environment and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

**b. China Robinson-Naazir, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 027 113**

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Medical Examiner - Coroner.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$24,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

- c. **Frank Haynes v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr., et al.**  
**Victor Castaneda v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Ese-Ese Faatiliga and John Paniagua v.**  
**Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Gary Green v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Manuel Lua v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Joseph Quintero v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Robert Reynolds v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Ramon and Isabel Sanchez v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Julio Solorio v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Randall Taylor v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
**Marcus Wright v. Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. MC 023 081;  
MC 023 077; MC 023 069; MC 023 084; MC 023 083;  
MC 023 079; MC 023 045; MC 023 098; MC 023 080;  
MC 023 078; and MC 023 082

These lawsuits arise from injuries and a death sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Fire Department fire crew truck.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,750.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

- d. **Bernadette Stephenson v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 484 996**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Fire Department was subjected to racial discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

e. **William Ouimette v. County of Los Angeles**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 12-06268**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Internal Services Department was discriminated against based on his military status.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000 and restoration of 347 hours of sick, holiday, and vacation time.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

f. **Martin Campos De Santiago v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 503 431**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Sheriff's Department negligently detained plaintiff on the wrong arrest warrant and violated his federal civil rights during his custody.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

g. **Michael Holland v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 504 775**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to harassment and retaliation.

**Action Taken:**

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

**h. Edison Cook v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 464 185**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to retaliation leading to a constructive discharge.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$350,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

**i. Ada Morales Coto v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 444 905  
consolidated with Luis Molina v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 465 132**

These consolidated wrongful death lawsuits concern allegations of excessive force by a Sheriff Deputy, allegedly causing the death of their son.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$280,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

**j. Logan Cigrang v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10406**

This lawsuit alleges that due to improper supervision by Probation Department employees a former juvenile ward sustained physical injuries.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$600,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

k. **Lancaster Hospital Corporation, et al. v. Toby Douglas, et al.**  
**Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 024 166**

This lawsuit alleges a third party beneficiary breach of contract by the Department of Health Services for underpayment for services rendered by Lancaster Hospital to Medi-Cal Managed Care beneficiaries.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000.

**Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu**

5. **Approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2014, meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

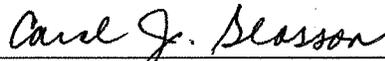
**Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu**

6. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Carol J. Slosson