

# MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Special Meeting  
Thursday, April 27, 2017  
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 special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on April 27, 2017, at 6:16 p.m. by Chair Swift.

## **INVOCATION**

Chaplain Jeff Hetschel offered the invocation.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange  
Laurie Davies, Laguna Niguel  
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano  
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo  
Robert Johnson, Cypress  
Al Murray, Tustin  
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills  
Michele Steggell, La Palma  
Tri Ta, Westminster

Tim Brown, San Clemente  
Ellery Deaton, Seal Beach  
Melissa Fox, Irvine  
Craig Green, Placentia  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Joe Muller, Dana Point  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange  
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park  
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana

**Absent:** Leah Basile, Lake Forest  
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods  
Dave Shawver, Stanton

Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Bill Nelson, Villa Park

## **Also present were:**

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman  
Assistant Chief Brian Young  
General Counsel David Kendig  
Assistant Chief Lori Smith

Assistant Chief Dave Thomas  
Assistant Chief Lori Zeller  
Assistant Chief Dave Anderson  
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

## **PRESENTATIONS**

No items.

Chair Swift recessed the Board of Directors meeting at 6:20 p.m. to the fleet services parking area for a public briefing and tour of the OCFA helicopter.

Chair Swift reconvened the meeting at 6:25 p.m. at the helicopter site.

Battalion Chief/Air Operations Program Manager Craig Covey provided an overview Air Operations Program and the OCFA helicopter.

Chair Swift recessed the Board of Directors at 6:50 p.m. to return to the Board Room.

Chair Swift reconvened the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, spoke in opposition to Closed Session agenda item CS1, Conference with Labor Negotiator.

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

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board of Directors would convene to Closed Session to consider the matter on the Agenda identified as CS1, Conference with Labor Negotiator.

Chair Swift adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.

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

Agency Designated Representative: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters Association,  
Local 3631

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

Chair Swift reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

General Counsel David Kendig stated there was no reportable action.

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

Vice Chair of the Human Resources Committee Al Murray reported at its April 4, 2017, meeting the Committee received the Workers' Compensation Basics and Facts presentation, voted unanimously to receive and file the 2016 Annual Anonymous Hotline Report, and the Quarterly Human Resources Accomplishment/Project Update. Human Resources Director Brigette Gibb provided updates on Academy 44, recruitments, Professional Standards Unit, the Lexipol project, and introduced the newly appointed Human Resources Manager Tamaryn Boston. He reported that the Committee held its annual election for Chair and Vice Chair. He announced that Director Hatch was elected as the new Chair, and that he was elected as the new Vice Chair.

## **REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

No report, as the Committee did not meet this month.

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

Claims Settlement Committee Chair Swift reported the Committee considered Workers' Compensation claims for claimants John Belles and Benito Gonzales; there were no reportable actions.

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

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman introduced Assistant Chief Dave Anderson who reported on the Capital Improvement Program Update 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – FY 2016/17 and the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Contingency Fund. Chief Bowman reported on his attendance at the California Task Force on Climate Impacts meeting related to wildfires. He concluded his comments with a presentation with Chair Swift to retiring Assistant Chief Dave Thomas.

### **2. MINUTES**

No items.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda Item No. 3B was pulled for separate consideration)**

#### **A. Renewal of Health Plan Agreement (F: 17.04B1)**

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Johnson, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the proposed Health Plan Agreement between the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association for a term of January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2021.

**B. Award of RFP DC2177 Special Counsel Legal Services (F: 12.0301)**

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, pulled this item to address unfunded liability.

Chair Swift presented an oral report on the progress of the Pension Reform Ad Hoc Committee, which met April 19, 2017.

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Murray, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Approve the request from Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson for Consent to Concurrent Representation with the County of Orange for an unrelated matter.
2. Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson to advise the OCFA about specified issues related to pension liability, in an amount of \$100,000.
3. Approve a budget adjustment in the General Fund (Fund 121) increasing appropriations in the amount of \$100,000.
4. Agree to Meyers Nave's proposal to include an arbitration provision in the Professional Services Agreement.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

**5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

No items.

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

Director Melissa Fox presented a donation to Fire Chief Bowman in the amount of \$100,000 from the Irvine based Maruchan Corporation.

Director Murray thanked the Association of California Cities, Orange County (ACCOC), Director Spitzer, and Battalion Chief Brian Norton for their participation in the ACCOC's Shot Hole Borer Forum held March 8. He thanked Division Chief Randy Black for his service to Tustin.

Director Hernandez thanked Division Chief Randy Black for his service to Yorba Linda.


Director Green thanked Division Chief Randy Black for his service to Placentia.

Director Spitzer commented on the beetle infestation of trees. He noted drowning season is approaching and encouraged member cities to donate funds to help promote prevention efforts through the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force.

Fire Chief Bowman invited the Board to attend Assistant Chief Dave Thomas' retirement lunch at Fire Station 75 on May 11, 2017.

Chair Swift invited the Directors to attend Fire Station 61's the groundbreaking ceremony on May 2, and reported on her attendance at the full-scale mass-exercise drill at John Wayne Airport.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Swift adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

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