

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2016**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Board Room**  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, CA 92602-0125

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on March 24, 2016, at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Hernandez.

### INVOCATION

Chaplain Bob George offered the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Sachs led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### ROLL CALL

Robert Baker, San Clemente  
Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange  
Craig Green, Placentia  
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods  
Robert Johnson, Cypress  
Jerry McCloskey, Laguna Niguel  
John Perry, San Juan Capistrano  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
David Shawver, Stanton  
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange  
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park  
Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo

Rick Barnett, Villa Park  
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine  
Joseph Muller, Dana Point  
Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest  
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills  
David Sloan, Seal Beach  
Michele Steggell, La Palma  
Tri Ta, Westminster

**Absent:** Angelica Amezcua, Santa Ana

Al Murray, Tustin

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman  
Assistant Chief Brian Young  
Assistant Chief Lori Zeller  
General Counsel David Kendig  
Sherry Wentz, Clerk of the Authority

Assistant Chief Dave Thomas  
Assistant Chief Mike Schroeder  
Assistant Chief Lori Smith  
Communications Director Sandy Cooney

## **1. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations**

On motion of Director McCloskey and second by Vice Chair Swift, the Board voted unanimously by those present to approve the Presentation of the Distinguished Budget Award as submitted.

Chair Hernandez and Fire Chief Bowman presented the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Accounting Manager Debbie Gunderson for OCFA's high principles in governmental budgeting. (F: 17.10F) (F: 11.09B) (X: 11.09)

On motion of Director Gamble and second by Director Bartlett, the Board voted unanimously by those present to declare "Wildfire Awareness Week" for May 1 through May 7, 2016. (F: 11.09A) (F: 11.09)

### **REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Budget and Finance Chair McCloskey reported at its March 9, 2016, meeting, the Committee received its monthly status update on the Orange County Employees' Retirement System, voted unanimously to send the Monthly Investment Reports to the Executive Committee for its approval, and voted unanimously to send the FY 2015/16 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment and the Proposed Change in Service Configuration Cities of Placentia & Yorba Linda to the Board of Directors for its approval.

### **REPORT FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Human Resources Chair Shawver reported the Human Resources Committee did not meet in the month of March; therefore there is nothing to report at this time.

### **REPORT FROM THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Claims Settlement Committee Chair Hernandez reported at its March 24, 2016, meeting, the Committee considered Worker's Compensation claims for claimants Rocco DiFrancesco and Edmund Hardy and stated there were no reportable actions.

### **REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)**

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman introduced Assistant Fire Chief Brian Young who provided a PowerPoint presentation illustrating statistics of OCFA's Fire Academy recruitment; and introduced newly appointed Sergeant at Arms Justin Russell. Fire Chief Bowman also introduced Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz who reported on the Fair Political Practice Form 700 filing deadline.

Using the Chair's discretion, Chair Hernandez combined the Public and Closed Session Comments portion of the meeting to be heard at this time.

Director Robinson arrived at this point (6:18 p.m.).

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – PUBLIC SESSION (F: 11.11)**

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, was provided nine minutes to address three Public and Closed Session comments including: Lance Soll and Lunghard working papers; Basic Life Support/Advanced Life Support transport totals; Orange County Employees Retirement System's unfunded liability; and labor negotiations.

Ray Geagan, President, Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, Local 3631, addressed the current labor negotiations.

## **2. MINUTES**

### **A. Minutes from the February 25, 2016, Regular Board of Directors Meeting (F: 11.06)**

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Shawver, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the Minutes from the February 25, 2016, Regular Board of Directors Meeting, as submitted.

Director's Baker and Ta were recorded as abstentions, due to their absence from the meeting.

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. FY 2015/16 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (F: 15.04)**

On motion of Director McCloskey and second by Director Johnson, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve and authorize the proposed mid-year budget adjustments.

## **4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

## **5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **A. Proposed Change in Service Configuration for Cities of Placentia & Yorba Linda**

Assistant Chief Brian Young presented a PowerPoint presentation and introduced Assistant Chief Lori Zeller who summarized the fiscal impact of the proposed changes.

Constance Underhill, Placentia City Council Member, spoke in support of the proposed change in service.

Director Lalloway arrived at this point (6:53 p.m.).

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, spoke in support of the proposed change in service.

On motion of Director Spitzer and second by Vice Chair Swift, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the proposed change in service configurations with the cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda, and corresponding reductions to the city of Placentia's contract service charge.

Director Tsunoda arrived at this point (6:57 p.m.)

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)**

Director Shawver thanked Directors Bartlett, Spitzer, Lalloway, and the Irvine City Council for their support of the countywide Waste Management Agreement; passed unanimously by the City of Irvine, and thanked all city managers for the execution of the Agreement.

Vice Chair Swift reported while in attendance of an event in Santa Ana, former State Senator Lou Correa arrived late after stopping to put out a fire; saving the lives of three women and children.

Director Barnett provided a list of topics for the next Board of Directors agenda. (List is on file in the Office of the Clerk.)

#### **CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)**

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board would be convening to Closed Session to consider the matters on the Agenda identified as CS1, Conference with Labor Negotiator Peter Brown, CS2, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and CS3, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Chair Hernandez recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 7:09 p.m.

#### **CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Chief Negotiator: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters' Association,  
Local 3631, Orange County Fire Authority Chief  
Officers' Association, and Unrepresented Employees

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

**CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

Name of Case: Orange County Fire Authority and City of Irvine v All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Validity of that Second Amendment to Amended Joint Powers Authority

Case No.: Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three – Appellate Case No. G050687

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

**CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Significant Exposure to Litigation (3 cases)

Chair Hernandez reconvened the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)**

General Counsel David Kendig indicated there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m. in memory of the victims and all of those impacted by the recent terrorist acts that took place in Brussels this week. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority