

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 23, 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 June 23, 2016, at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Hernandez.

### INVOCATION

Chaplain Robert George offered the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### ROLL CALL

Angelica Amezcua, Santa Ana  
Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange  
Craig Green, Placentia  
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods  
Robert Johnson, Cypress  
John Perry, San Juan Capistrano  
David Sloan, Seal Beach  
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park  
Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo

Robert Baker, San Clemente  
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Al Murray, Tustin  
David Shawver, Stanton  
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange  
Tri Ta, Westminster

**Absent:** Rick Barnett, Villa Park  
Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine  
Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest  
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills

Laurie Davies, Laguna Niguel  
Joseph Muller, Dana Point  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
Michele Steggell, La Palma

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman  
Assistant Chief Mike Schroeder  
Assistant Chief Lori Smith  
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

Assistant Chief Brian Young  
Assistant Chief Lori Zeller  
General Counsel David Kendig  
Communications Director Sandy Cooney

### PRESENTATIONS

No items.

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

There was no report due to the cancellation of the June meeting.

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

There was no report due to the cancellation of the June meeting.

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

Claims Settlement Committee Chair Hernandez reported at the Claims Settlement Committee meeting, the Committee considered Worker's Compensation claims for claimants James Forrester and Steve Shomber; there was no reportable action.

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

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman introduced Assistant Chief Mike Schroeder, who provided a Wildland Fire update. Assistant Chief Schroeder introduced Assistant Chief Lori Zeller who announced Finance Division Manager Jim Ruane was recently recognized through the peer review process as Finance Section Chief 3; the first recognized in the Orange County operational area.

Director Amezcua arrived at this point (6:09 p.m.).

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

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 Ta arrived at this point (6:17 p.m.).

Dave Steffen, Chief Officers Association, thanked the Board for the recent funding approval of the Air Ops Battalion Chief's position, and addressed the Closed Session labor negotiations with the Chief Officers Association.

**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, CS2, Conference with Labor Negotiator, CS3, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and CS4 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Chair Hernandez recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:19 p.m.

**CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Chief Negotiator: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters' Association,  
Local 3631 and Chief Officers Association

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

**CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Chief Negotiator: Fire Chief Jeff Bowman

Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Employees

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

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

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(5) – Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 case)

**CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL–ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 case)

Director Tsunoda arrived at this point (7:24 p.m.).

Chair Hernandez reconvened the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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

General Counsel David Kendig stated there was no reportable action.

**2. MINUTES**

**A. Minutes from the May 26, 2016, Regular Board of Directors Meeting (F: 11.06)**

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Vice Chair Swift, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the May 26, 2016, Regular Board of Directors Minutes as submitted. Directors Hatch and Tsunoda were recorded as abstentions due to their absence from the meeting.

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**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Appropriation for Structural Fire Fund Entitlement Fund Reimbursements**  
(F: 11.10J)

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Ta the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve and authorize a budget adjustment in the Structural Fire Fund Entitlement Fund, Fund 171, increasing expenditures by a total of \$85,523.60.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

**5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Chief Officers Association**  
(F: 17.04C1)

On motion of Vice Chair Swift and second by Director Johnson, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Orange County Fire Authority and the Chief Officers Association for a term of July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2020.

**B. Revisions to Personnel and Salary Resolution (F: 17.02)**

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Green, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the proposed revisions to the Personnel and Salary Resolution.

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

Director Perry commended the professionalism of the San Juan Capistrano crew who responded to a 911 call at his residence. He honorably mentioned those who responded which included Captain Kirk Grant, Engineer Michael Tyree, Paramedic Mike Beers, Bernie Brawner, and Christopher Esposito.

Chair Hernandez praised the Extreme Ownership training seminar which featured decorated retired Navy SEAL officer and author, Jocko Willink. Chair Hernandez noted Mr. Willink will be invited back to present another course in the future, and thanked Fire Captain Ryan Bishop for being the catalyst to bring this event to OCFA. He reported the Clerk of the Authority will send out committee opportunity notices to solicit director interest for current committee openings, and commended staff for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July press conference emphasizing safe and sane fireworks.

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Director Murray thanked the OCFA staff who assisted with the Tustin Police Department Open House; reported attending the Extreme Ownership training course, and announced a major press release and public service announcement will be distributed next week for Drowning Prevention. He thanked all the firefighters serving in this active fire season.

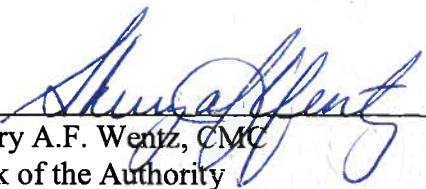
Vice Chair Swift noted the Task's Force Drowning Prevention video is currently shown on local cable television, and stated the recent celebration of Director McCloskey's life was well attended by the Board.

Chief Bowman thanked Director Perry for his comments, thanked Ray Geagan and Local 3631 for the funding of the Extreme Ownership seminar, and the Benevolent Association for providing lunch for the attendees.

Director Baker thanked Division Chief Abel for coordinating an upcoming smoke alarm installation event within the city of San Clemente.

Director Amezcua thanked everyone for their professionalism on the Board noting this is her last meeting on the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

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