



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

John Naimo
Auditor-Controller
Steve Robles
Chief Executive Office
Patrick A. Wu
Office of the County Counsel

NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, August 18, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).
 - a. Linda Brumfield v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 516 264

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Fire Department was subjected to employment discrimination and retaliation based on race, gender, and age, and the Department's failure to prevent the alleged discrimination, harassment and retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$60,000.
4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
5. Approval of the minutes of the August 4, 2014, meeting of the Claims Board.

[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.

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7. Adjournment.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 4, 2014

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 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: Jenny Tam, Jonathan McCaverty, Richard Kudo, Millicent Rolon, Stacey Lee and Takin Khorram; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays and Marty Moreno; Sheriff's Department: Lt. Patrick Hunter and Sgt. Albert Schauburger; Fire Department: Anthony Marrone; Department of Children and Family Services: Anna Holzner; and Outside Counsel: Jaime Verducci.

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 9:32 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(f) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 11:03 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. Claim of Ramon Ventenilla, Jr.

This claim seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for real and personal property damages allegedly caused from a backflow of sewage due to a sewer main line blockage.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$96,742.84.

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

**b. Darlene Ferguson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-06865 JAK (Ex)**

This lawsuit concerns an allegation of civil rights violations by the Department of Children and Family Services for the wrongful detention of children without a warrant.

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

c. Claim of Remy Smith

This claim concerns allegations that an employee of the Fire Department was subjected to harassment and discrimination based on race and disability.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000.

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

**d. Pablo Aramburo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 491 793**

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$62,000.

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

e. **Rashaad Pilgrim v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-05304

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies on an incarcerated inmate.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000.

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

f. **Adam Charles Rodgers v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 416 870

This lawsuit alleges negligence by Sheriff's Deputies when they failed to find a gun on an arrestee.

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

5. **Approval of the minutes of the July 21, 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. **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.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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By Carol J. Slosson
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