

## MINTUES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2025 CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Claims Committee was held via teleconference on October 29, 2025.

### VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

El Monte	Rigoberto Gutierrez
Huntington Park	Eduardo Sarmiento
San Fernando	Sergio Ibarra ( <i>arrived at 10:41 a.m.</i> )
South Gate	Thurman Green

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bell

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Alderman & Hilgers, LLP	Daniel S. Alderman
City of Baldwin Park	Karina Rueda
	Manuel Carrillo
Farella Braun + Martel LLP	Amy Briggs
	Patrick Loi
Haight Brown & Bonesteel	Krsto Mijanovic
Jones Mayer Law	Christian L. Bettenhausen
Johnson Schachter & Lewis	Kellie Murphy
Mainstream Unlimited	Bob May
One Source	Raleigh Saddler
	Tyler Conlin
Sedgwick	Eric Dahlen
	Marina Acosta
	Ramon Hernandez

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Rigoberto Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

*Motion by Eduardo Sarmiento (Huntington Park), seconded by Thurman Green (South Gate), to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. San Fernando was not present.*

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

*Motion by Rigoberto Gutierrez (El Monte), seconded by Thurman Green (South Gate), to approve item:*

*A) Minutes of the July 23, 2025, Claims Committee Meeting*

*Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. San Fernando was not present*

## 6. CLOSED SESSION

*All guests and vendor partners not involved in claim matters exited the meeting prior to the start of closed session as well as during any presentations of unrelated claims. The Committee entered closed session at 10:09 a.m.*

A. Discussion of Open Claims and Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.95(a) and 54956.9(d)(2):

- Saldana v. Baldwin Park Police Department Officers Michael Donovan and Leonard Maughan, et al. (City of Baldwin Park) (GL)

B. Discussion of Open Claims and Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.95:

- De Gonzalez v. San Fernando (GL)
- Brady v. Whittier (GL)
- South Gate – Auto Physical Damage (APD)

## 7. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

*The Committee reconvened to open session at 11:26 a.m.*

Board and Coverage Counsel, Kellie Murphy, stated that no reportable action was taken regarding the following matters:

- Saldana v. Baldwin Park Police Department Officers Michael Donovan and Leonard Maughan, et al. (City of Baldwin Park) (GL)
- South Gate – Auto Physical Damage (APD)

Additionally, no action taken on the following matters:

- De Gonzalez v. San Fernando (GL)
- Brady v. Whittier (GL)

## 8. OPEN SESSION

### A. Claims Committee Composition: Vice Chair

Eric Dahlen, Executive Director, reported that the Claims Committee Vice Chair position became vacant following Patrick Matson's departure from the City of Lynwood.

Per ICRMA Bylaws, the Committee is required to fill the vacancy at its next meeting. Staff recommended appointing Thurman Green (South Gate), who meets eligibility criteria and currently holds no officer or committee leadership role.

***Motion by Eduardo Sarmiento (Huntington Park), seconded by Sergio Ibarra (San Fernando), to nominate and appoint Thurman Green (South Gate) as Vice Chair of the Claims Committee. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

**B. Liability Defense Panel – Request to Add Attorney on Behalf of the City of Fullerton**

Tyler Conlin, Assistant Liability Program Manager, presented a nomination from the City of Fullerton to add Angela Powell to the Liability Defense Panel.

***Motion by Rigoberto Gutierrez (El Monte), seconded by Eduardo Sarmiento (Huntington Park), to review and recommend approval to the Board of Directors the addition of Angela Powell to the Liability Defense Panel. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

**C. Liability Defense Panel – Request to Add Attorney on Behalf of the City of El Monte**

Mr. Conlin presented a nomination from the City of El Monte to add Jeffrey Gerardo to the Liability Defense Panel.

***Motion by Sergio Ibarra (San Fernando), seconded by Rigoberto Gutierrez (El Monte), to review and recommend approval to the Board of Directors the addition of Jeffrey Gerardo to the Liability Defense Panel. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

**D. Liability Defense Panel – Request to Add Attorney on Behalf of the City of El Segundo**

Mr. Conlin presented a nomination from the City of El Segundo to add Jennifer Rosner to the Liability Defense Panel.

***Motion by Sergio Ibarra (San Fernando), seconded by Eduardo Sarmiento (Huntington Park), to review and recommend approval to the Board of Directors the addition of Jennifer Rosner to the Liability Defense Panel. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

**E. Liability Defense Panel – Request to Add Attorney on Behalf of the City of El Segundo**

Mr. Conlin presented a nomination from the City of El Segundo to add Paul Knothe to the Liability Defense Panel.

***Motion by Eduardo Sarmiento (Huntington Park), seconded by Rigoberto Gutierrez (El Monte), to review and recommend approval to the Board of Directors the addition of Paul Knothe to the Liability Defense Panel. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

**F. Liability Defense Panel – Request to Add Attorney on Behalf of the City of Huntington Park**

Mr. Conlin presented a nomination from the City of Huntington Park to add Jesse Cox to the Liability Defense Panel.

*Motion by Rigoberto Gutierrez (El Monte), seconded by Thurman Green (South Gate), to review and recommend approval to the Board of Directors the addition of Jesse Cox to the Liability Defense Panel. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

#### G. Liability Defense Panel – Request to Add Attorney on Behalf of the City of Adelanto

Mr. Conlin presented a nomination from the City of Adelanto to add Nancy Marr to the Liability Defense Panel.

*Motion by Eduardo Sarmiento (Huntington Park), seconded by Rigoberto Gutierrez (El Monte), to review and recommend approval to the Board of Directors the addition of Nancy Marr to the Liability Defense Panel. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.*

#### H. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dahlen reported that the Liability Defense Counsel Panel currently includes over 130 attorneys, raising concerns about efficiency and consistency in litigation management. He noted that similar-sized pools operate effectively with smaller panels and recommended evaluating the current structure.

Committee members agreed on the need for review:

- Sergio Ibarra suggested analyzing attorney activity over the past three years to identify inactive or non-compliant firms.
- Litigation Program Manager, Raleigh Saddler, confirmed staff is reviewing compliance and will present recommendations for removals at the December Board meeting.
- Eduardo Sarmiento proposed regular usage reviews and removing underutilized attorneys during new additions.

Mr. Saddler noted that several attorneys are already being removed for failing to meet billing and reporting requirements. The Committee supported efforts to streamline the defense panel for better oversight and consistency.

#### 9. CLOSING COMMENTS

The committee congratulated Thurman Green on his new role as Vice Chair of the Claims Committee.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.